



# ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

It's been another busy week at RBA with production auditions, multiple sporting fixtures and a careers focus throughout the week. It has also been my week for assemblies and I have been talking to the students about setting themselves a goal for 2026.

Mine is to get running again and to shift a bit of timber ...

On Tuesday it was lovely to be involved in the big, year group photograph for year 8. This will be a great memento and reminder of their time with us. The year 5 class photographs were also lovely and reminded me just how much they grow (literally and metaphorically!) over their 4 years at RBA.

On Wednesday, I got the news that we have reached 240 first choice preferences from parents/carers of year 4s to join us next year. That means that we are guaranteed to be full again despite this being a low-birth year. That is testament to the brilliant reputation of RBA that staff, students and parents/carers create and shows how popular our wonderful school is.

Also, this week, we had our first online parents evening of the year for one half of year 6, with the other half to follow next week. Thank you to all parents who made appointments and were able to discuss their child's progress. I apologise if you struggled to make an appointment due to limited availability. If that was the case, please drop us an email and we ensure class teachers get in touch.

In related news, year 6 students were incredibly focused during their class-based SATs papers this week. All the students and staff I spoke with have been very positive about how those tests went so this cohort remains on track to do very well in their SATs this year.

Our Ecology push continued this week with Miss Tipper investigating launching Energy Sparks, which is an online energy management tool and education programme aimed at helping schools cut energy costs and fight climate change. We also received the £500 funding from Tesco to go towards our environmentally-friendly Generation Juice machines so thank you to all parents who voted for us!

Lastly, as a Shefford Saints coach, I am aware of the great work that their FLAIR football team do for players who find it difficult to be part of a league playing squad due to physical or learning challenges. FLAIR stands for Fun, Limitless, Accessible, Inclusive and Rewarding and the focus is on fun and participation for all. If that is something you would be interested in for your child, please contact Robin Beaumont at [robin.rlb@outlook.com](mailto:robin.rlb@outlook.com).

Next week, I am supporting the ski trip and therefore I will not provide an update on the 23rd. However, I am sure I will have lots to write about the following week on my return - though hopefully nothing about injuring myself trying to keep up with the children!

Thank you for your time spent reading this update - I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

John Linehan  
Principal



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