



# ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

This half-term seems to be whizzing by and I cannot believe we are only one week away from the next break!

It has been another great week at RBA and, despite the cold and miserable weather, students have been approaching their lessons with vitality and a smile on their face.

This is especially true of our year 6 cohort who are working exceptionally hard and remain on track to achieve fabulous SATs this year. I have been running an interform competition around key pieces of learning software (namely, Century, TT RockStars, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader) and was thrilled to award 6F the box of Celebrations yesterday for being the overall winner (special mentions to 6E and 6H who came in second and third respectively). We will run the same competition for February and look forward to seeing some of the forms near the bottom rise up the table!

In associated news, I would like to make one final plea for parents/carers of year 6 children to come to school on Wednesday the 11th of February for our SATs information presentation. This will really help you support your child in the coming months as we move ever closer to their SATs.

Thank you to parents/carers of students in year 5 and 8 who attended our virtual parents/carers evening on Tuesday. It was great for staff to have the opportunity to speak to you about your children and to celebrate the excellent progress many of them are making.

This week we have also had year 5 students participating in the Bikeability course and it has been lovely to see their independence grow. From a small thing such as locking up their own bike to the enormity of riding outside of school on the roads, they have learned a great deal of independence and resilience.

A piece of good news we received recently that might interest you was related to the systems and paperwork we use to plan trips to ensure students are safe and have the best possible experience. Mrs Moreno met with representatives from CBC to go through our ski trip documentation and she was commended on the processes we follow. So much so that the reviewer commented that they would be suggesting that our methods and paperwork are adopted as best practice across the local authority. That high praise is testament to the hard work of staff at RBA and demonstrates how hard they work to ensure students are kept safe.

Before finishing, special mention goes to our year 8 boys football A Team who lost narrowly in the last 16 of the English Schools Cup last Friday. Despite injuries and illnesses, they gave a great account of themselves and deserved to win. They are a great bunch and an excellent team who should be very proud of themselves.

Lastly, at the time you read this I will most likely either be on my first or second disco duty of the evening - they are always a cracking experience for the students and I hope that they all have a great time.

Thank you for your time - I hope you have a good weekend.

John Linehan  
Principal



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