



# ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

This week, it was wonderful to welcome students back to school after Easter and especially given that they were in summer uniform and are now able to play on the field at lunch. Although the weather has not yet played ball - and refuses to warm up - we definitely felt a little bit summery this week.

When students returned on Tuesday, as well as welcoming them and settling them back into school, their first lesson was focused on their Spring Term reports, which involved celebrating their progress and successes and identifying the areas that they need to improve and setting themselves goals. It was a very productive session that developed their independence and ownership of their learning - we are looking forward to the progress they make this term.

Thursday of this week was School Place Offer Day and we are delighted to start the process of welcoming our new students and families into the RBA community. Transition will start in earnest soon and we are looking forward to building those relationships with students and their parents/carers alike.

On the flip side of that positivity around offer day, is the sad recognition that our year 8 students do not have a long time remaining with us. However, there are lots of exciting learning opportunities and events for them in the coming months, which means they will finish their time with us with a bang.

This morning, those year 8s were treated to a live performance of *Macbeth* from Anthony Glenn. They were fully engrossed in the atmospheric performance and gained a great deal from the experience; chief of which we hope is a greater appreciation of drama - and Shakespeare in particular - which will help them in their studies at upper school.

You will hopefully notice some reading FAQs attached to the email notifying you of this update. These have been compiled in response to the comments that were made by respondents to our recent Reading Survey - we hope the answers to those FAQs are helpful.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our 7X Parent/Carer evening. Year 7 teachers are greatly looking forward to seeing parents/carers and sharing the positive progress students have made at the start of their secondary phase of education.

On Wednesday, it is international Earth Day whereupon, as well as incorporating environmentalism related content into our lessons, we will also be having a 'no paper day' in which students will complete a range of activities that do not require paper (if that was not already obvious!). The aim of which being to get students thinking and talking about sustainability and the environment.



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Every April, the Ministry of Defence celebrates the 'Month of the Military Child'. As a school, we will be celebrating and recognising our Service children by inviting all students to wear something purple on Friday 24th April to take part in 'Purple Up Day'! This will not be a mufti day; instead we are encouraging students to wear an item of purple clothing such as a headband, a jumper, socks etc. alongside their normal school uniform. I hope that your child is able to join us in that endeavour.

I will sign off by highlighting what a great term the summer term is at RBA. We have so much going on: from our wonderful school production to year 8 leavers weeks and new year 5 transition to Year 6 SATs. There is never a dull moment but we would not have it any other way.

Lastly, it is that time of year when we ask for your VOICE in feeding back on what we have done well and where we can improve. To that end, please take 5 minutes to complete our survey by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your time in reading this update and for your support in advance of another busy term.

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