



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

We have reached the end of a huge week here at RBA. While the weather has been somewhat unpredictable—including some rather biblical hail showers—I am pleased to report that it has done absolutely nothing to dampen our spirits!

Our Year 6 students have been the stars of the week as they sat their SATs. I have been immensely impressed by their maturity and maximum effort. They approached each paper with a calm focus that is a testament to all the preparation they have put in over the last few months. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves; we certainly are.

Today, they were rightfully rewarded with a range of activities including an inflatable obstacle course and a dodgeball tournament. It was a great day and a well-deserved moment for students to celebrate their hard work this year.

Every so often, we hear about student achievements that truly take our breath away. Last week, we learned of the incredible success of Jessica (in 5B) at her international dance competition in Türkiye. Representing both her dance company and England, Jessica was named an International Champion! She won all three of her solos, both of her duos, and took home gold and silver in her group dances. To top it off, she received the highest score of the entire competition for one of her solos.

We are incredibly proud of you, Jessica—what an amazing ambassador for dancing and for RBA you are.

Back in school, it has been wonderful to see our students embracing independence in their home cooking this year. Mrs. K has been delighted by the fabulous images being sent through of the culinary masterpieces created at home. It is exactly this kind of real-world application of skills and demonstration of our independence value that we love to see.

Our sense of community has also been on full display this week. We have been hosting work experience students from Samuel Whitbread Academy. It has been a pleasure to see how they have grown and how they continue to carry our RBA values with them as they move toward their future careers.

While speaking of community, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PSA and our dedicated staff for organising and running the school disco tonight. These events provide such vital opportunities for our students to socialise and have fun together. The group renditions of Sweet Caroline will be as enthusiastic as ever I'm sure!

If you will permit me one practical note, please could I remind all families of the 48-hour rule regarding sickness. If a child has been vomiting, they must remain at home for a full 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school. This is vital to help us keep our school community healthy.



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As we approach the end of the penultimate half-term of the year, and move closer to the summer holidays, our thoughts are turning to the final weeks at RBA for our Year 8 students. It is a bittersweet time as we begin organising their awards, their leaver’s evening, and the yearbook. Watching them work toward their RBA Diploma, much like seeing our former students return for work experience, reminds us that while they will soon be leaving us for great things, they will always be part of the RBA family.

Thank you as ever for your continued support as we head into the final week of this half-term.

I hope you all have a wonderful, and hopefully hail-free, weekend.

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