



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

Everyone was in great spirits, if a little bleary-eyed, on Monday morning after the heroics of the England football team against Mexico. Here's hoping for more of the same on Saturday night. On the bright side, we can all be thankful that the students will have a restful Sunday to recover from the late-night excitement before heading back to school this time round!

On a related footballing note, a quick heads-up for our Year 8 parents and carers regarding a contingency plan we have put in place. Should the boys bring it one step closer to coming home, the semi-final on Wednesday at 8:00pm will directly clash with our Year 8 Graduation event. To ensure no one has to choose between celebrating our wonderful leavers and screaming at the television, the Year 8 Graduation will move one hour earlier. Doors will open at 5:00 pm, and we will wrap things up cleanly by 7:30 pm. Let's see what Saturday brings!

The excitement on Monday morning wasn't just limited to football, though. We had an army of around 350 Year 5 and 6 students arrive with suitcases in hand, bursting with energy and ready for their PGL residential trips. The Year 6s headed off to Conover Hall while the Year 5s took over Marchants Hill, and I am thrilled to report they had a truly wonderful time. High points for Year 5 included the legendary silent disco and the big swing, while Year 6 conquered the aerial track and tried their hand at kayaking. They were an absolute credit to us, and a massive thank you goes out to our incredible staff and parent/carer helpers. Without them volunteering their time and energy, these unforgettable experiences simply couldn't happen.

For the Year 5 and 6 students who remained in school on Wednesday, Redborne School Partnership treated them to a fantastic sports festival. Despite some serious heat, the students fully threw themselves into all the activities, with tennis being a particular favourite.

Speaking of the heat, thank you for bearing with us through another sweltering week. As before, we have been closely following DfE guidance, tweaking lesson plans and rooming to keep everyone as cool as possible. Our priority is always to stay safely open for the whole school, and we deeply appreciate your support. Looking at the forecast, although it seems things might cool down a little next week, **students are still welcome to attend school in PE kit/summer uniform if they wish until the end of term.**

Today, over half of our Year 8 students are out in the wider world participating in a work shadowing day with family members, getting an invaluable taste of real-world careers. The remaining Year 8 students on site have been collapsed into four classes for an equally immersive day of work-related learning. They kicked off the morning together in an assembly, followed by designing ideal job adverts, acting as props masters to apply their maths skills, exploring employability rights in English, and finishing up with some mock job interviews.

On a less glamorous note, I must unfortunately mention parking. We have received several complaints regarding inconsiderate parking on Kingfisher Road and George Street. Please could I urge everyone to be mindful of our local residents during drop-off and pick-up times; keeping our relationships with our community positive is incredibly important to us.



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Looking ahead to the summer break, we want to keep up our strong reading culture. We have been sent two brilliant Bookdrop newsletters packed with summer reading recommendations. You can find the [Bookdrop newsletter for ages 5–11 here](#) and the [Bookdrop newsletter for ages 11–18 here](#). Please take a look and encourage your children to pick up a book over the holidays.

Finally, I must share some news regarding upcoming price adjustments from September. Due to rising operational costs, Breakfast Club and After-School Club will increase to £3.50 per session, and the price of a main meal in the kitchen will rise to £3.25. Raising prices is always a last resort and something we do with great regret, but it is necessary to ensure the quality of our food and care remains at the exceptionally high standard our students deserve.

I will finish for this week on the hopeful note that England might edge us closer to glory on Saturday night. Whatever you have planned, football-themed or otherwise, I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

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