



Blessed Robert Sutton Summer Roundup



Headteacher's Message

Our School is a Happening Place

None of us really need telling when something can be improved. We should then also know what it is we can do to make any necessary changes. The same principle applies to school as we are constantly reviewing our methods, processes, policies and systems in order to improve them, with the ultimate aim always being to also improve the learning experience of our students and to raise standards. It is to this effect that we have recently reviewed our Behaviour, Rewards and Marking Policies ready for implementation in September. I am sure that students, parents and staff alike will feel the difference in a positive way. Watch this space!

Have a great summer.
Martin Cain, Headteacher

40 Years in the Job

Dave Harrison has given Blessed Robert Sutton four decades of loyal service!

This summer marks a milestone for one of Blessed Robert Sutton's much loved and loyal servants – Dave Harrison finally retires after 40 years of working at our school.

Dave will be familiar to many parents, some grandparents, as well as present students and is probably the teacher past pupils most easily associate with our school. He has even taught many members of our present staff.

In 40 years Dave has occupied a variety of key roles such as PE/History teacher, Head of History, Guidance Manager, Head of Year and Head of Upper School. The school has had a very stable leadership over these four decades meaning Dave has only worked with four headteachers – however in that time there have been 18 Secretaries of State for Education! He joined the school when Jim Callaghan was Prime Minister, Shirley Williams was Minister for Education, inflation stood at 16% and the UK was engaged in the 'Cod War' with Iceland. GCSEs didn't even exist in 1976 and Dave has worked through countless changes to the education system.

The staff, families and pupils both past and present wish Dave a happy and productive retirement (with his growing family) and thank him for the immense contribution he has made to both the school and the wider community!



School Catering: Summer Menu (May – October)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breaktime	A selection of packaged sandwiches, salads and wraps. Homemade cakes and cookies, fresh fruit, fruit salad and yoghurts. Hot options of sausage rolls, potato wedges, paninis, toasties and toasted bakery products.				
Lunchtime Week A	Chicken Calzone Potato Wedges Salad Vegetables	Hickory BBQ Chicken Wild Rice Mix Corn on the Cob	Home Made Curry of the Day Rice Naan Bread	Home Made Cheese and Potato Pie Vegetables	Battered Fish Chips Peas/Beans/ Curry Sauce
Lunchtime Week B	Meatball Pasta Salad Grilled Vegetables	Hot Ham and Cheese Ciabatta Sliced Potato Baked Beans	Home Made Curry of the Day Rice Naan Bread	Chicken Chow Mein Noodles Prawn Crackers	Battered Fish Chips Peas/Beans/ Curry Sauce
Lunchtime Week C	Beef Lasagne Garlic Bread Salad Vegetables	Hot 'n' Spicy Chicken Wings Sweetcorn Wedges	Home Made Curry of the Day Rice Naan Bread	Quiche Lorraine Couscous Coleslaw Salad	Battered Fish Chips Peas/Beans/ Curry Sauce
All Lunchtimes	A selection of packaged sandwiches, salads and wraps. Homemade cakes and cookies, hot pudding with custard, fresh fruit, fruit salad and yoghurts.				
Lunchtime Snack Service - Hall	New for September 2016 – Re-Launched Snack Trolley Service Hot pizza and pasta options including pasta pots, calzone, garlic bread pizza, stuffed naan bread, meatball pasta, noodle dishes and French bread pizza. Cakes, cookies, snacks and drinks				

A vegetarian alternative to the main course is always available at lunchtime.
 Packaged and bottled drinks are available for purchase.

Email Help in the Summer Holidays

If you call or email the school using the usual phone numbers or email addresses during the summer holidays, you might not get a response until it fully reopens in September. Should you need urgent help, please use our summer email address: summer@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk

Members of the school's Senior Leadership Team will monitor this address periodically and be able to offer help with issues such as: late applications to Sixth Form; applications into Year 7; in year admissions advice; changes to options choices (next year's Year 10 and 12) and advice/guidance following results. This email address is not intended for routine matters which will can be dealt with as normal in September.

Sixth Form Transition Information and Homework

Transition information for the students who will be joining the Sixth Form in September is available on the school website. This includes copies of a presentation delivered to families in June, information about the Sixth Form dress code and homework which has been set for completion over the summer months.

Sports Day/Inter-Form Sports

Congratulations to all participants! Sports Day was, yet again, an amazing event and it has been great to see so many students participating in Inter-form competitions in July. When the Sports Day and Inter-Form scores were combined, the winners for each year were:

- Year 7 – 7.4
- Year 8 – 8.3
- Year 9 – 9.1
- Year 10 – 10.3 (Sports Day only)

Equipped for Learning

Over the summer and ready for the start of term, we ask that families help students equip themselves to succeed in the next academic year. As a very minimum, every student should always be in possession of:

- A black pen, a sharp pencil and spares of each
- A ruler (preferably 30cm)
- An eraser
- A calculator
- A pencil case – NB This is now a compulsory item
- Equipment needed for the specific lessons that day, e.g. PE kit.

Look out for the school equipment shop arriving in September 2016 to help students top-up any essential items they might misplace.



Goodbyes and Welcomes

As is customary each summer, a number of staff will leave us at the end of this term:

- Dave Harrison - see front page
- Tamsin Laurie, Science
- Alex Lipinski, Subject Leader for History
- Paul Tunncliffe, D&T Technician
- Katherine Hipwell, English
- Paul Oliver, D&T
- Mike Oldham, Science
- Julian McDougall-Stone, Science
- Gail Martin, English
- Rachael Stubbs, Admin Support Assistant
- Sandra Mallon, RE and Year Leader
- Emillie Smith, Teaching Assistant

Joining the school from September:

- Phebe Jackson, Performing Arts
- James Hawkins, Geography
- Rebecca Ayre, English
- Sara Goode, Science
- Catherine Burns, RE
- Ryan Davis, Science
- Andrew Brough, Geography
- David Danby, D&T
- Bonita Robinson, English
- Rupert Loch, Science
- Katy Bow, History
- Becky Bland, Teaching Assistant
- Harriett Steeden-Green, Teaching Assistant



Pastoral Structure

Every student has a Form Tutor. Families are requested to contact the Form Tutor in the first instance for most non-subject related comments and queries. A Year Leader oversees the team of Form Tutors in each year group:

- Mr Heath will be the Year Leader for Year 7 from September 2016
- Mrs Harkin will be Year Leader for Years 8 and 11 in the 2016/17 school year
- Mrs McDowall will be Year Leader for Years 9 and 10 in the 2016/17 school year
- Miss Hall, who returns to school as Mrs Armishaw in September, is acting Year Leader for Sixth Form whilst Mrs Elks is on maternity leave

Summer Results Days

GCSE, A Level, and BTEC results are available on the dates listed below. A reminder that we are asking each student to be accompanied by a parent or carer, where possible, in case additional guidance or assistance is required:

- Sixth Form, Thursday 18th August, 0730hrs for Year 13 and 0930hrs for Year 12
- Year 11, Thursday 25th August, 0830hrs

Phased Return

To allow new students in Year 7 to settle in, and give Year 12 and 13 students the opportunity to register into sixth form and receive advice and guidance, the school will again operate a phased return in September.

Year 7 students will start on Tuesday 6th September at 0825. New Year 12 students will attend registration meetings at 1000 and Year 13 will attend progression meetings at 1145.

The term begins fully for all students on Wednesday 8th September at 0825.

Catholic Life

On Tuesday 14th June we hosted a community Mass for our partner primary schools and local parishes as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It was a lovely evening with the support of the singing group and with Fr John Paul and Fr Simon leading the concelebration of the Eucharist with us.

The Chaplaincy Team continues to gain strength and has now lead Worship to all year groups. A significant evolution in their role is that they are now observing Worship led by members of staff and giving feedback about the quality of what students get each week.

Ten Sixth Form students, Denise the Chaplain and Miss Mallon have just returned from Lourdes, France, assisting the sick, elderly and disabled complete their pilgrimage to this very special site. The students gained valuable experiences from their work in Lourdes as well as offering compassion and care to others. Thank you to all families for their support in fundraising for this voluntary activity – this benefits not only our students, but also the wider community of those in need. Planning is already underway for the 2017 group.

250 Year 5 students joined us for taster days in June. They got a flavour of what our school is like and hopefully they all left wanting to make us their first choice when they apply for their secondary school places in the autumn.

Finally, we had 130 Year 6 students who are joining us in September attend a transition day at the end of June. Thank you to everyone for making them all feel so welcome and confident about starting with us in Year 7 next term.

Vivo Awards

Students have again been busy accumulating Vivo points for their achievements this year. A reminder that Vivo points can be exchanged for gifts and prizes by logging on to the Vivo website, www.vivo

Position	Name	Vivos
1	Lewis McHardy	737
2	Cora Neild	724
3	Mikolaj Druzdzal	718
4	Leah Golder	703
5	Lily Miller	692
6	Alina Joseph	688
7	Joshua Lowe	686
8	Harrison Mills	681

Congratulations to 8.1 who have been awarded the most Vivos this school with 26,815.



Term Dates 2016/17

Autumn Term 2016

INSET – Monday 5th September 2016

Term starts: Tuesday 6th September for Year 7 students, Wednesday 7th September for all other students

Half Term: Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

Term ends: Friday 16th December

Holiday: Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January

Spring Term 2017

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January

INSET – Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February

Half Term: Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February

Term ends: Friday 7th April

Holiday: Monday 10th April – Friday 21st April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 16th April

Summer Term 2017

Term starts: Monday 24th April

May Day: Monday 1st May

Half Term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

INSETS - Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

Term ends: Tuesday 25th July

The school wishes all staff, pupils and families a safe and relaxing summer break.