

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

### Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

It is with genuine sadness that we offer our sincere condolences to the Royal Family following the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She was an inspirational woman and role model, and the embodiment of wisdom, grace, integrity and fortitude. Her strength and spirit will be missed.

The Queen has been a pillar of stability throughout our lives and lived an incredible life of service. She served with humanity, warmth and spirit, taking the responsibility of her role incredibly seriously and devoting her life to acting in the interests of others at all times. For many, she was a guarding and guiding light, and an example of resilience in the face of adversity.

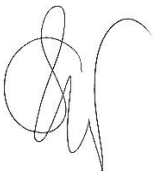
We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. As we remember and reflect, this is a period of time when all of our lives will be touched in some way and some aspects of national life will be put on hold or modified as a sign of respect. The Queen was a global figure and she was also a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. For many of us, her death will also provide a thread that leads us to recollect our own very personal losses.

Over the course of today and the week ahead, we will be holding special assemblies and adapt activities to reflect the period of national mourning, to show our respect and to commemorate Her Majesty's life and incredible legacy.

It seems appropriate to end with a recollection of the poignant words from Her Majesty's broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940, when she was only 14 years old:

*"And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place".*

My sincere best wishes,



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