



Although it has still been very chilly in the mornings, the bright sunshine, blossom and emerging leaves has helped to demonstrate that the summer term really is upon us. It really does feel that we are moving forwards towards a more normal summer. I would like to thank parents and students for their support with the ongoing home testing programme and measures in school. Although as you will be aware from my message via edulink we do have some students out of school who have been identified as close contacts, I hope that we can continue to move forwards working through such difficulties and supporting all our students. The restart to term has been calm, happy and students have shown wonderful resilience and positivity and we continue to look to the summer with optimism. Wishing all of our families a bright and warmer weekend.

Yours in Christ,
Imogen Senior

Extra Curricular Activities

As we enter the summer term here at school staff are excited to be able to offer the opportunity for students to take part in a wide range of extracurricular opportunities. I would encourage students to take part in as many clubs as possible, and at least one each fortnight. The clubs promise to provide fun and enjoyment as well as the opportunity to develop friendships after the difficulties of the last few months. Click [here](#) for timetable
The clubs will begin from Monday 19th April.

Mr Tatum

Gardening Club



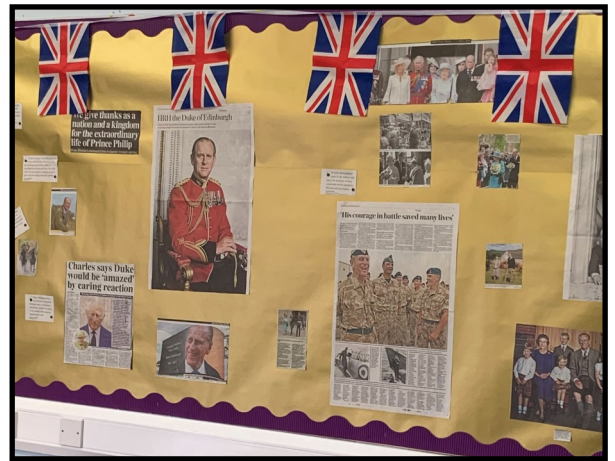
Gardening club is beginning next week for Year 7's and it would be lovely if you could encourage your son/daughter to take part. We will be working towards

the Silver RHs schools Gardening Award as well as the Young Green Fingers Awards.

As part of the Young Green Fingers, the focus is on recycling anything from wellies to wheel barrows, so if you have any old wellies at the back of the shed or anything you think may be suitable for planting up please send it in.

Mrs Reeman

Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh



Some of the sixth form wanted to commemorate the life of his royal highness Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh. A display depicting aspects of his life has been created in his honour in one of the RE rooms. Our school has a long tradition of participation in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

In RE we recently learnt about the long tradition of the monarch distributing Maundy Money on Holy Thursday and students wanted to know more about the royal family including the work of Prince Philip. As our Bishop Alan Hopes said recently at a memorial service, "Prince Philip had a Christian faith which was deeply held, as well as a love of family and a sense of duty, which were in themselves Christian qualities. And so, he concluded, we ask the Lord to have mercy on His servant Philip.

We send our condolences and prayers to her majesty the Queen and royal family.

Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace."

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope in your resurrection for your departed servant, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

God, for ever and ever

Mrs Ranzetta

Competition Time

The drama department ran a lockdown competition asking students to send in a photo depicting a scene from a film.

The winning photo was by Carlos in Year 7.

Well done to all those that took part.



Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

We have registered to take part in a stamp design competition run by Royal Mail, children are being asked to think of their heroes during the Coronavirus pandemic. Royal Mail want to honour their work by producing 8 stamps featuring designs from primary and secondary schools. We are just waiting for the resources packs to arrive which has the official entry forms in. Get designing!!!

The Big Pedal

As a school we will be taking part in 'The Big Pedal' an initiative designed to encourage more students to use active modes of transport to school. There are prizes available and now that the sun is shining we hope that our students will choose to cycle, walk and run to school where they can! More information will be shared in school.

[Sustrans Big Pedal 2021](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/big-pedal)

Runners up— Karina and Finlay

