



# Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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*Requiescat in Pace*

Like the rest of the country we are saddened to hear of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. As a school community we have shared prayers for her, King Charles III and the Royal family at this sad time. We will open a book of condolence to enable the community to share their messages, but I would also draw your attention to the official online book of condolence <https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence> through which messages will be shared with the Royal Family and the messages preserved in the Royal Archive.

This is a sad and poignant time for the country and we recognise that our community may be affected in different ways. We are very aware that grief and loss are complex emotions and that times such as these can be particularly challenging for those who may be painfully reminded of their own experiences of bereavement. Please be assured that we are here to support and please do get in touch if you feel that your young person would benefit from this.

As you will be aware the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II will take place on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** and schools have been instructed to close on this day as a bank holiday and therefore **St Benedict's will be closed next Monday and will reopen on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.

## Notices

We are aware that supply of some items of PE kit is proving problematic. We have raised this issue with the retailer. Students who are unable to secure items of official PE kit can wear other non-uniform replacements where they have them. If students have or have purchased plain black shorts/ socks or tracksuit/ jogging bottoms. They can wear these items until they are outgrown. It would be unreasonable to ask that multiple items be purchased where this is clearly an issue with supply. Where other items are being worn, we would ask that they be replaced with school kit once it is available.

Welcome to our new students and new staff!

Term has restarted brilliantly and our new students have made a wonderful positive impact in the school and have settled in very well. In addition to the 175 new year 7 students we have welcomed new students into most year groups and we have many of last year's year 11 re-joining us in the Sixth Form along with students joining us having studied elsewhere. We are delighted to welcome all them into the community here. We also have a number of new staff joining us this term. Ms Ashcroft and Mrs Tattersall have joined us in the Design Department, Mrs Palmer has joined us in the Maths Department, Mrs Bell has joined us in the Business department, Mrs Slater has joined us as our Sixth Form Administrator and Outreach officer and Mrs Titcombe (not History Mrs Titcombe) joins our office team. We continue to be blessed with a fantastic staff at St Benedict's and we are delighted that they have joined the team.



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