



12<sup>th</sup> September 2022



*"I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service."*

*Long did she reign. Long will she be remembered.*

Dear Parent/Carer,

What had been a very positive start to the new academic year was clearly overshadowed at the end of last week by the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. Students spent time reflecting upon her life, and her passing, with their Form Tutors on Friday morning and will continue doing so in assemblies this week. Once again, the maturity and thoughtfulness of our students was most impressive. They have been through so much upheaval over the last few years and yet we could not be prouder of the way in which they conduct themselves, whatever uncertainty there may be in the wider world.

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

As you are probably already aware, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September is the date of the Queen's funeral and has been designated as a Bank Holiday. Hence the school will be closed on this day. Government guidance received over the weekend confirms that students should otherwise attend school as normal during the period of national mourning currently taking place.

We will be in touch as soon as possible about arrangements for our Sixth Form Open Evening, which had been scheduled to take place on the day after the funeral, ie on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Book of Condolence**

As a school we are very grateful that Helsby Parish Council have included the school in their plans for the Book of Condolence which will be available in the local area this week. The Book will reside in our Main Hall during the day on Wednesday, giving students and staff the opportunity to sign it if they wish to do so. Students in the Sixth Form will be able to access the Book throughout the day from 9.30am to 1.30pm and students in Years 7-11 will have access to the Book at break and lunchtime. Please note that unfortunately it will not be possible for the Book to be made available to the general public whilst it is in school - please see [Welcome to Helsby Parish Council - Helsby Parish Council](#) for details of when and where the Book will be publically available this week.

Best wishes,

Martin Hill  
Headteacher