



## HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PDR/JDN

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

We are deeply saddened by the news that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II has passed away. Today we join together as a school community in sorrow, but remembering our monarch who shaped our lives for the better. We are united in and share the nation's grief and send our sincere condolences to the royal family.

Her Majesty lived an extraordinary life of public service and duty, providing constant compassion and reassurance, during times of great difficulty, uncertainty and anxiety; including during periods of international conflict, periods of social unrest, times of great economic hardship and recession and latterly, a global pandemic. Her dedication to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Her majesty was a role model for all of us in how we should conduct ourselves, making decisions for the greater good and not through self-interest and this is a value we all aspire to at Heckmondwike Grammar School.

On a practical note, we will be guided by the palace and government as to how we formally mourn and celebrate the Queen's life and we will communicate our plans with you as soon as we can. At the moment, our entrance exam will go ahead as planned on Monday the 19 September, with the school closed all day for this purpose. As in previous years, school will close at 2.15pm on Friday 16 September to allow the school to be set up for the examination.

My best wishes to you and your families at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

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