



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Parents/Carers,

Queen Elizabeth II

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Following the very sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, I wish to inform parents that all students and staff participated in a Virtual Assembly this morning at 9.00am. The purpose of this assembly was to lead our community in a moment of reflection and pause and to recognise the enormous contribution and service so that students can begin to understand the meaning and legacy behind the life of the late Queen.

As part of my tribute, I provided students with an awareness of the early life, wartime contributions, religious significance, personality and legacy of one of the great constants in our lives. I have also described the importance of the British Values that Queen Elizabeth II continued to embody throughout her reign: democracy, the rule of law, and liberty. These values are not uncontested in our world, and we remain committed to educating every child so that they understand how important it is that we uphold, defend, and treasure these values.

I would like to thank all students for standing with me this morning, and for observing a moment of silence in recognition and respect for a great public servant and a true giant of the Twentieth Century.

If your child has been impacted by this news then you should inform their Form Tutor who will be well placed to help or alternatively, you may wish to consult further advice and guidance [here](#).

We will communicate relevant updates regarding arrangements and expectations for the State Funeral when we have been instructed by the Department for Education.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Cleary
Principal



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