



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For most people Queen Elizabeth II is the only monarch they have ever known and she has been a constant throughout our national life for over 70 years. We come together as a school community to reflect on the life of the Queen as a person and the figure head of our nation. To reflect on her life of service to this country and the Commonwealth. We recall the many qualities the Queen personified, that of dignity, respect, dedication and resilience. As a mark of respect to Her Majesty the Queen we held a 2 minute silence in school on Friday.



Looking forward

Monday 12th September

Year 7 Assembly in the Hall

Tuesday 13th September

Year 9 Assembly in the Hall

Wednesday 14th-Wednesday 21st September

San Francisco trip

Wednesday 14th September

Year 8 Assembly in the Hall

Thursday 15th September

'Speak Out' meeting, 1.45pm, Room 116. Any pupil needing a lunch pass should see Mrs Absolon

Year 12 Parents' Meeting

Thursday 22nd September

Year 10 Parents' Meeting

Year 8 Ceramics workshop

Week of 26th September

Harvest event

Year 7 Academic tutoring

Monday 26th September

Year 8 Ceramics workshop

Thursday 29th September

Year 13 Biology trip to Shorne

Friday 30th September

Year 11 Geography field work

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Assembly theme

This week's Assembly theme: The School Community

Making the School a pleasant and happy place to be; friendship; respect for others; importance of education; anti-bullying policy; the importance of rules.

Our School Environment

Please ensure all areas of school are left litter free.

Litter duty: 10C Please collect the litter picks and black sacks from the Premises shed and report to your Learning Leader at the end of lunchtime.

Water: Please use the water stations around the school at break and lunchtime and remember to bring a bottle each day to minimise use of single use plastic bottles.

At the end of last term Year 7 Mandarin Excellence Programme students enjoyed a busy but exciting day of Mandarin intensive study. Learners attended many workshops exploring different Chinese cultural activities, including making Chinese dumplings, Chinese song and dance, and the traditional arts of paper cutting and blow painting, with some fantastic results! We were so impressed with students' effort and engagement - well done all.



Also at the end of last term, the Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition group had two hours to create two dishes from scratch (for their mock NEA2) from a range of briefs including European cuisine and catering for a coeliac diet. All the students worked really hard especially given the heat! Well done.

Reminders

Expectations for the start and end of lessons: all students should stand and greet their teacher at the beginning of each lesson. We expect all equipment to be on your desk in front of you. Water only may be consumed during lessons, but not in IT or Labs. At the end of lessons pupils should stand in silence and wait to be dismissed. The classroom space should be left as you would wish to find it, ensuring all waste paper etc... is placed in the bin as you leave.

Safety & Wellbeing: A Safety & Wellbeing questionnaire will be going to Years 8-13. We would like to know what you think, your views are important to us. We need responses by 19th September please.

Wet Breaktimes: If it is wet during morning break, all pupils must go to the dining room, your form room will not be available.

Wet Lunchtimes: During a wet lunch break, packed lunches will eat in the main hall or areas directed by staff. Those wishing to purchase food access the queue via the main hall (doors opposite Science). Pupils should come down at their normal and not earlier, there is to be no eating or drinking in form rooms.

In and Out Days: Please observe notices regarding in and out days. In summary, if the weather is fine and not raining, we go outside at break and lunchtime.

Coats: Please ensure that these meet school uniform expectations and these may not be worn in school buildings. Please use your lockers.

Edulink: All students, staff, parents/carers have access to Edulink. Over the course of the coming term we will be making more use of this excellent engagement tool. Please ensure that you know how to access and check frequently. Further details will follow from Mr Boyce and your Learning Leader.

Clubs and Societies: Our extra-curricular programme is getting up and running. Please check form noticeboards for updates regarding clubs and societies. We would love all pupils to make a regular commitment to at least this academic year – take up the challenge.

Who's here to help me? In the first instance, your form tutor or subject teacher, depending on the issue, followed by all year groups have a Learning Leader and Pastoral Support Manager who are always happy to help. The House system has a prefect allocated to each form group as well as those sixth formers who hold Senior Official roles. You can see people in person or contact them by email. If you are unsure, please just ask.

School History: Spotlight on the 2010s

Esther Shelton attended the school from 2010-2017, and was Head Prefect from 2016-17. She graduated from Millennium Performing Arts with a first class BA Hons in Musical Theatre in 2020, and despite the impact of the pandemic on the arts industry, was able to gain a theatrical agent and began her career as a resident vocalist and entertainer on the Somerset coast in 2021. She has enjoyed teaching for numerous dance studios and theatre companies across the South East, imparting her knowledge and passion for drama, singing and dance to students aged 3 to 55! In May 2022 Esther she joined Princess Cruises as Assistant Cruise Director onboard the Majestic Princess, with an itinerary including Alaska, Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. She presents the morning breakfast show for the onboard TV channel, as well as hosting live game shows including The Voice of the Ocean and Deal or No Deal.



Music Clubs

Music Clubs all take place at lunchtimes, sign up via Edulink:
 Mondays - Stay Tuned (instrumental ensemble) Years 7-13; The M&Ms (Musical Theatre Club) Years 7 - 9;
 Tuesdays - Voice in a Million, Years 7-13; Wednesdays - Boomwhackers, Years 7 & 8; Thursdays - Performing Arts Club, Years 10-13; Flute Ensemble, Years 7-13; Guitar Clubs, Years 7-13. All clubs are great fun and we work towards performance both within and outside of school.