



SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we were saddened to hear the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had died. Whilst it is undeniably difficult to put into words the many feelings and emotions that this event has stirred in us; it is imperative Sir Thomas Fremantle School is there for all its community.

We are acutely aware that the Queen's death may trigger many feelings for lots of people and it's important that students feel school is a supportive place for them.

One of the key aspects that drew me to STFS is the care and guidance for students' wellbeing and I have seen such care since the Queen's passing. On Friday we held a whole school assembly to mark the event. Sometimes it's hard to know what to do with so many feelings and being together is simply enough to help us through. It was the first assembly that the school has gathered together for a very long time and I was truly impressed by the excellent behaviour and reverence. The students were remarkable! We had a few families join us which was lovely.

Condolence Book

Some of our students have asked about a Condolence Book and I've included the link to the online one on the Royal Household website. We will make this link available to students. We will be flying the flag at half mast during national mourning.

[Commemoration and Condolence | The Royal Family](#)

School Closed on Monday 19th September

The Government has announced that Monday 19th September will be a Bank Holiday and we have been instructed by the Department of Education to close the school. Please note we will not be open for any students or staff. The school will reopen on Tuesday 20th September as normal.

Lying-in-State & Funeral

I have included some links from the Government site on the funeral and visiting the Queen lying-in-state.

- [Attending ceremonial events for the Lying-in-State and the State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Details published for how public can attend Her Majesty The Queen's Lying-in-State at Westminster Hall - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

With very best wishes from everyone here at Sir Thomas Fremantle,

Francis Murphy
Head Teacher

