

Dear parents/guardians,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well as we return to school after the summer holidays.

We are writing to you today to express our deep sadness at the news of Her Majesty The Queen's passing, on Thursday 8th September. For over seventy years, she dedicated her life to service for her country and the Commonwealth and been a figurehead of national unity and stability during times of great change.

We join the Royal Family and the nation in this period of mourning and offer the Royal Family our heartfelt condolences. Accordingly, you may have noticed that we have since limited our communications through a variety of channels including social media; this will continue throughout the period of national mourning whilst, of course, still providing urgent and relevant updates as appropriate.

Furthermore, in line with national guidance to allow our children and families to observe the mourning day of The Queen's funeral as a **Bank Holiday**, school will be **closed on Monday 19th September for the full day**; school will resume as usual on Tuesday 20th September.

Please do let a member of staff at school know if you have any further questions about this at all.

Best wishes,



Simon Bramwell, OBE

CEO, Vantage Academy Trust

