



16th September 2022

Dear parents, carers and all in the Chessington School community

It has been a very good week at our school. While still shrouded with the grief and emotion of losing Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, we have maintained our direction and squared our stiff upper lips. The students have battled the conditions on a windy Duke of Edinburgh's award expedition, beaten private schools and elite programs at sport and have (most importantly) engaged brilliantly in their lessons this week. As always, I have been proud of their efforts and their resilience.

This morning we rounded off the week with our own remembrance of our Queen. Our school was founded in 1936 and, from our records, we cannot find a whole school photo in the annals. We decided then, that this first would be an apt way to memorialise this historic moment and would act as a living symbol of our school community coming together in her honour. A minute's silence was punctuated by drill from our cadets and illustrated by a large wooden Union Flag produced this week by our Art Club students accompanying a portrait of the Queen. It was a poignant moment that we will have eternalised in the photograph - again, our children did us proud.

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September as part of the program of national mourning and the Queen's funeral. All students will be expected at normal time on Tuesday 20th September.

When we return on Tuesday and that week we will continue with our open events. Already we have had Open Mornings (Mondays and Thursdays) and it has been so nice to see faces new and those better known. This Thursday, September 22nd, is our Open Evening, with talks and tours starting from 6.00PM. These are selling out fast, which is great, however if you or those you know wish to attend then do ensure to book at <https://www.chessington.kingston.sch.uk/>. Open mornings then continue for the following weeks and these too are selling out fast so please do book We look forward to seeing you all and opening our doors to welcome our community.

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As well as our Open events we have some important Parent Information Evenings coming up for Years 7 through to Year 13. Please save the dates and attend. These are invaluable opportunities to help guide your children through the next year. Also, do come along and see us on the Macmillan coffee morning which is the 30th September. All of these events can be seen [here](#) on our School Calendar.

Finally, today was the last day of our new Year 7s induction fortnight. This was capped off with a great trip and our annual Year 7 parent BBQ. Thanks to you all for coming and I hope it was enjoyable. Year 7s have settled very well and I am pleased to say, we have kept our promise, as they finish this week with smiles on their faces and a friend at their side.

Yours sincerely

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