



9 September, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Headteacher's Update**

This morning we began our day bringing our whole school community together to mark a sad and historic moment in our country's and indeed in the world's history. With Normans House in Chapel and the rest of the school linked live, we were able to acknowledge the passing of the longest serving monarch in our country's history. She has been a constant in all our lives ; a familiar, reassuring presence in our changing world. I would like to thank Lauren Bull in Year 12 for singing solo at very short notice and everyone for their quiet and reflective observance. We will remember this day.

The start of a new Academic Year is always exciting and it has been uplifting to hear so many new students talking about their first days with such enthusiasm. We are delighted to welcome all our new students to the school who seem already to be embracing the opportunities offered.

We don't usually start a Year with a residential visit. However, year 9 has waited a long time for their postponed UK Sailing Trip and I am grateful to Miss Rayner, Mr Heppner-Logan and the staff who made it possible for this to go ahead. The English Department also managed to take a trip to Julius Caesar at Shakespeare's Globe in the first week! The atmosphere at the Performing Arts Fayre was buzzing - there were hundreds of children signing up today for Dance, Drama, Music, Technical Theatre and Art Clubs - this is definitely going to be a great year for the Arts. The Year 7 Performing Arts Day also revealed that we have lots of new potential and talent joining the school. The sports club programme is being promoted to all students and coming up next week we have the Societies Fayre; there will be about 40 sixth form societies and junior extra curricular clubs to join. Tutors will make sure students can access the timetables and schedules once they are all settled.

Thank you very much to our Year 7 and 8 parents for attending our information evening on wednesday night; the slides have been uploaded on the website under parents and carers. Coming shortly we have information Evenings for

Years 9 and 10 on 27 September

Year 12 on 20 September

Separate letters have been sent out.

Years 11 and 13 are later on 11 October.

I would like to remind everyone that we have the school photographer on Monday so please ensure all uniforms are smart.

There are many many opportunities for parents to get involved in the school. We are always looking for volunteers to support us which is a lovely way of getting to know each other while helping the school. The Friends of Borlase, led by Jason and Chrissy Longley, do so much to raise funds for us and to bring the parent community together. Do book your tickets for the first Comedy Night; they will sell fast!



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# Comedy Night #2

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Individual letters will be sent out on Fridays from Heads of Key Stage or the Leadership Team via your email addresses. All letters are published on Recent Mailings on the Parents and Carers area of the school's website.

Very best wishes to everyone - have a lovely weekend,

Kay Mountfield  
Headteacher