

“it is not enough for children to be loved,
they must know that they are loved”

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12 September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to confirm that **school will be closed next Monday, 19 September**, when the state funeral of Her Majesty the Queen takes place.

As a school, and a Catholic, Christian community, we will continue to pray throughout the coming week for the repose of Queen Elizabeth’s soul and for the successful accession and reign of King Charles III. A small group of our younger students will be laying a floral tribute at Buckingham Palace this week, accompanied by our Chaplain Fr Greg, on behalf of the school.

You might be interested to read [this excellent blog](#) post from Fr David O’Malley, one of our school governors, which provides an interesting reflection on the parallels between the late Queen’s faith and Don Bosco’s approach.

It is important that we also give our young people an opportunity to reflect on the life and example of the late Queen and to understand her role in shaping modern Britain. We will help students to deepen their knowledge of our country’s recent history and constitution as part of our response to the Queen’s death and I hope that you will be able to support this by discussing current events with your children at home, alongside supporting them with their independent learning tasks. Details of these homework tasks, for Key Stage 3 students, have been shared with them today and will be published on Teams shortly.

On a practical note, the announcement of the bank holiday means that our open evening for prospective parents, which had originally been scheduled for 19 September, will now take place on **Thursday 22 September 2022**. Please do spread the word amongst family and friends who may be looking for a school place in year 7 for next September that this date has been changed.

Yours faithfully



Mr P. Dunne
Headteacher