

12 September 2022

Dear Family,

**School closures for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
Monday, 19 September**

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week.

A period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the after the funeral. This is a period for reflection in response to the death of the Queen. Everyone will choose to pay their respects in different ways, and we know that some people will be more affected by this event than others. Our schools are supporting their students and staff through this period; many will be holding special assemblies or arranging activities that allow students to learn about the Queen's life and work and reflect on her passing. Schools will be open as normal during this time.

The Queen's Funeral will take place on Monday, 19 September 2022. This will be a national bank holiday and, following guidance issued by the Government, **our schools will close on this date as a mark of respect. Schools will reopen as normal on Tuesday, 20 September.**

If you have any questions, or you or your child feel you need further support during this time, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Sir Mark Grundy,
CEO, Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust