

**To: All Parents and Carers**  
**By email / website**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**RE: HSAEL statement on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

On the first day of full pupil return to the new HSAEL school we noted with deep sadness the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

All at HSAEL share our condolences with the royal family at this time of sadness and remember her profound phrase on another sad occasion that 'grief is the price we pay for love'. Such phrases resonate with all families at times of loss and sadness.

While such an event has not been experienced by many at all, the death of a monarch is likely to be experienced very differently by children than by adults. As teachers, we must always note that it is a time for explanation as well as reflection.

As part of our educational responsibility, HSAEL will try over the next two weeks to remember Elizabeth's life and address some of the themes raised by her death. These themes will most likely involve ideas of duty and service and of course not shy away from the nature of government itself given the inevitable student curiosity about the uniquely British idea of constitutional monarchy.

Nevertheless, it is perhaps the idea of the family itself that is most representative of the educational impact of the Queen's death.

We will endeavour to do justice to our responsibilities as teachers at this time of change. RIP.



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