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13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** has been designated a Bank Holiday to commemorate the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Shirebrook Academy will be closed to students and staff on this date as a mark of respect.

To express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to celebrate her commitment to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and other overseas realms and territories, we have planned a number of activities and discussion opportunities in the academy this week.

Children will have the opportunity to discuss the life and service of The Queen in a special form time session on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. We will also be holding a two-minute silence on this date at 11.00am to personally remember The Queen and form groups will be working on a shared message that will be displayed in a book of condolence. We have created a piece of artwork to show Shirebrook Academy's gratitude for The Queen's service and this will be displayed in our atrium area alongside a memorial feature.

We are very proud of our students and the respect that they have shown since the news was released of the passing of our Queen. If you have any questions regarding the activities above or would like to discuss anything specific to your child and their support needs at this time, please don't hesitate to contact us using the contact details at the top of this letter.

Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Yours sincerely



Lindsey Burgin

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