



A message on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

The community of The Royal School, Wolverhampton, our pupils, staff, governors, and parents, are deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with all members of the Royal Family at this time of sorrow. Her Majesty embodied many virtues and will always be remembered for her selfless and lifelong service, her warmth, and her gentle strength in leading the nation over seven decades. Her life was an example to us all and she was a constant source of unity and reassurance.

In 1947 she pledged the following:

"I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."

She has lived that vow without fail, complaint or compromise and done so compassionately and with enthusiasm. It is abundantly clear to all that she kept that promise and devoted 70 years of her life to serving her people at home and abroad.

Many around the globe have spoken about how they felt that they knew her personally, even though they only met her fleetingly. Such was her impact. Our personal connection with her as the Royal School means that this great loss has a significant impact on us. At this time, we reflect and pray for her family as they grieve along with the nation. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude and it is wonderful that we were able to celebrate her 70th Jubilee earlier this year as our longest serving Monarch.

The Royal School has a long relationship with our Royal family and our current Patron HRH The Earl of Wessex was preceded by HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, who was HM Queen Elizabeth II mother. The constancy and virtuous example set by our Royal family and patrons has been important to our development as a community. We share that belief of 'Service before Self' and hope to do our very best in following the outstanding example set by HM Queen Elizabeth II.

She will be forever remembered as such. And now we welcome the reign of King Charles III.

Long live the King.

