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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign.

The official date of the State Funeral is 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and the academy will close on this day as a mark of respect. In addition, you may have noticed that we have taken down all of our House flags at the front of the academy, leaving only the Union Flag at half-mast. This will not change until 8am the day following the Queen's State Funeral as a symbol of respect and mourning.

We are aware that the sad news and period of change will affect those in our community differently. An additional British Values session has been delivered during Tutor time across the academy, which highlights the life and achievements of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, encouraging students to discuss her years of service and the importance of paying tribute. If your child has been upset by the news and requires additional support then they should make this known to their tutor or a member of the Phoenix team.

The Academy as a part of the wider Aspirations Trust has also shared a statement of condolence:

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A source of continuity, strength and reassurance for 70 years, her legacy bears testament to a life dedicated to service. Her Majesty's unfaltering sense of duty to her country and the Commonwealth saw her loved and admired in equal measure. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family and we offer our heartfelt condolences.

As a sign of respect and in line with all academies within Aspirations Trust, social media has paused and only urgent or time sensitive communications will be sent out to parents/carers until after the State Funeral.

Yours sincerely,

N. Ullah

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