



# Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers,

13th September 2022

As a school community we were very saddened to hear of the death of HRH Queen Elizabeth II last week. During assembly on Friday we observed a 2 minutes silence to reflect on her extraordinary service over 70 years. We also thought about her family and we continue to hold them in our thoughts through this time of mourning and bereavement. We know that some young people will be more affected than others in their grief and the death of the Queen will also bring up memories of loved ones young people have lost in the recent past. It is a time of uncertainty for us all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further support your child.

On Monday 19th September 2022 the school will be closed all day and young people and staff will not be expected to attend. I hope that young people are able to spend some time on that day in contemplation and reflection. The school will reopen at the normal time on Tuesday 20th September 2022. The open morning due to take place on Monday 19th September 2022 has been cancelled.

We will be sending a small group of students to the Civic Centre to sign the Bexley book of condolence in the coming week.

With my best wishes to you and to your family at this time.

Yours sincerely,

**Matthew Brown**  
**Head Teacher**