



30 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to share with you the various activities we are planning around Commemoration Day, this year.

Annual Cake Competition - Thursday 9 May 2024

As part of the celebrations, we are again running the annual Cake Competition for students.

The theme for this year is 'Smashing stereotypes'. Each tutor group is invited to enter one cake into the competition which they will need to bring with them on the morning of Thursday 9 May. The cake entries will be judged by a panel and winners will be announced in due course. Students will have an opportunity to view all the cake entries during lunchtime on 9 May and each tutor group will enjoy their cake during the afternoon form period.

More details about the competition will be shared with the students in their form groups.

Commemoration Day - Friday 10 May 2024

The annual Commemoration Day is a celebration of the school's founding in 1888 and again this year we are following the tradition of a school procession and a church service at St John the Baptist Church, Chipping Barnet in the morning. This year we are celebrating our 136th anniversary of the school's founding. The service is inclusive and celebrates the school and its history, together with the role Barnet church had in the original founding of the school. Although we are a non-denominational school, the service will involve the singing of traditional hymns and prayers, written by the students, in the spirit of the history of the school. It will also include affirmations from students with diverse religious backgrounds in celebration of our whole community.

Due to limited capacity at the church - Years 7, 8 and representatives from years 9, 10, 12 and 13 will be attending.

Afternoon Lessons

Afternoon lessons will take place as usual for all year groups (except Year 11 - see below).

Year 11 English Literature revision

Year 11 students will attend GCSE English Literature revision sessions during period 3 and 4.

QE's Got Talent

From 3.30pm - 5pm, we will be hosting the successful 'QE's Got Talent' event. A ticketed event, where students showcase a variety of talents to their peers and teachers. The overall winner, who is voted by the audience, decides how the money collected from ticket sales is spent in the school. To facilitate a prompt start to this event, school will end at 3pm.

Yours faithfully

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