



25 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

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

Annual Cake Competition - Thursday 8 May 2025

As part of the celebrations of the school's founding in 1888 and its commemoration in early May, we are again this year running the annual Cake Competition for students.

The theme for this year's annual cake competition is 'Victory in Europe Day 2025: 80th Anniversary' and each tutor group is invited to enter one cake. It is important to keep to this specific brief as any cake not obviously meeting the brief cannot be part of the competition. Each tutor group is invited to enter one cake into the competition which they will need to bring to school with them on the morning of Thursday 8 May, VE Day 2025. The cake entries will be judged by a panel and winners will be announced in due course. The panel takes into account how the theme has been interpreted in decoration and the taste of the homemade cake.

Students will have an opportunity to view all the cake competition entries during lunchtime on 8 May and each tutor group will enjoy their cake during the afternoon form period, which will be extended from 2.05 - 2.30pm to allow time for students to enjoy eating their cake in their form room with their tutor before going to their P5 lesson.

Please be aware that some students will have allergies to certain food groups such as nuts, eggs, wheat and milk, therefore it is important that when entering the cake competition a list of ingredients is given at the same time. If students have allergies to certain foods, they must double check the ingredients of the cake before eating it. We look forward to seeing another wonderful selection of creative, imaginative and delicious cakes.

Here is a summary of key points:

- Each tutor group may enter one cake by taking it to room 221 between 8am and 8:40am on Thursday 8 May 2025
- Each cake should be accompanied by tutor group name along with the names of the students who made the cake, a very brief explanation of the ideas behind the cake and a list of the ingredients used

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

Commemoration Day - Friday 9 May 2025

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 the 137th anniversary of our school's founding. The service is inclusive and celebrates the school and its



history, together with the role that the Parish 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, only 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 (other than Year 11).

Yours faithfully

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