

Monday 6 November



This week we have two events that are important in our calendar of the school year. The first, which we look forward to with warmth and pride, is the Year 12 Commemorative Assembly. On Thursday evening at 7.00pm, we welcome back our recent Year 11 leavers to celebrate their time with us and all that they achieved. All students will formally receive their GCSE certificates and we will also be awarding some prizes for academic achievement and progress as well as contributions to the wider life of the school. We are delighted that Esther Gosling, former student and now a lead worker in Social Care in London, is returning to the school to present the prizes and to say a few words.

On Friday, all Year 7 and 8 students, Year 9 leaders and those students who are part of the cadet services will join staff in St Mary's Church for our Remembrance Service. At the church will be led in prayer by Reverend Susan Bates and joined by our chair of governors and former serving officer in the RAF, Mr David Carruthers. On Friday all staff and students will also observe a minutes' silence at the school at 11.00am.

On Tuesday this week, Year 11 students will be thinking about their revision techniques, as the learning company Maximise deliver two workshops focusing on exam techniques in preparation for their mock examinations at the end of the month.

I shall leave you this week, in honour of those who fell for our freedom, with some words that we will share in our Remembrance Service.

*Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew,
and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of their fellows,
seeking justice and peace.*

Julia Upton