



Tadcaster Grammar School

'A Culture of Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Commemoration Events - World War One Armistice Centenary

As a school, we would like to share with you the various ways in which we will be marking the centenary of World War One Armistice. This hugely significant historical milestone will be explored and marked by our whole school community over the coming weeks.

Beginning this week, Mr Sibley will lead a series of House Assemblies addressing the centenary and the human cost of conflict. During tutor time students will engage in a number of activities, including the creation of a Whole School Poppy display which will be available to view in our school foyer. It is hoped each young person will decorate their own poppy which will form part of a House display and then ultimately the Whole School display.

On the evening of Thursday 8th November we will be hosting a special evening of song and spoken work entitled *Forgotten Voices*. Pop Choir and Chamber Choir are leading the singing on this evening with readings being given by History and Drama students. The evening will begin at 7.00pm and we welcome all members of the Tadcaster Grammar School community to join us.

On Friday 9th November during VT time we will be holding our annual commemoration service outside the main entrance to the school. Two students will represent each tutor group as we gather for readings and the two minute silence that will be observed across the whole school at 11.00am.

Pop Choir will be taking part in a very special event at the University of York on Friday 9th November where they will form part of a massed choir of 1000 school children. They will perform a number of traditional songs from World War One for dignitaries and invited guests.

We hope our student body will play a role and have a presence at the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church in Tadcaster on Sunday 11th November. Students will be encouraged to attend and it is hoped they will give readings.

Finally, we are hoping the school can also host a unique display of artefacts from World War One. We already have a number of really fascinating items of interest in our school archive that are linked to World War One, which we will display for students to view. However we are also asking staff and our families if they have any family based artefacts that they would feel happy sharing with school for a short period of time. We would be very pleased to add them to our display which would be secure at all times, as we understand how precious these items are for families. If you feel you have something you can share, please contact Cayte Mulhern via her email: c.mulhern@tgs.starmat.uk. We very much hope the display can be shared with the wider community and especially our primary schools.

We hope that where possible, you will support the school in our commemoration activities and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the evening of the 8th of November.

Yours sincerely

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