

17th November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Rhea and Alice in Year 8 proudly represented the school as part of the Remembrance Service last Sunday. They laid a wreath at the war memorial on the Royal Plain, and read 'The Solider' by Rupert Brooke. Although they were very nervous before reading the war poem in front of a large crowd, I was very proud of them both. Many other students were attending the parade, smartly dressed in their Cadet and St John's Ambulance uniforms as we joined together in remembrance.

This week in school, assemblies have been led by Mr Gibbons and have focused on anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying', and that often others are silent when they see bullying taking place and dismiss it as banter. The standards team are the first point of call for any student in school who needs to raise an issue, and the quicker something is reported the sooner we can respond.

Finally, we welcomed local MP Peter Aldous into school to share the news around our recent inspection. As well as praising the efforts of staff and students, we spoke about improvements that could be made to the front of the school site, including a permanent bus stop and footpath improvements.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School