



## Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As tomorrow is a Bank Holiday, we have not set any work to be completed. Please see the letter sent to Y7-10 families earlier in the week to explain the approach we have taken to this to ensure that subjects usually set on Friday can have some time allocated in the week.

You will see in this newsletter that the Royal British Legion are encouraging people to get involved in VE Day 75 celebrations and commemorations. If you have organised any stay at home activities to mark this day, please do let us know and send us some photos.

This week we have also sent out information from all subjects about the approach being taken to setting work and the kind of tasks you may expect to see. We hope that you have found this useful. We recognise that it will be impossible to create a perfect approach to home learning for every family but what we are doing (and what we are not doing) is very much guided by your feedback. As is the case when school is fully open, we will continue to try to be flexible and agree bespoke solutions where we can to support as many families as possible.

As there has been increased speculation about how and when schools will open again, please be assured that we are working on plans for how this might work but must be guided by the Government and Local Authority on this matter. As soon as we are in a position to share anything about how school will re-open, we will, of course, do so.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher



## Events surrounding VE Day 75

As members of the public are no longer able to attend national and regional VE Day 75 commemorations or events due to the Covid-19 pandemic, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activity for people to participate in from home. This includes a VE Day 75 livestream, national moments of remembrance and thanksgiving and a learning pack for young people. The Legion is inviting all its stakeholders and partner organisations to join together in encouraging people of all generations and communities to take part in the activities on 8<sup>th</sup> May and pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation.

As society faces some of the most challenging times since of the Second World War, it is now more important than ever to unite in recognition of service to the nation, just as communities did 75 years ago. The Legion is therefore calling on people across the UK to join in a national moment of reflection and Remembrance at I Iam on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and pause for a Two Minute Silence, not only in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation, but also to reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world.

People are invited to take part in the Silence in whatever way they feel appropriate be that standing at their window, stepping outside their home, whilst remaining distanced from others, or taking the opportunity for a quiet moment of reflection. To build momentum towards this important moment, partner organisations across the sector and beyond are encouraged to engage stakeholders and share the call to come together in Remembrance at I Iam.

Following the Silence the Legion is hosting a VE Day livestream, sharing stories and memories from those who served and sacrificed during the Second World War. Hosted by TV presenter Sonali Shah, the programme will feature contributions from social historian Julie Summers and cook and influencer Melissa Helmsley. The stream will be live from 1115 on the Legion's website.

Later in the day members of the public are encouraged to enjoy a moment of celebration and thanksgiving by taking part in a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm. BBC One will feature the singalong as part of its VE Day 75 evening broadcast.

Links to Legion activities, including the learning pack, and further information on how to get involved are on the Legion's website [www.rbl.org.uk/veday75](http://www.rbl.org.uk/veday75). The learning packs are designed for 7-14 year olds and include first-hand accounts from the Second World War generation, veteran interviews and a range of activities to allow families to explore and commemorate VE Day 75 together. People can follow the activity on social media using #VEDay75 and #VEDay75Live during the livestream.

There are many parallels between the struggles of the Second World War and what the world is going through today, and looking to the Second World War generation, their resilience and determination, helps inspire today's generation in these difficult times.

### Royal British Legion Livestream

At 1115 the Legion is hosting a VE Day 75 livestream, available at [rbl.org.uk/veday75](http://rbl.org.uk/veday75), sharing stories and memories from those who served and sacrificed during the Second World War, and recognising the difficulties people are experiencing today. The Legion is inviting members of the public to grab a cup of tea and join us for the livestream as we bring the World War Two generation together with today's generation to chat about their experiences. Hosted by TV presenter Sonali Shah, the programme will feature contributions from social historian Julie Summers and cook and influencer Melissa Helmsley. The livestream will be available on the Legion's website.

### VE Day 75: The People's Celebration BBC ONE: 20:00 – 21:10

To mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day, in these unprecedented times, the BBC in partnership with the Royal British Legion will honour and celebrate the World War Two Generation with an evening of memories and music. Featuring some of those who remember this historic day, together with Britain's favourite performers who will entertain us with popular songs of the era. In a fitting finale at 9.00 pm we will see the nation unite for a very special rendition of "We'll Meet Again" as across the UK we all give thanks to our veterans and remember our loved ones.

### 'We'll Meet Again' Singalong

Lyrics available on The Royal British Legion website <https://www.rbl.org.uk/stories/ve-day-singalong>

### VE Day Learning Pack

Available on The Royal British Legion website page [rbl.org.uk/veday75](http://rbl.org.uk/veday75) alongside a VE Day 75 activity pack produced by the National Memorial Arboretum.





## DofE Silver Award

Gabriel has been cooking up a storm doing a weekly culinary challenge for his silver D of E award. He has made Spaghetti Bolognese, Yorkshire puddings, learned how to make a roux for a cheese sauce, marinated meat and made a Sunday roast dinner. Last week he made ciabatta that was absolutely amazing !

## New virtual cyber initiative for teenagers

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has announced an online initiative that aims to inspire school pupils to work in the cyber security sector through a range of extracurricular activities including online classes. This provides the opportunity to learn and develop the important skills required for future jobs in areas like cyber security from home.

Full details of this announcement and the resources available can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-virtual-cyber-school-gives-teens-chance-to-try-out-as-cyber-security-agents-from-home>

*Miss Adams was delighted with the effort that Ellie had put into producing this 'beautiful and skilful recycled paper artwork'. Well done Ellie 😊*



## Data Protection – new Privacy Notice

A Privacy Notice has been written to inform **students, parents and staff** about how their personal information is used (in light of the measures that have been introduced in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic).

This Privacy Notice ([click here](#)) should be read in conjunction with our standard Pupils and Parents, and Employees Privacy Notices which are also available on our website.

## School Uniform – Rawcliffes

Rawcliffes, Harrogate have asked if we could let you know about important changes to using their uniform shop. Please see the information on the link below:

<https://www.rawcliffesharrogate.co.uk/covid-19-important-information>



School's Data Protection Officer has provided the following useful guidance for your information:

[Guidance on using apps for communication](#)

[Guidance on Facebook Pages, Groups and Like Buttons](#)

[Working from Home Guidance](#)