



# Tower House School

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## Sad News but Fond Memories

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The United Kingdom and The Commonwealth is coming to terms with the passing of its great leader, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Jonathan Freedland (in The Guardian) has described her as '*the steady centre amid constant flux*' - the world certainly feels very different this morning.

Societal 'vibes' are always picked up by the boys and we will be allowing free and open discussions about how we feel in the coming days and weeks.

Meanwhile we will have many happy memories to reflect upon - most notably during the THS celebrations for Her Majesty's Diamond (when she drove past the school on her way to Richmond Park) and Platinum Jubilees.

We also give thanks for over seventy years of remarkable service to others.





The start of the Autumn Term can be a nervous time for us all – none more so than for our youngest pupils in Reception.

Their first days of 'big school' can be a little intimidating - but our latest set of lads to don the famous stripey blazer seem to have settled in very nicely indeed.

The extensive induction programme last summer has, no doubt, contributed to the smooth assimilation of the reception boys. Miss Clark and Miss Ren are delighted to welcome them all and guide them on their first steps of their THS journey. Boys and parents should get ready for a fun ride!







### Proud Parents

Ms Merrell and Mr Wolf are delighted to share this photo with the community. Sebastian Merrell Wolf came into this world on 27th July and is flourishing! If DNA is a determining factor, he will be a very talented young man indeed.



### Proud Community

Many of you will know that Mr Hare is an experienced First Responder. Their aim is to reach a potential life-threatening emergency in the first vital minutes and assist the patient until an ambulance crew arrives.

To mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Mr Hare, along with other frontline operatives, was awarded a special commemorative medal. Thoroughly well deserved recognition for hours of service dedicated to others!





### **Drop Off Time Senior school**

Please can we remind parents that boys should not arrive before 8.15 (unless in a club, see below) and they should be in their classroom ready for registration by 8.30 at the latest. Boys go straight to their classroom on arrival.

With clubs starting next week it is important that boys have enough time to organise their desk/bag before going to their club. So please can boys arrive between 7.45-7.55 so that they can be at their club at 8am promptly having organised themselves for their day.

### **Healthy Snack for Break time**

The senior school boys are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for their break time and we certainly encourage them to do so. It can be a long morning before lunch for the older boys.

Please can we remind all parents that crisps of any description and chocolate are not allowed. A piece of fruit, healthy snack bar or small sandwich are suitable options.

Reminder that no nut products should ever be brought to school including sandwich fillings.

### **Games kit and pick up, Year 4-8**

Reminder that all boys should have football boots, shin pads and a bottle of water for all Games lessons this term. Boys should all have a proper boot bag (not plastic bag) to carry boots in please.

For collection from senior games boys can either walk home (with written permission) or be collected from the grounds at 3.45. Please note we will be leaving very shortly after this time to walk back to school so if boys are not collected promptly they will be asked to walk back to school with the other boys. Alternatively boys can be collected at school at 4.05pm from their usual gate.



Do you play the guitar, drums or piano? Do you like singing rock music? Are you in the Senior school? If you have answered Yes! to these questions, please come and audition to be in the rock band. Auditions will take place on Thursday 15th September in the large instrumental teaching room. Mr Pollard and myself will listen to you perform a short piece of your choosing. Good luck!

### **Singing and Flute lessons**

Mr Smith and Ms Tempest have now left Tower House School. They are both fantastic teachers and their shoes will be hard to fill. I have started interviewing teachers for both positions and I am hopeful that I will find experienced and inspiring teachers to fill both positions. If you previous learnt or would like to start singing and/or flute lessons please keep an eye on the newsletter as I will introduce both teachers soon once appointed.

Mrs Minter

### **Uniform Regulations**

This summer has proved (possibly) that the UK climate is getting warmer. September could be described as the new June .....

With this in mind we have decided to relax the 'shorts only during the Summer Term in the Senior School' regulation.

If Senior School boys wish to wear shorts this term - they may continue to do so until half term.

Mr Evans





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 12th September -CLUBS START

- 1pm: Reception finish; parents collecting via JS entrance

Tuesday 13th

- No senior school choir (see below)
- 8.20: Coffee in hall for Y1/2/3 parents straight after boy drop off
- 8.50: Y1/2/3 group parent meetings in classrooms
- 9.20: Parents leave via Junior school entrance
- 1pm: Reception finish; parents collecting via JS entrance
- 6pm: Senior school group parents meeting in classrooms, please enter via senior school gate followed by FOTH drinks in the hall

Wednesday 14th

- 8.15: FOTH second hand uniform sale.

Friday 16th

- 10.40: House Captain Elections

Saturday 17th

- 9am: U11 Surbiton Football Tournament

NB: Several parents have enquired regarding a possible Polio vaccine rollout in schools. We have contacted the local health authority and they assure us that parents will be contacted by their GP direct and there are no plans to administer the vaccine in schools.

**Have a lovely weekend!**

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster