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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your children. We would like to welcome you all back to a new and exciting academic year and for those families who are joining us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to Castleford Academy and look forward to working with you.

We would like to thank you all for your support in making the start to the academic year such a great success. We have been filled with pride to see our pupils return to Academy life looking so smart and enthusiastic to learn and engage in learning. The attendance of our pupils has been really strong in our first week back and has returned to pre-pandemic attendance figures; thank you so much for your continued support. It is yet another example of us all working together to achieve excellence for us all.

The whole of the Academy community are saddened by the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

The Academy will remain open, unless notified otherwise and will observe the mourning period, whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff who might be affected. We will follow the Department of Education guidance and inform parents of any changes.

Over the next week, pupils will pay respect to and celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II through a range of form time activities and assemblies.

I would like to end this letter with this quote from a 14-year-old Princess Elizabeth, from her broadcast to the children of the Commonwealth in October 1940: "And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place".

With warmest wishes,

Wesley Bush  
Headteacher

