



23 October 2018

Dear Parent

### **Armistice Day and Remembrance Day – Centenary of the ending of World War 1**

Every year, we mark Armistice Day and Remembrance Day with the traditional two minutes silence. Assemblies throughout the week commencing 5 November will be linked to this theme. This year, marking the centenary of the ending of World War 1, will see us undertake a number of additional activities.

#### **Wall of Remembrance**

We will be building a wire wall in either our garden area or Open Area (weather dependent) on which we are asking staff and students, to either tie a label or attach a small wooden cross to the wire. On the cross or label, can be the name of a relative or family friend who has served in the armed forces at any time. This display will be kept in school for a period of time and we hope that it gives an opportunity for students to research their family history going back many years.

#### **Poppy Display**

The Art department, working with younger students, are currently making a ceramic poppy installation for the garden area. This will be kept on display until the end of term as a fitting and long lasting tribute.

#### **Silence – 11am Friday 9 November - uniform**

We will be holding our annual two minutes silence on this day. As part of this day, we are asking Sixth Form students to come to school in smart dress and all students be in their normal school uniform. However, should your child currently attend any cadets organisation, they are welcome to come to school in that uniform for this day. This would provide us with an opportunity to see the diverse and important organisations that students belong to in our community.

On this day, we would like to play 'The Last Post' to students. If you are able to play this and could offer to come into school (or know of somebody that would be able to), please contact us via the school telephone number or email [s.wall@theademycarlton.org](mailto:s.wall@theademycarlton.org)

The Head Boy and Head Girl, Student Council, Ms Egwuma and myself will also be laying a wreath at the Wall of Remembrance.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

As always, we will be selling poppies in school, provided by the Royal British Legion. We encourage students to purchase these for a donation and wear them as part of their school uniform.

#### **Film screening of 'They Shall Not Grow Old' – a new documentary by Peter Jackson**

On Tuesday 13 November, during periods 4 and 5, Year 10 and Post 16 students will watch a screening of this recent documentary, which has been made in conjunction with the Imperial War Museum. This documentary has taken original footage of WW1 and been made into colour and added voices of those who fought along with actors voices from the areas from which the soldiers came. This screening will start with a short talk about the documentary to help set context and understand more about the topics covered. The documentary has a 15 certificate, should you not wish your child to see this, please contact our school office no later than Monday 5 November.

I hope that you can talk to your child about the range of activities taking place and encourage them to take part. We shall share some of the images of these events with you in our Christmas Newsletter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Pierpoint', written in a cursive style.

Richard Pierpoint  
**Executive Headteacher**