

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926 to 2022



It is great sadness that Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has died at Balmoral aged 96, after reigning for 70 years.

The long reign of Queen Elizabeth II was marked by her strong sense of duty and her determination to dedicate her life to her throne and to her people.

She became for many the one constant point in a rapidly changing world as British influence declined, society changed beyond recognition and the role of the monarchy itself came into question.

Her success in maintaining the monarchy through such turbulent times was even more remarkable given that, at the time of her birth, no-one could have foreseen that the throne would be her destiny.



Please sit in silence as
we watch the following
tribute to Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II





At DHSB we are a compassionate school, where all those who are affected by death, loss and bereavement are supported and have access to compassionate friends, so they do not feel alone.

If you have been affected by this sad news, please speak to your Tutor, Head of Year, Deputy Head of Year or any member of staff. You can then be referred to one of our compassionate friends if this is something that you would like. Alternatively you can email earlyhelp@dhsb.org and appropriate support will be arranged.



Grieving is a natural part of recovering from a bereavement, and everyone's experience of grief is different. There are no rules about what we should feel, and for how long. But many people find they feel a mixture of the following:

Sadness

Shock, particularly if the death was unexpected

Relief, if the death followed a long period of illness

Guilt and regret

Anger

Anxiety

Despair and helplessness

Depression

These feelings may be very intense, particularly in the early days and weeks. Time eventually helps these intense emotions subside, and there's no need to feel guilty about starting to feel better. It doesn't mean you're not respecting the person's memory or forgetting about them.

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the funeral. As soon as we have more information about this we will share the details with everyone.



- Liz Truss announcement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHWmP3EN1v0>

- BBC announcement

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_H9eobuKn

- The Queen's reign in numbers (The Economist)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IE-mJBWNXXw>

- The first televised Queen's Speech, 1957

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBRP-o6Q85s>

