

Value for this half term: **Perseverance**

Theme for this week (14 Nov - 18 Nov 2022): **Persevering to the end**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We have goals and are able to move towards them**

"We all have dreams. In order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort." Jesse Owens

You cannot have missed the fact that yesterday was Remembrance Sunday, marking the sacrifice made by so many, whether in the armed forces or on the Home Front, in conflicts from the Great War to today. As a nation, and individually, we remember those who did not come home, and those who came home changed and injured in body, mind, or spirit.

I have no words equal to the enormity of this loss and sacrifice. The numbers of the fallen are too large to make sense to a simple person like me, and it is understandable that we turn to the words of great writers to help us to make sense of the horrors of war.

First published in 1914 in the *The Times* newspaper, Laurence Binyon wrote his poem '[For the Fallen](#)' before the full extent of World War One's suffering and sacrifice became known, but some of the poem's words will be deeply familiar:

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."

Many of us will have paused to consider these words over the weekend, to echo the fourth line, and to wear a red poppy. Of course, the red poppy is not about victory, triumphalism or jingoism; it is the symbol of Remembrance and hope, worn by millions and calling to mind the fields of poppies which sprang up on the once barren battlefields. Striving each day to live well, to live "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10 & John 13:34) is one way that each of us can endeavour to honour those who gave their lives for us.

You may have already seen the pictures on Twitter? Thank you to all the students and staff who collectively marked Armistice Day in school on Friday, and walked together with the wider community during Harleston's Remembrance Sunday Parade.

## [A Prayer for World Peace](#)

O God of the nations,  
as we look to that day when you will gather people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel  
for the nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### Useful links and ongoing notices:

- The [school website](#) is a useful source of information.
- Please visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for news and updates.
- [Here](#) is a list of lunchtime and after-school clubs. Please note the change to football training: boys' football training is on Mondays after school; girls' football training takes place= after school on Wednesdays.
- Please note, all clubs are FREE and students do not need to sign up - they can just turn up on the day. For any lunchtime sports clubs, students should put on their trainers (they won't change into full sports kit). For after-school sports clubs, students will need to be fully changed into their PE kit.

### Key upcoming events:

w/b **Monday 14 Nov:** Anti-bullying Week (including wear 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday)

**Wednesday 16 Nov:** Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Event

**Friday 18 Nov:** Children in Need - students are invited to wear a yellow or spotty accessory, in addition to normal school uniform; please bring change for fundraising events at break and lunchtime.

**Thursday 24 & Friday 25 Nov:** Y11 Mock interviews (in school)

w/b **Monday 28 Nov:** Year 7 exercise books go home.

**Monday 28 Nov:** Year 10 Exams Pt1 commence (in class)

w/b **Monday 5 Dec:** Year 11 Parents' Evening - date to be confirmed

**Thursday 8 Dec:** Year 5 Christmas Activity Day (in the secondary phase)

**Monday 12 Dec:** Year 10 deadline for confirmed Work Experience [placement](#) (log in with your HSA email): hand form to your form tutor or Mr Ahrenfelt.

**Tuesday 13 Dec:** Music & Drama Christmas Showcase