We Will Remember Them

Queen Elizabeth's School Service of Remembrance. Former Captain David Hoyle, Chaplain Carole Gadsden with acting headteacher Katie Boyes, school cadets and representatives.

The young people of Queen Elizabeth's (QE) School in Wimborne joined forces with former students, governors, trustees and dignitaries for a moving Armistice ceremony.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the first ever two minute 11am silence, members of the Wimborne Academy Trust school gathered outside QE's landmark cross.

Cadets from the school were led out by former student, Lieutenant Charlie Young who is now with the 47th Regiment Royal Artillery, to begin the service with a march.

The gathered audience then listened to poignant pieces of music performed by QE's orchestra, including a stunning vocal performance from Year 12's Lottie Linter.

Acting headteacher, Katie Boyes, addressed the audience and said: "I believe it is now more important than ever that we take the time to remember those who have lost their lives and make remembrance as important for the young people today as it was so many years ago.

"Remembrance connects those who have died and been affected by the many conflicts since the First World War.

"It is something that touches people of all ages and backgrounds, those of different faiths and those of none.

“However, we remember the humble poppy remains unchanged – a universally recognisable symbol of hope, allowing us to remember the past whilst looking ahead to a brighter future.

“As a school our vision is of commitment to hope for a better future. We are only able to live with hope because of the great sacrifice of others.”

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QE’s head boy and girl – Jack Musselwhite and Yasmin Humby – read the famous World War One poem ‘In Flanders Field’.

They were followed by fellow students Alec Baldwin, Francesca Allman and Laura Churchill who gave further readings.

School chaplain, Carole Gadsden, read a passage from the Bible and led everyone to recite the Lord’s Prayer.

The school’s house captains each left a wreath of poppies before student Naomi Selby-Grace performed the Last Post and the two minute silence commenced.

Wimborne Academy Trust Chair, John Dickson, said: “This was an incredibly moving service and it was particularly poignant to see the young people of QE School take such an active role in it.

“As educators it is essential that we ensure our pupils and students learn of the sacrifices many men and women have made in past conflicts so we can enjoy our freedoms today.