

THE ROYAL SCHOOL ARMAGH (Founded in 1608)



Head Teacher:

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Dear parent or guardian,

I write to tell you about a special event that is scheduled to take place at our school next Monday, 8 September.

Royal Gun Salutes are the ceremonial firing of field guns to mark important occasions such as the King's birthday or his accession to the throne. Next Monday the Royal School, Armagh will host a Royal Gun Salute to mark Accession Day. The salute will be fired on the rugby pitch at 12:00 by the 206 (Ulster) Battery, Royal Artillery. It is rare that Royal Gun Salutes take place away from Hillsborough Castle and all pupils and staff of the school are invited to be present for this unique event. Unfortunately, attendance is by invitation only and we regret we cannot open the event up to members of the wider RSA community.

Pupils will be in place at 11:45, the salute will be fired at 12:00 and will conclude at 12:08. After the salute each year group will have an opportunity to view the guns and have a photograph taken with them. Adjustments will be made to the normal organisation of the school day to ensure that pupils can attend the salute and are able to get lunch after the salute before resuming classes. Obviously this event will be outside and I recommend that pupils bring a coat in case there is rain.

If you would prefer that your son or daughter does not attend the Royal Gun Salute they can be accommodated in the building. Please advise us in writing to slynd@c2ken.net that you wish them to be excused, you do not need to provide a reason.

We very much look forward to this special day in the history of the Royal School, Armagh.

Yours sincerely

Graham G W Montgomery
Headmaster