

Key stage 2

Pupil B – Piece C: a formal letter

Context: in response to the coronation in the summer of 2023, pupils discussed how they would address the new king and were tasked to write to him using an appropriately formal register.

His Majesty The King
Buckingham Palace
London
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Dear Sir,

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt condolences and sympathy towards Your Majesty on the death of your beloved mother. The vivid memory of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, will remain deep within our hearts and minds forever. Her faithful service to our nation was an inspiration not just to those who lived under her reign, but all across the globe. While I was saddened to hear of her passing, I am adamant that your reign will be just as memorable.

It will be a privilege to witness only the second coronation ever to be televised. I was surprised to discover that Westminster Abbey has been the traditional location of coronations since the year 1066. It is truly remarkable that the ancient ceremony of crowning our monarch has been passed down through generations and is conducted today as it was hundreds of years ago.

I am honoured to send Your Majesty sincere congratulations on this historic occasion. I would like to convey my hopes and wishes that Your Majesty will have a prosperous reign in the knowledge that you will continue to contribute to the welfare of the British people and the many countries that you and Her Majesty the Queen Consort reign over.

I appreciate how much time and effort you have devoted to charitable causes during your life; I trust that you will expand on this work now that you have become King.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

