



## BANNERS AND STANDS

The banner processions are an important part of our Leavers' Celebrations, and it will be so good to see the variety of colourful banners processing down the aisle once again. However, as many of you will know, displaying the banner effectively is always a problem. Hence the request for each school to bring a stand for their own banner.

We have had a wonderful selection of innovative banner stands at our past services which have helped to provide a colourful backdrop to the service. We are therefore once again, requesting **all schools to bring a stand for their banner** to the celebration. Schools will be asked to place their stands in position at the front before the start of the service.

All schools will be told when the banner receiver should take up their position next to their banner stand and at the same time the banner bearer/s will be told to go and collect their banners at the back of the venue. Pupils (both receiver and bearer) should remain at the front with their banners until all the banners are displayed. The service leader will then ask pupils to process back in pairs to their places.

The **banner bearers** need to be ready to collect their school banner **after the Prayer for the Offering and before the Headteacher's Prayer**. They will remain standing at the front of the venue until the final song when they will be led out by the Service Leader. **Banner receivers** are to collect their stands **AFTER the service**.

By doing it this way, it is hoped that once again all the banners will be able to stand on their own and therefore be beautifully displayed at the front of the venue throughout the service. The stands do not have to be big or ornate just operational and clearly labelled.

Many thanks  
Ruth Cumming  
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