

Dear Parents/Carers

Wednesday 27th January 2021 is Holocaust Memorial Day #HMD2021. The day commemorates the 76th anniversary of the liberation of the extermination camp on the 27th January 1945, Auschwitz in Poland where 1.1 million people were murdered over 4-5 years. The majority (around 960,000) were Jewish. Others murdered were Roma people and Russian soldiers. Around 230,000 children were murdered.

Holocaust Memorial Day, not only commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz but also remembers victims of other genocides around the world.

As part of the UCL Beacon School 2021 project which is focused on improving Holocaust education in our school and our community, we invite you to take part in the on-line Ceremony this year. The theme for this year is 'Be the Light in the Darkness'. It encourages everyone to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide.

The link to register is:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/uk-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-ceremony/>



We would also like to invite you to take part by placing a light in your window at 8pm on 27th January (where you can do so safely) and take a photograph. The photograph can then be sent to the school through HMD@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk where it will form part of a display commemorating #HMD2021 #LightTheDarkness.

We would love parent and carers to support us by spreading the word through our community and encouraging people to participate in such a worthwhile event.

Yours sincerely



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