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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to the Year 9 students to offer them a chance to participate in an exciting new project.

Have you seen the two-part BBC documentary – ***The Holocaust, My Family and Me?*** (available via iplayer). It followed 5 second or 3rd generation British Jews on a journey to discover the Holocaust related past of their families. The programme was fronted by Robert Rinder – who traced his grandparents' families' stories, his mother Angela Cohen – her father's family story, Louisa and Natalie Clein – her grandmother and aunt, Noemie Lopian, her mother's story as a hidden child and also Bernie Graham, who followed his grandparents and uncle's story. We used a short clip of it during the Holocaust Unit in Year 8.

The project involves Oakmoor School being allocated a strand or story from the series. We will be supported with materials, resources, links, challenges and activities to explore this link in depth. The idea is this project becomes ***'The Holocaust, their (Rinder and co) family, Me (the students) and Us' (Oakmoor School)***. The project will involve individual and group opportunities, enrich and support curriculum in a range of areas as well as build leadership, innovation, creativity whilst building confidence, emotional literacy and supporting competencies and skills.

Throughout the spring and summer, the students with our support would immerse themselves in the story, the activities and the associated opportunities. In July 2022, the schools involved would come together (physically, COVID permitting, or virtually) for each school to present and display their work.

We also have access and support from the filmmaker and director, along with a range of other expertise that will be revealed as the journey unfolds.

We are launching the project on January 24th to coincide with Holocaust Memorial Week.

The commitment from the students will be about 1 hour a fortnight when they would meet together after school and start work on this wonderful project. We have about 20 places available so if you would like your child to participate, please complete the slip below and return to Miss Sygrove or me.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs A Sutehall
Head of Humanities.

I would like my child to participate in the Holocaust Memorial Project ***'The Holocaust, their family, Me and Us'***.

I understand that there is an expectation of some time commitment by my child over the spring and summer term.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name of child: _____
