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Dear Parents/Carers,

After half term, Year 8 will be studying the Holocaust across their Humanities subjects. It will take around 2 weeks and during this time their regular RE, History and Geography lessons will be replaced by a lesson on the Holocaust.

You may be aware that last year we became a Beacon School for Holocaust teaching and in collaboration with UCL Holocaust Education, we wrote a new Scheme of Work for Year 8. In England, by law, children are to be taught about the Holocaust and is in fact the only historical event whose study is compulsory on the National Curriculum.

We know that our lessons are exceptional and the teachers delivering them have been through suitable training to deal with such an emotive and challenging subject. We do not use explicit material.

As a follow up to the teaching, in October, we will be taking Year 9 to the Imperial War Museum in London to visit the Holocaust Galleries, which is a new exhibit and will support their understanding of this event.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/the-holocaust-galleries>

As parents and carers, we encourage you to have a discussion with your child/ren about this subject. We need to ensure that it is treated with the maturity it deserves.

Unfortunately, those pupils unable or unwilling to display this maturity and sensitivity this subject deserves will be removed from the classroom and consequently, will not be invited to visit the Museum visit in October with the rest of Year 9.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Humanities