

14 January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Holocaust Memorial Week – 28th January 2019

Happy New Year and I hope this letter finds you well. I wish to inform you of several events which will be taking place within our Academy later this month. As you may be aware, Holocaust Memorial Day is on Sunday 27th January this year. As an Academy, we will be supporting this with our community being involved in several events throughout the following week.

The week will commence with Mr Hodgson, Assistant RE Curriculum Lead, delivering 'Torn from Home' assemblies to all year groups. The Anne Frank Trust will also be running a series of workshops with our Year 9 students. Students will also be trained as Trust ambassadors for the rest of the week. We also warmly welcome visitors from the Gateshead Synagogue who will be teaching our students about the experiences of Jewish people during the Holocaust. There will also be a guest speaker, Holocaust survivor Joanna Millan, who will speak about her experiences during our Memorial Evening.

There will be two events which will be held in school on an evening:

- **Wednesday 30th January (4-6pm) - Open Evening to view Anne Frank Trust and Artwork Exhibition. This is available to parents, all local parishes and the community.**
- **Thursday 31st January (7pm) - A Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Memorial Evening of poetry, music, prayer and guest speaker. This will require a booking. Please call 0191 2655290 or visit www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.com to secure a booking.**

Additionally, we are commencing the refurbishment of our Memorial Garden with the installation of a Holocaust Memorial Sculpture which will be a focal point for the week's proceedings. This has been kindly presented to the Academy by a local Sculptor.

Thank you and please contact me for any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Principal



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