

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

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RE: Holocaust Workshop

Dear Parent/Carer,

The History and Religious Education departments are leading a school trip for Year 9 students to Belsize Square Synagogue as part of their educational study of the Holocaust. As part of this trip they will be given a tour of the Synagogue; undertake short workshops; and, meet Holocaust survivors who will share their experiences with students.

We have received excellent feedback from the students who undertook this trip in previous years and we believe it is highly valuable to students' understanding of significant historical and religious events. It is also extremely important that all students attend in order to support their understanding in lessons.

Students in the S band (9.5, 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8) will visit the Synagogue on **Tuesday 11th February 2025**. Students in the H band (9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 form groups) will visit on **Thursday 13th February**.

Students must arrive on time to school at 8.40 am and go to the canteen where they will be registered and review the expectations and itinerary with teaching staff. We will be leaving the school site at 9.10am with the intention of arriving at the Synagogue by 10.00am. From school we will travel on the Northern Line from Hendon Central to Belsize Park and the Synagogue is a short walk from the station. We shall leave the synagogue at approximately 12.30pm, returning to school for lunchtime and for students to attend their period 6 lesson. The times apply to both days.

We recommend that they take a packed lunch as they might not be back in time for lunch and students who receive free school meals will still be able to access one. Students must be in full school uniform and it is advised that they bring a coat depending on weather conditions on the day of the trip.

Out of respect for the synagogue male students will be required to cover their head. In accordance with our uniform policy we will not allow hooded tops or baseball caps. Islamic prayer caps will be allowed. The synagogue will provide kippahs for those that require them.

There is **no cost** for trip including the travel to the synagogue and all sessions while we are there, and as we believe this is such an important topic, we hope all students in year 9 will be able to attend. However, we require parental/carers consent to take your child out of school on these days. **Consent can be given via your ParentMail account, please add the trip to your basket and select the consent option at checkout.**

By consenting to this trip your child is also committed to the school code of conduct on behaviour for educational visits. Please give online consent by 4th February.

If your child has any medical issues or needs that the school is not already aware of please contact Mr Meldrum on meldruma@hendonschool.co.uk or phone the school 02082029004 ext 266.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Meldrum (Head of Humanities)
Mr B. Sair (Head of History)