

HENDON SCHOOL

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'Learning Together Across the World'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

VE Day Commemorations on Thursday 8th May

We are writing to inform you that our school will be commemorating Victory in Europe (VE) Day with a range of special activities. VE Day marks the end of World War II in Europe on 8th May 1945. It is an important opportunity for students to learn about history and remembrance. We will consider the European experience but also those of former non-ally nations, which reflects the diversity of students and staff at Hendon School. We also take time to consider the value of peace and hope for the future.

To help bring history to life, we have planned a range of activities, including:

- Special assemblies throughout the week
- KS3 will have a history lesson about VE Day
- Students will have the opportunity to learn songs from the era
- Sessions about Hendon School during the war, including a diary extract from a student hearing about what it was like to hear that the war had ended.
- An opportunity to write a letter to a veteran from the second world war
- The canteen will be decorated as a 1940's venue and a special VE day lunch will be served
- Writing messages to form a display about Peace and Hope for the future

Some students will also:

- Take part in 1940's style PE lessons, including skipping and hopscotch
- Attend a workshop with a local historian, learning about Hendon in the war

Contributions from Home:

We would also love to include any stories or photographs from your own family history, relating to the World War II – including those that reflect life in all those countries involved, we would be honoured to include them in our display. It may be 80 years that has passed but it is important for our students to understand how World War II touched many members of our school community. If you would like to share them, please email scanned pictures or stories to wellbeing@hendonschool.co.uk or they can be given to Miss Doona by Wednesday 7th May so they can be included in our display.

We look forward to a meaningful and memorable day for all our students. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Noelle Doona
Assistant Headteacher – Community