



# Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Holocaust Memorial Day - 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Part of the national curriculum for Key Stage 3 History is to cover the Holocaust of the Second World War. At Biddenham we elect to focus not only on the genocide of the Second World War but have a collapsed curriculum day with our year 8s where students look at genocides across the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the present century. We tie this in with a focus of promoting the British values of tolerance, diversity and inclusion. These fit well with our school ethos and allow us to help students engage with some of the most complex events in modern history in a supportive environment.

On the day your child will engage in activities that range from creative use of art materials in a session linked to how the Norwegian people stood up to Nazi oppression to a silent debate when they will try and come up with ways to stand up to bullies and intolerance.

The day is tied in with the annual nationwide Holocaust Memorial Day on 27<sup>th</sup> January - the day that troops liberated the death camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. It is particularly important as this is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camps being liberated. The theme this year is 'Stand Together' - standing together against intolerance and discrimination. This year the day falls on a Monday so we are able to hold our event on the same day. At the end of the day your child will bring a workbook home containing the work they have done and we would encourage you to look through it with them and discuss some of the themes and the activities.

This will be our third annual Holocaust Memorial Day for year 8s at Biddenham and I hope that you will support us in engaging with discussions with your child about their experience of the day.

Yours sincerely,

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