



RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

A TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

Headmaster: T. G. Cahill B.Sc. (Hons)



11/01/09

Dear Parent,

We are writing to inform you of a visit to a local synagogue arranged for your son's year group by the History and RE Departments. The visit will take place on Wednesday 27th January at the Kingston and District synagogue and will focus on the 2010 Holocaust Memorial day and its significance to the students studies.

The aim is to offer students a unique opportunity to develop mutual respect and acceptance of diversity through hearing at first hand the moving testimony of a Holocaust survivor about his/her personal experience, and by participating in small facilitator-led workshops. Students will explore the relationship between the past and contemporary issues, which may relate to their own lives, such as racism, exclusion, discrimination and bullying – spreading to the wider issues of genocide and ethnic cleansing. They can learn how individuals can make a difference and how they both individually and as part of a wider group, can bring about acts of change.

The seminar and workshops meet the requirements of the National Curriculum for Citizenship, RE, History and PSHE. Prior to the visit, boys will spend time in lessons exploring issues related to the Holocaust to provide some degree of preparation for the day.

On Wednesday 27th January pupils will register as usual at school and then be taken by coach to the synagogue. Your son is invited to attend the **morning session** and will be back in school in time for lunch. He will therefore need to ensure he brings the necessary equipment and books for his afternoon lessons on that day. Although the synagogue is very generously not charging a fee for the event or the refreshments they are providing, a charge of £5.00 is necessary to cover the cost of coach hire and insurance. If you would like your son to attend we would be grateful if you could enclose either cash or a cheque (made payable to Richard Challoner School) with the reply slip in an envelope. Your son must hand this envelope to the school cash payment office as soon as possible.

Naturally we will be expecting the same high standard of behaviour demanded from pupils within school and in particular will demand a respectful and sensitive attitude from all pupils due to the sensitive nature of the issues to be addressed. All pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform and all the usual school rules will apply i.e. no mobile phone, MP3 players etc. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. We hope this visit will prove to be a very valuable and memorable experience for your son and appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss Greenway
Head of Religious Education

Mr Coll
Head of History

Name of student.....

MORNING SESSION

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Parents signature.....



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AFTERNOON SESSION

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