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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Holocaust Education Trust Lessons from Auschwitz

I would like to offer your child the opportunity to apply to participate in the Holocaust Education Trust's Lessons from Auschwitz programme. St Martin's School has two places available for Year 12 students.

Lessons from Auschwitz will offer students the unique opportunity to learn about the history of the Holocaust through a bespoke online learning environment, accessing artefacts, text, film, and a one-day Visit to Poland to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Students will consider the individuals whose lives were affected by the Holocaust and the relevance of the Holocaust today by:

- Taking part in two online seminars, led by experts in the history of the Holocaust and Holocaust education.
- Hearing directly from Holocaust survivors, who will share their personal experiences, including during a live survivor testimony and Q&A.
- Participating in a one-day visit to Poland.
- Considering the relevance of this history in today's world.
- Sharing what they have learnt within their school and wider community.

All Lessons from Auschwitz participants will be required to join two online seminars, and complete self-guided modules – all available via the LFA Online platform. At the end of the project they will devise their own initiative (their 'Next Steps') through which they can share what they have learnt and encourage others to ensure the Holocaust is remembered.

All online seminars last approximately 2.5 hours. At least one of these seminars will take place on a Sunday. Independent, online learning will be completed in the student's own time, and modules should take approximately 2.5 hours to complete in total. All projects take place over 9-10 days.

Participating students will require access to a computer, laptop or handheld device (tablet) to complete the independent learning journey and attend online seminars. Prior to the Project, all participants will receive an educational pack in the post, including hard copy materials. Students will still be able to take part in the Project without a smartphone.

The dates for the Lessons from Auschwitz Programme are:

- Orientation Seminar: Thursday 1 February 2024 (Online Seminar)



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- One-day Visit to Poland: Tuesday 6 February 2024 (London Stansted Airport)
- Follow-up Seminar: Sunday 11 February 2024 (Online Seminar)
- Next Steps Deadline: Monday 25 March 2024

Successful students will need to make their own way to and from Stansted Airport on Tuesday 6 February. They will not be accompanied by a teacher from St Martin's School. Instead they will receive full information from the Holocaust Education Trust and will be accompanied by their staff to and from Stansted Airport. The flight times are likely to be the first flight out in the morning and the last flight out in the evening. These will be confirmed by the Holocaust Education Trust.

The cost of the Lessons from Auschwitz Programme is £59. This will be paid via ParentPay if your child is successful. Students will also need valid European Union passport and European Health Insurance Card.

If your child would like to apply they need to email a letter to Mrs Frappell stating why they should be selected. Their email should be sent no later than Friday 12 January.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238300 or afrappell@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Frappell
Teacher of History