

'The Power of Words'

This was the theme for Holocaust Memorial day 27th January 2018. Pupils across the school had an extended assembly that explored both the Holocaust, with a focus on the experiences of one man Henry Wermuth, and the genocides that have occurred since. The message was a need to take responsibility to support individuals in our communities from persecution and discrimination. Students were encouraged to draw parallels with the effects of bullying and the 'power of words' in these situations.



Assemblies were complimented by a PHSE lesson on the core theme. The lesson focused on the life stories of Renie Inow (fled on the Kindertransport) and Sedin Mustafic from Bosnia. Pupils were given the task of writing a postcard to the individuals they had discussed expressing the impact their story had on them. These will be returned to the Holocaust memorial Trust.

Mrs Forbes

<p>When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.' Anne Frank</p>	<p>When you go there into the place that was a gas chamber but now looks like an underground car park, and you listen to the description, or you see the ruined sites that were the other crematoria, blown up so as to conceal the truth, you wonder about life and death, about remembering and forgetting.</p>	<p>When you go there and see the rails where the wagons stood, where the people were separated, some for death and some for death later, and you recall the words of prophets and of Christ himself, you know that it is all you can do: "You are my witnesses." Janet Lees</p>
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'I want to go on living even after my death! And that's why I am so grateful to God for having given me this gift, which I can use to develop myself and to express all that's in me. When I write I can shake off all my cares; my sorrow disappears; my spirits are revived.' Anne Frank, written in her diary, 5 April 1944

