

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

**Re: Holocaust Memorial Day**

As you may be aware, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 marks Holocaust Memorial Day. To commemorate this important event, Chase Terrace Academy has worked with the Holocaust Educational Trust to provide our students with a unique opportunity to learn about the events that unfolded 75 years ago. At **10:00am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, students will be given the opportunity to watch an online webcast from a Holocaust survivor, Eve Kugler BEM, who will share her story live to a selection of schools across the country. Chase Terrace Academy has secured a place as one of those schools.

This event was incredibly successful last year, in which the entirety of our Year 9 cohort gathered to watch a survivor tell their personal account of the Holocaust, their escape from Nazi Germany, and their hope for the future - 75 years after the end of World War II and the liberation of the death camps. Unfortunately, due to remote learning, we have had to reconsider how we deliver this to our students.

This year, if your son or daughter wishes to watch this webcast, we would advise that you are present. When teaching the Holocaust to our Year 9 students in-school, our History Teachers are present to support and guide them through the very sensitive and distressing events that may be recounted. As we can no longer be directly on-hand to offer emotional support to your child, we would advise that an adult is present to give additional emotional support.

As we impress on our students each year, the opportunity to hear a Holocaust survivors' testimony dwindles as each day passes. Since our last webcast in January 2020, 7 survivors have passed away, with only 20 still remaining in the UK. As the history of the Holocaust begins to fade away from living memory, it will be our collective responsibility to heed the lessons of the past and pass on Eve's story to future generations. The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is to "be the light in the darkness" – a call to kindness we hope you and our students will mark during these testing times.

If you and your child wish to watch Eve's testimony at 10:00am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, follow the link to the Holocaust Educational Trust's webcast page below, and use Chase Terrace Academy's unique password. If you are working in the day and cannot make this time slot, the webcast will be recorded.

Link: <https://het2021.stcast.tv/260/register>

Password: HET2021

Before the webcast, you and your child can submit questions for Eve to answer live during the session. Again, we would ask that you supervise your child in any questions or comments that they submit as this would normally be done by a member of staff.

If you or your child has any questions or concerns about the Holocaust after the webcast, please guide them to contact [M.Lloyd@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:M.Lloyd@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Mr M Lloyd**