

HaileyburyTurnford

15th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Belsen 75 Project

I am writing with further information on the Belsen 75 Project that your child is participating in. Participants in this project will attend two seminars, participate in a day trip to Germany to visit Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and will complete a legacy project within the school community.

As stated in the previous letter there are three days that students participating in the project must attend. Please see below for the details for each of these days:

Pre-visit Seminar – Sunday 2nd February, 13.00- 17.45

CCT Venues-Smithfield, Two East Poultry Avenue, Smithfield, London, EC1A 9PT

Learn about the historical context of Bergen-Belsen in relation to the Holocaust through testimony and archive material and prepare for the visit. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet their group and their trained Belsen 75 educator.

To attend this seminar we will travel by train and tube so students will need to purchase a travel card from the station on the day. We will need to meet at Cheshunt station at 11.15am. on this day, students should eat beforehand as there will only be a 20 minute break during the session. Students should be collected from Cheshunt station upon return.

One-day visit to Germany – Tuesday 4th February, from Stansted Airport

Visit Germany for one day to tour authentic sites and museum exhibits lead by Holocaust Educational Trust trained educators and expert site guides.

We will need to be at Stanstead at 4.a.m. in order to check in for the flight. In order to make travel arrangements easier for everyone I am happy to drive to the airport from school, we will need to leave school at 3 a.m. We are due back at Stanstead at 9p.m. and will then head back to school, students will need to be collected from school. Please indicate on the reply slip below if you are happy for your child to travel with me or if you wish to make alternative travel arrangements.

Reflections and Legacy Seminar – Sunday 9th February, 13.00-17.00

CCT Venues-Smithfield, Two East Poultry Avenue, Smithfield, London, EC1A 9PT

A half-day seminar for participants to reflect on the visit, explore the contemporary relevance of the lessons of the Holocaust and to consider how they will share their experience through the Legacy Project.

To attend this seminar we will travel by train and tube so students will need to purchase a travel card from the station on the day. We will need to meet at Cheshunt station at 11:15 a.m. on this day, students should eat beforehand as there will only be a 20 minute break during the session. Students should be collected from Cheshunt station upon return.

Once we have participated in these session we are required to design and carry out a Legacy Project to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen. The deadline for submitting this is the 15th March 2020. I believe that this will be an excellent chance for students to develop their knowledge of the Holocaust, as well as providing fantastic opportunities for them to work with the Trust in furthering Holocaust Education in our community. We are aware however that it could also be a challenging experience and students may need additional support when they return from Germany. There is no right or wrong way to react to the visit. Some



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students may return and need to talk about what they have seen and heard straight away. Others may find that they don't really have a reaction or that it takes some time for this to happen. The Reflections & Legacy seminar is designed to give students the chance to talk through these thoughts and feelings with their group. However it is also important that we understand these issues at school and at home.

Please be aware that whilst the visit is a long day, students may wish to talk about their experience when they arrive home, or they may wish to take a few days to reflect on the day before discussing their thoughts. Either way there is no right or wrong way to react to this visit.

The Belsen 75 Project team are highly experienced in dealing with the pastoral needs of students, and each group is led by a trained Belsen educator who students can speak to. They are happy to provide advice and support to students throughout all parts of the Project. You can reach the Belsen 75 Project Team on 0207 222 6822 and I hope that you will feel free to contact them if you would like to discuss the course in more detail. I will also be available for the students to speak to throughout the course and afterwards should students wish to discuss the course with me at school.

As a school we have been very impressed by the positive impact the course can have, not only for the students who participate, but also within our wider school community. I hope that the students will find the experience equally rewarding and I have confidence that they will be an asset to the Belsen 75 Project.

Yours faithfully

Miss H Allingham

Year Achievement Coordinator & Teacher of History

Please complete the reply slip below and return to Miss Allingham as soon as possible.

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I am happy for my child _____ to travel to Stanstead airport with Miss Allingham on 4th February 2020.

Parent/Carers signature: _____ Date _____

Contact telephone numbers on the day(s) _____

Any medical issues we need to be aware of:

