

30 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The History Department is delighted to offer an exciting opportunity for two Sixth Form Historians to take part in the Lessons from Auschwitz Project, run by the Holocaust Education Trust.

The *Lessons from Auschwitz* Project offers 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 involved 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

The total cost of the educational visit will be £61.00 and the payment deadline is Friday 16 December 2022. Students are required to be available on the following dates:

- Orientation Seminar (online) on Monday 30 January 2023 at 3:00pm
- One-day visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland on Wednesday 8 February 2023 flying from Exeter Airport at 6.30am.
- Follow-up Seminar (online) on Sunday 12 February 2023 at 1:00pm
- Project Deadline: Monday 20 March 2023

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. More details can be found at: [Holocaust Educational Trust - Lessons from Auschwitz Project \(het.org.uk\)](https://www.holocausteducationtrust.org.uk/lessons-from-auschwitz-project)

Please note that this project is entirely run by the Lessons from Auschwitz Project and, therefore, once students are registered, the Kings of Wessex Academy has no responsibility for students at any point in the Project and will not be able to offer transport or supervision at any point.

We are limited to registering two students only and expect demand to be high. We have, therefore, taken the decision to ask students to apply for a place by submitting one paragraph explaining why they would like to attend.

If you are happy to consent to your child applying for a place on this project, parents/carers are required to log into ParentPay where there will be a facility to give consent for this project. This will need to be completed by Monday 5 December 2022.

We will not be able to accept your child's application without a completed consent form. If successful, we will inform you by letter and request payment at this point.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F Shorrock
Head of Humanities Faculty