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Commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day – 27th January

This week's assemblies have reflected on the Holocaust Memorial theme, 'One Day' that prompts students to think about the significance of particular days in a genocide, for example the liberation of Auschwitz or the start of the genocide in Rwanda. It also helps them to think from the point of view of Holocaust survivors who work to build a better future for themselves, their loved ones and other survivors. During the assemblies students listened to the music of Alice Herz-Sommer, concert pianist who survived Theresienstadt concentration camp. [The recording of an interview with her can be found here.](#)

I would like to thank Ms Conway and the team of year 11 students for the leadership of these assemblies.

Vaccinations and teenage booster jabs

COVID vaccinations offered in school

In early February there will be a second opportunity for students aged 12-15 to have a Covid vaccination at school. This will include a second dose for those who had their vaccination last term and are eligible. Year 9 will also receive their teenage booster jabs next month. Letters and consent forms for these immunisation programmes will follow in due course. These vaccinations are voluntary and permission will be sought from parents before the vaccination teams come into school. Students aged 12-15 will not be given vaccinations without parent/carer consent.

Families who may not want to wait until the immunisation team visit school can book via the national booking system: [Another chance for 12-15 year olds to get vaccinated against COVID-19 - North Central London CCG](#) or attend local vaccination clinics at the Roy Shaw Centre, Cressy Road, 4.30-6pm on Friday 21st January or at the Peckwater Centre, Peckwater Street, on Thursday 27th January, also from 4.30pm to 6pm. Older students and family members are also welcome to receive vaccinations at these events.

The sentence underlined above refers to the regular 14+ booster jabs: are tetanus, diphtheria and polio given at the same time as meningitis (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>). These will be offered to Year 9 this half term, and to Year 10 after half term. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Year 11 6th form transition

Tomorrow, Saturday 29th January, we are hosting interviews for all William Ellis Year 11s to progress into LaSWAP. All students and families have been invited at an allotted time and these will take place in the 6th form centre. This is an important opportunity for students to respond to the feedback they have had from their teachers from their mocks and at parents' evening, to plan their next stage of study and to understand the entry requirements for those courses.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Izzy Jones', written in a cursive style.

Izzy Jones,
Headteacher