



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all the parents who have contributed towards the consultation on the new school day that I launched this week. We have received 432 responses so far, 137 of which are from parents. If you have not yet replied, then please do so by Friday 12th February.

Holocaust Memorial Day – 27th February

Watford Girls has had a long tradition of teaching about and then commemorating the Holocaust. Yesterday we should have been holding our annual memorial service as part of the Holocaust Memorial Day but for obvious reasons this could not go ahead; in its place I sent out the following assembly: <https://youtu.be/ToUv6UKhZ10>. On the 11th February, the Year 9 girls and the RS Department will adapt their Holocaust Education Day onto an online platform and if you are free, you could also join in on some of the talks. In my assembly I mention Steven Frank, who has been a parent, grandparent and friend of the school for many years. Steven is also a Holocaust survivor who has spoken to us about his experiences many times and the Year 9 girls will hear from him in the afternoon of the 11th February. His granddaughters are currently at Watford Girls and you may be interested to re/watch the Bafta-winning documentary that told his story: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/46932823>

Reasons to be proud

Well done to Layla in 7F who raised money for the Israel Guide Dog Centre, as part of her Bat Mitzvah. She started with a 24 hour blindfold challenge (a COVID friendly fundraising option!) which actually ended up lasting for 31 hours - and she experienced a little bit of what life would be like for a blind person. Her current total is £1,160, 136% above her original target. If you would like to find out more or donate, here is the link to her funding page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?serUrl=LaylaShaw12&pageUrl=1>

Best wishes,

Sylvia Tai