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Dear Headteacher

Holocaust Education In Schools

I am writing to you on behalf of Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) to remind you that Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on 27th January 2010 and to ask that your school marks this event in some way whether as part of an act of collective worship or through areas of the curriculum such as RE, History, PSE etc. Schools are encouraged to participate in Holocaust Memorial Day in order to remember the victims of the Holocaust and more recent genocides. It provides a framework to explore issues of morality, human reactions, individual experiences, responsibilities and larger questions of the role of governments and democracies

The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust produces materials specific to the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day. The theme for 2010 is '**The Legacy of Hope**'. It urges all people to look at their behaviour to others; to understand how hatred is directed against different minorities in Britain today and to explore how each person can help make our communities stronger and safer. Free educational resources are available and can be obtained from the website www.hmd.org.uk. Resources include lesson plans, film clips, collective worship/assembly material and worksheets suitable for primary to post 16 students. SACRE hope that you can make use of some of this material.

Holocaust Memorial Day is an annual event that takes place on 27th January each year and was established in the UK in 2000 with the first HMD held in January 2001. 27th January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp by soviet troops in 1945. Holocaust Memorial Day seeks to change the future by learning from and remembering the past. The British government, including the WAG, encourages schools and local authorities to commemorate this event in some way.

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Can I also bring to your attention that attention that Cardiff local authority is hosting an Anne Frank exhibition in November (5th - 29th November) and schools from local authorities in Wales are invited to attend free of charge. The exhibition is available Monday to Friday from 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. The exhibition will deal not only with issues of holocaust education but also contemporary issues of bullying and racism in schools and society. If your school is interested and would like more information you can contact www.cardiffmuseums/annefrank

I hope this information is useful to you and your school.

Yours sincerely

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