

# JOHN COLET SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

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## NEWSLETTER

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A termly update from the Head of Sixth Form & Prefect team  
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Happy Easter!

We hope you had a restful break. The Summer term is busy with exams, trips and work experience, lots to look forward to!

### Trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau

On February 21st, three year 13 students: Emily Moss, Jack Walker and myself (Chloe Phillips) visited the town of Oświęcim and Auschwitz-Birkenau with the Lessons from Auschwitz Project. We visited the last remaining synagogue in Oświęcim and a museum that focused on Jewish life before the German invasion in 1939. We took a guided tour around Auschwitz I, a labour camp, which held confiscated possessions from Jewish prisoners such as shoes, suitcases, and crockery. Other rooms displayed photographs taken upon the arrival of prisoners and a gas chamber and crematorium which we were able to walk through. The last place we visited was Auschwitz-Birkenau, where we walked along the long train tracks to the end of the camp and went inside the wooden barracks where people would sleep and wash. At the end of Birkenau were the remnants of the gas chambers that were destroyed by the Nazis, beside it was a memorial where we lit candles. We ended the day with Jewish prayers, poem readings and final words from the rabbi that accompanied us on the trip.

Although the day was both physically and emotionally challenging for all three of us, it was highly rewarding, and we recommend others who are interested to also visit Auschwitz-Birkenau if they get the opportunity. We were lucky enough to also hear from a Holocaust survivor named Janine Webber, who detailed her childhood experiences in hiding from the Gestapo and her life in the ghettos.

As part of our project, the three of us get to complete a next steps project where we educate others on what we have learnt from our experience. My article on the

importance of humanising the Holocaust can be found in the Colet Termly News on the school website if you are interested in giving it a read. Emily and Jack decided to give a presentation on what they learnt to the younger year groups.

### Year 13 sociology trip

This term the year 13 sociology class was granted the amazing opportunity to visit the Old Bailey court in London. They were given a tour of the historical building where they learnt all about the secrets and background of how the building came to be what it is today. The groups were even lucky enough to sit in on a few trials that included cases of murder and terrorism. This trip was helpful in consolidating the students' knowledge of the criminal justice system as part of their crime and deviance topic. Let's hope this puts them in good stead for their upcoming exams!



### PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 12

A reminder that Year 12 Work experience takes place between the 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Of June. We look forward to visiting our students in their chosen placements and hearing about what they have learnt.

### PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 13

Please see this guide from UCAS regarding Clearing, should it be needed:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/advice-parents-and-guardians/clearing-guide-parents>

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