Monday October 5th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our wider St Philip Howard Education (SPHE) programme, we are committed to nurturing every student's personal development and broadening their learning beyond the classroom. A key part of this work is our SPH Experience Days, which build vital life skills and prepare young people for responsible, thoughtful engagement with the world around them. We are delighted to confirm that the first of this academic year's two SPH Experience Days will take place on Wednesday 14th October for all Year 9 students.

On this day, students will visit the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Mansfield. This profound educational visit will deepen their understanding of this pivotal period in history, exploring the experiences of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, and will include the privilege of hearing a first-hand testimony from a survivor. The day has been designed to foster meaningful reflection on human rights, social responsibility, and the enduring importance of tolerance, empathy, and respect.

Contribution & Consent

To support the running of this important visit, we would be very grateful for a voluntary contribution of £10 per student. Please confirm your child's attendance and, if you are able, make the contribution via ParentPay.

Practical Arrangements

- Clothing: Full school uniform must be worn.
- Lunch: Please provide a packed lunch for your child. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them—no further action is needed.
- Travel & Timings: We will travel by coach. Students should arrive at school by 8.15am for an 8.30am departure. We expect to return to school by 3.45pm, subject to traffic conditions.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child benefit from this deeply meaningful and important educational experience.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ganderton-Burns

Deputy Headteacher