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LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ PROJECT

We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form students, **Jack Sharp** and **Zack Stuart**, who recently took part in the **Lessons from Auschwitz Project**— a national educational programme that helps young people learn about the Holocaust and reflect on its continuing relevance today.

Through a series of online seminars and a one-day visit to Poland, Jack and Zack joined students from across the country to explore the history of the Holocaust and to consider the importance of remembrance, tolerance, and standing up against prejudice in all its forms.

As part of the project, pupils visited sites of historical significance, including the former concentration and extermination camp **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, and heard the powerful testimony of Holocaust survivors — an experience that will stay with them for life.

Reflections on the Visit

Mr Phillips, Teacher of History

“Visiting Auschwitz with our students was one of the most profound and meaningful experiences of my teaching career. Walking through the grounds and seeing the remnants of the camp brought history to life in a way that no textbook ever could. It was deeply moving to witness the students’ thoughtful silence as they absorbed the enormity of what had happened there.

The trip not only deepened their knowledge of the Holocaust, supporting their A-Level History studies, but also encouraged them to think more carefully about the continuing issues of anti-Semitism and intolerance that still exist in the world today.”

Jack Sharp, A-Level History Student

"Visiting Auschwitz was an enlightening and eye-opening experience that gave me a completely new perspective on the Holocaust. Hearing personal stories from victims and survivors helped to humanise the events we usually only read about.

Spending time at both Auschwitz I and Birkenau gave us a true sense of the scale of the tragedy and the conditions people endured. It was a huge privilege — one that has had a lasting impact on my understanding."

Zack Stuart, A-Level History Student

"Going to Auschwitz-Birkenau was a very powerful experience. Seeing the Book of Names that filled an entire room, the piles of hair, glasses, and belongings, and the photographs of children who had lost everything created a haunting and unforgettable atmosphere. Seeing their faces — filled with loss and despair — gave me a different perspective on life and reminded me of the importance of remembering and learning from the past."

We commend Jack and Zack for representing our school with such maturity and thoughtfulness. Their reflections remind us all of the importance of education, empathy, and remembrance in ensuring that history is never forgotten.



Such is the importance of all our history, next week, on **11 November**, Northern Schools Trust schools come together to commemorate **Remembrance Day** with 2-minute silence in each school, together, as one.

Cadets from each school will be represented in uniform to lead a parade service that will be live streamed in each of our schools as a mark of respect. **Lest we forget.**