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Value for this half term: **Wisdom**

Theme for this week (22 January - 26 January 2024):

Making a Wise Decision

Life Skills theme for the week: **We have integrity**

Life in All its Fullness:

Last week, a number of our students went to the O2 Arena in London to participate in 'Young Voices', a magnificent symphony of voices that brought over 8,000 young singers. The concert, which aimed to celebrate the power of music and foster a love of singing among young people, exceeded all expectations, with singers from our school delivering an amazing performance.

Our Vision

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live

'Life in All its Fullness'.

(JOHN 10:10 AND JOHN 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.



GCSE Drama students experienced a powerful performance of 'The Woman in Black' last Wednesday, at the Theatre Royal in Norwich. The students were completely lost in the performance and talked about it all the way home - and some said they kept thinking they saw the spooky woman in black in the dark of the January evening!

Thank you to all students, staff and parents/carers involved in making these enjoyable and culturally enriching experiences such a success.

Another way for our students to get involved in the creative arts is for them to enter one or more of the competitions under the banner of 'Show Racism the Red Card'. There are opportunities to design, draw, or produce a piece of creative writing. Art teacher and Faculty Lead for Expression, Mrs Burgess is coordinating this and is very much looking forward to judging the entries!



In form time over the coming days, students will be marking 'Holocaust Memorial Day' (HMD).

Each year, people across the UK take part in a national moment for HMD. They light a candle in their window to remember those murdered and to stand against hatred today.

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This year's particular focus is the **'Fragility of Freedom'**: "Today many people in western democracies take freedoms for granted – this HMD, we can reflect on how these freedoms need to be valued, and on how many people around the world face restrictions to their freedoms to live, worship, work and love freely [...] On HMD 2024, we can all reflect on how freedom is fragile and vulnerable to abuse. As we come together in communities around the UK, let's pledge not to take our freedoms for granted, and consider what we can do to strengthen freedoms around the world."

This very short poem, by Moshe Szulzstein, calls to mind [the victims' shoes](#), that speak volumes to us across the decades:

We Are The Shoes

We are the shoes, we are the last witnesses.

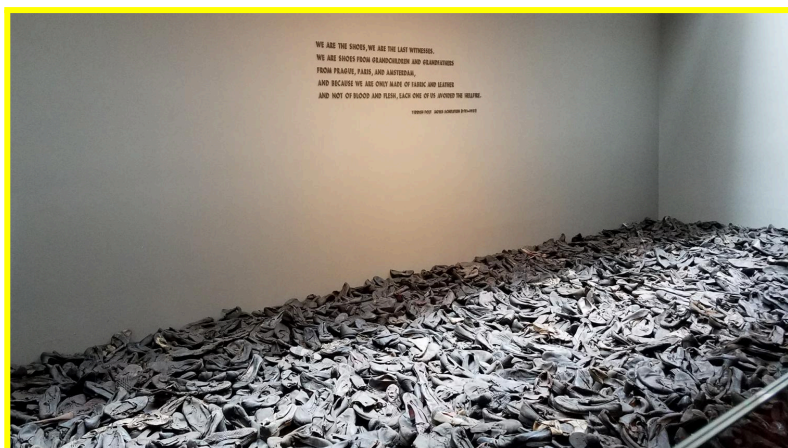
We are shoes from grandchildren and grandfathers

From Prague, Paris and Amsterdam,

And because we are only made of fabric and leather

And not of blood and flesh,

Each one of us avoided the hellfire.



"FYI - For Your Information":

This is the go-to source for health, wellbeing, and self-care for young people. Created by Norfolk and Young People's Health Services, **FYI** offers information, advice and quizzes for ages 11-24, covering a variety of topics.

- Health and Lifestyle
- Education
- Friendships and Relationships
- Emotional and Mental Health
- Home and Family Life

More information can be found [here](#).

Key dates for the next few weeks:

24 Jan: Camps International information evening - 18:00 start (for Y9/10 students and their families, who want to find out more about a potential [trip to Borneo, in 2025](#) (see attached letter).

25 January: Korean Day in the school canteen - enjoy a special day of Korean cuisine (see attached flyer).

29 Jan: KS4 Finance careers event

5 February: Harleston Players Youth Theatre meeting for those aged 10-15 years (see attached poster).

12 Feb: Y9 Drama workshop

15 Feb: Y9 Parents'/Carers' Evening

16 Feb: Y11 Geography Field Trip

School website and X/Twitter: The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [X/Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

On X and elsewhere, you might have seen the following post:

The Church of England [@churchofengland](#) - Did you know our Daily Prayer audio services were downloaded over 3.5 million times in the past year? The latest version of our free app now has services for 2024. Download or update free [here](#), or at <http://cofe.io/DailyPrayerApp>.

[Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day](#): To mark a previous HMD, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Senior Imam Qari Asim came together to write and share this special prayer.