

Holocaust Education Programme summary

Throughout the month of November, St Ninian's High School have been encouraging pupils to reflect on the Holocaust. Working in partnership with the *Gathering the Voices*, a charity project run by volunteers Hilary & Steven Anson, Claire & Howard Singerman and Angela & David Shapiro, an educational programme was developed for all pupils in the school. Pupils from S1-6 attended presentations from guest speakers who were direct descendants of Holocaust survivors. The presentations, although based on historical events, were made relevant to the young people of today through discussions around social media, the importance of kindness, moral choice and making the most out of life. In total 20 presentations took place as well as an Advanced Higher History Seminar.

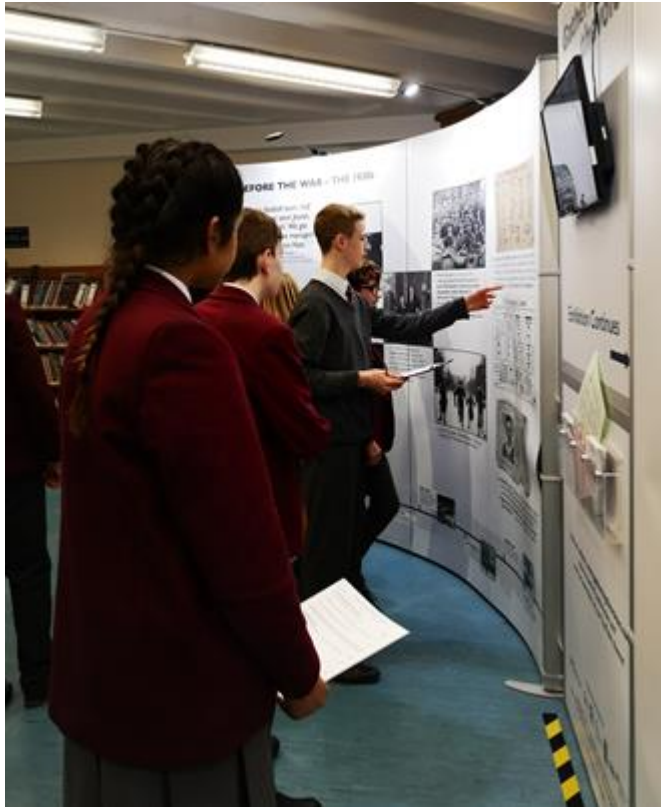
Twenty six pupils were trained as guides for the mobile exhibition that was developed from testimonies and images of Holocaust survivors and provides an excellent resource to support education about the Holocaust, The Second World War and the human experience of refugees. The pupils, leaders of learning, guided their peers from S1-6, through the exhibition providing background knowledge and inspirational stories of positivity and determination during awful times.

To complement the programme, an Information evening was held on Wednesday 20th November which was open to pupils, parents and staff of St Ninian's High School and East Renfrewshire schools. Rabbi Rubin of the Giffnock & Newlands Hebrew Congregation and Fr Stephen Baillie, school Chaplain and Parish Priest of St Joseph's RC Church were also in attendance. The evening gave an opportunity for staff to highlight the work that takes place to promote equality and respect. Guest speakers Hilary & Steven Anson and Claire & Howard Singerman gave powerful and emotive presentations about their family members who were survivors of the Holocaust. Rabbi Rubin also gave a thought provoking reflection.

The underlying message of the evening was *Respect for All*, a common theme promoted daily in St Ninian's High School.











1. BEFORE THE WAR - THE 1930s

We had a Jewish family full of the children were Jewish. We were very close. We got on very well and we were very happy to be together.



1. FROM KRISTALLNACHT TO WORLD WAR



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