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Dear Colleague

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Holocaust Memorial Day
Thursday, 25th January 2018

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Over the last few years, the Council and its partners have commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day by holding a service in Solihull. The service has developed year on year. The aim is for this Memorial Day to continue in 2018, involving Solihull's schools and colleges.

The power of words is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2018. The theme for HMD 2018 explores how language has been used in the past, and how it is used in the present day.

Schools and academies in Solihull are invited to:

1. Send two - three student representatives to the main service which will be held on **Thursday, 25th January 2017 (11:00 – 11.45am)**, in the Council Chamber at the Civic Suite, Solihull. Students should be accompanied by one member of staff;

2. Visit a sapling taken from the tree that Anne Frank could see from her hiding place in Amsterdam which is planted at Solihull School and listen to a short talk about how this came to be immediately after the service;

3. Hear about the experiences of a Holocaust survivor at The Core in Solihull Library, Homer Road, Solihull at the following times:

   1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Year 6
   2:15 pm – 3:15 pm – Secondary/College

If you would like to send representatives, please notify my colleague, Kim Sherlock, at seis@solihull.gov.uk , confirming numbers and names by **Monday, 15th January 2017**.
To support your school, should you wish to organise any activities, please visit the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust website http://hmd.org.uk/content/order-or-download-activity-pack . More material is available from the Holocaust Centre site, http://holocaustcentre.net/. We would also be very interested to learn of planned activities.

Please get in touch if there are any queries.

Yours sincerely

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