



Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place on January 27th each year. Each year we remember the lives lost in the Holocaust and all across the world. The Memorial Day was founded to recognise the struggles of those who perished and to use the opportunity to learn from past mistakes.

The theme for this year is **One Day**. The **One Day** that changed millions of lives forever, the **One Day** that extinguished so many lives. The survivors taking **One Day** at a time to come to terms with what had happened. **One Day** in the future when humanity will learn from the mistakes of the past and there will be no more genocides.

Allah the Almighty shows us the sanctity of life and places great rights on us to respect one another- In the Quran the Almighty says- “whoever kills a person is as if he has killed the whole of humankind, and whoever saves the life of a person is as if he has saved the life of the whole of humankind.” (Surah Al-Maidah: 32).

At Eden Girls’ School, we have a comprehensive programme during January commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day. The programme for this academic year is as follows:

	Activity	Description
1	Art	Pupils will create HMD inspired artwork whilst exploring themes from the Holocaust. The artwork will be displayed across the school.
2	History	Pupils in Year 7 will receive a lesson on the Holocaust and other genocides across the world. They will learn about the story of Mindu Hornick and Terry Farago and their experiences of Auschwitz. Genocides in Bosnia, Rwanda, and Darfur will also be explored.
3	Pastoral activity	A form activity focussing on the Holocaust, and in particular a survivor’s story. - John Fieldsend BEM. The biography of John will be discussed as well as discussion in readiness for the memorial assembly.
4	HMD event – Draper’s Hall in city centre	Members of the student leadership team will represent the school at the annual Memorial event taking place at Draper’s Hall this year. The students will take part in the event by presenting the winning entries from the Creative House competition.
5	Assembly	A Holocaust survivor John Fieldsend BEM will deliver a whole school assembly. The main theme will be looking at John’s life experiences and how the Holocaust impacted his life.
6	Creative House competition-	A whole school competition where students will use their creativity through language or Art to express their thoughts on the genocide.