



Joseph Swan
Academy

1st November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer



Due to the success, student engagement and involvement in our Remembrance Respect Day in 2016, this has been further developed for 2017.

On Wednesday 8th November our Concert for Remembrance will take place in the Academy. The Academy Band, the Band and Bugles of Durham ACF and choirs from Kells Lane Primary School, Harlow Green Primary School, Oakfield Junior School and Kelvin Grove Primary School will be involved. Tickets will be £4 from the Academy Reception.

On Thursday 9th November it will be our **Colours of Remembrance Day** with students and staff wearing Red and Black for a small donation. Year Teams will also be having events linked with Remembrance during Period 1.

Friday 10th November is our Remembrance SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development) Day. Students will see the work of the Royal British Legion and other welfare organisations. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in additional sessions such as to see military vehicles from past and present, the Great War Trench Exhibit and a Spitfire MK805. Students can participate in climbing activities and undertake a physical training session delivered by the Royal Marines. In addition, we have sessions with the Royal Fusiliers Regiment, the Military Intelligence Team, the Royal Navy, the Army, the British Legion Riders, the Royal Artillery and have input into a Remembrance Art installation. We have also worked closely with Beamish Museum for this special day.

Most importantly, students will have the opportunity to plant a dedicated cross in our memorial area within the Academy grounds. Students are currently researching who they will dedicate their cross to. (Other religious symbols have been made available).

This is a very important day for our Academy and I would like all of our students to participate. I do hope you support us with this. This day will finish with an Academy Remembrance Service at 2.35pm.

I do understand, however, that some parents may wish to withdraw their sons/daughters from the day for a number of different reasons. If you wish to do this, please email the Academy Administration Manager, Mrs Atkinson, at andreaatkinson@josephswan.org.uk and we will organise alternative arrangements.

I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss H. E. Scott
Head Teacher

