

CWA/KRE/GHA

25 April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: The Recent Visit by Mr Leslie Kleinman**

As your child will no doubt have discussed with you already, on Friday 29 March, Plume Academy was most fortunate to be visited by Mr Leslie Kleinman, a survivor of Auschwitz and Dachau Concentration Camps as well as the associated 'Death March'.

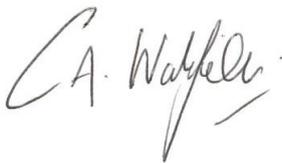
Mr Kleinman spoke to the whole of Year 9, a significant number of staff, Trustees and members of the Rotary Club of Maldon for nearly two hours. As you can imagine, on a number of occasions, the nature of the content was, as one would expect, extremely harrowing to say the least, whilst on other occasions, very sad. However, it is with great pride that I inform you that without exception, every single student who sat before and listened to Mr Kleinman behaved in an impeccable manner and whilst paying the utmost respect to this somewhat incredible man.

To further add to the quality that Year 9 showed last term, the most mature, sensitive and intellectual questions were asked by representatives of the year group and as a result, further allowed Mr Kleinman to share with all present his somewhat unique and personal experiences, thoughts, views and opinions.

After spending 25 years in what to me is a truly fantastic profession, I have been most fortunate to witness, be part of and engage in some quite wonderful events and activities. However, the talks provided by Mr Kleinman are one of the highlights of my time in teaching thus far. Therefore, the fact that I am able to write to the whole of the year group's parents and carers not only says a great deal about the students that I am most fortunate to work alongside every day but, as I have said before, the students' respective families as well.

I feel honoured that our students have put me in the position to be able to write such a letter and it has only made me further realise that Plume Academy and its associated stakeholders really are a very special group of people.

Yours sincerely



Mr C A Wakefield

Principal