



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent / Carer

At St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and College we are committed to anti-discrimination education and to ensuring our students grow into accepting, respectful and inclusive adults who embody the Gospel values. Following our designation by UCL as a Beacon School for Holocaust Education in 2018, I am pleased to inform you that we have now also been selected to become one of 13 link schools with the Anne Frank Trust.

The Anne Frank Trust is a UK charity which uses Anne Frank's life and diary as a starting point to empower young people with the knowledge, skills and confidence to challenge all forms of prejudice and discrimination. A recent evaluation of the Anne Frank Trust's schools programme showed that 97.2% of the young people involved became more positive to at least one group of people different to themselves.

This year the Anne Frank Trust asked schools to apply for link-status which would enable schools to access a range of educational workshops, their ambassador programme and bespoke staff training for a period of three years. In order to be successfully selected, schools had to demonstrate an exceptional commitment to anti-discrimination education.

The link school status will enable your child to take part in workshops and exhibition events over the coming years themed around challenging different forms of prejudice and discrimination. Within this academic year:

- **November 2021-** 30 Y8 pupils participated in a 2-day programme called Voices for Equality in which they examined modern forms of discrimination. The presentations created by students will be used in assemblies across the spring term.
- **March 2022-** Students who participated in the Voices for Equality programme will be able to apply to become national Anne Frank Ambassadors with up to 6 being selected
- **March/April 2022-** every Y9 class will participate in a 1-hour workshop themed around homophobia and gender equality led by staff from the Anne Frank Trust
- **March/April 2022-** Y12 students studying History, Politics or Sociology will be able to apply to be Equality Ambassadors and will be given additional responsibilities in helping to facilitate future workshops
- **May/June 2022-** students from Y7 will participate in a full day programme called "My Story" examining the diary of Anne Frank
- **Across the year-** staff will receive additional training in how to challenge discrimination and prejudice within school



We are delighted to have been selected to be part of the link school programme and we hope that our partnership with the trust will enable our students to be beacons of social justice and equality for all.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Harrison  
Subject Leader of History, Sociology and Politics

