

Mrs Newman

We took a group of Year 10 and 11 students to visit Auschwitz and Birkenau Concentration Camps. It was a very informative and thought-provoking trip. As we walked around Auschwitz there was a quiet eerie sadness, our students were all very respectful and walked in silence. I was shocked to be standing in the exact spot all the atrocities had happened. It was particularly poignant visiting the death chamber and crematorium knowing the history of what had taken place there.

It was very interesting hearing the personal account from the Holocaust survivor who was just a child when she escaped with her family to Brazil. She spent most of her life in Brazil, returning to Poland at the age of 86, following a family member.

Visiting the camps and hearing the account from the survivor brings the history of the events to life and I will now never forget the extent of the suffering of the Jews and other prisoners at the hands of the German soldiers.