

Holocaust survivor pays visit to school



SCHOOL pupils have been learning about the Holocaust from a survivor.

Year nine students from Ysgol Bryn Alyn, Gwersyllt, heard a first-hand testimony from Mala Tribich as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

She was born in Poland in 1930 and as a teenager was sent to a concentration camp.

The talk was followed by a question and answer session enabling students to better understand the nature of the Nazi atrocities and to explore their lessons in more depth.

The visit was part of the HET's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Brian Whiteley, headteacher at Ysgol Bryn Alyn, said: "It is a privilege for us to have welcomed Mala Tribich to our school, and her testimony will

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remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced.

"We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Mala's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust, and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the trust, said: "The HET educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor.

"Mala's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing her testimony, students will have had the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead.

"At the trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

■ Ysgol Bryn Alyn Year 9 pupils were given a talk by Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich as part of their curriculum for geography, RE and history. (SR190314C)

