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## Year 9 History lessons and the use of vetted scenes from 15 Certificate films

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Dear Parents/Guardians

In Year 9 History, students cover the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including some sensitive topics on the two World Wars and the Holocaust. The use of film in History lessons has been a long-established method of teaching and often helps students to imagine what it must have been like much better than a textbook ever could. Showing selected scenes from these films can also maintain students' interest and offer a more realistic interpretation. Some of these films carry a 15 certificate, as they show suggested scenes of violence in them. We wish to give notice that your child will be shown scenes from the following 15 certificate films this year, with the scenes carefully selected and vetted for their appropriateness.

### WW1 TOPIC: -

- 1) '1917' (2019) giving an account of trench warfare. Students will watch scenes of battle in the trenches and No Man's Land - <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8579674/>
- 2) 'Passchendaele' (2007) looking at the state of the battlefield - <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1092082/>

### WW2 TOPIC: -

- 1) 'Saving Private Ryan' (1998) opening scene of the D-Day landings at Omaha Beach - [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120815/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsrg\\_0](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0120815/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_0)

### THE HOLOCAUST: -

- 1) Schindler's List (1993) – Some of the scenes of the arrival and processing of prisoners at Auschwitz: - [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0108052/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsrg\\_0](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0108052/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_0)
- 2) The Pianist (2002) – Scenes of the liquidation of the Warsaw ghetto: - [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0253474/?ref=fn\\_al\\_tt\\_1](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0253474/?ref=fn_al_tt_1)
- 3) Escape from Sobibor (1987) – This is the 1987 version, and not the unsuitable 2018 version. Students will watch the whole film (two and a half lessons) of the true story of how prisoners escaped the Nazi death camp in Eastern Poland. There are suggested scenes of violence without seeing the actual graphic detail. This film provides context and visualisation of the perpetrators and the crimes committed in the Holocaust. The teacher will pause the movie in several places and explain the context. We offer a visit to Auschwitz for students who study GCSE History in Year 11. This film goes some way in preparing students for what they will see. [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092978/?ref=mv\\_sr\\_srsrg\\_0](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092978/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_0)

We will also discuss with the students beforehand what they will see to make sure there are no surprising scenes.

However, if you do not wish for your child to see scenes from the movies above then we will of course provide alternative work for them using the course textbook on the events depicted in the films. They will be accompanied in another classroom by a member of staff or with them in the history office.

Please do contact me if you have any further questions or wish to exempt your child from watching these scenes. My email is [t.martin@allhallows.org.uk](mailto:t.martin@allhallows.org.uk)

Kind Regards

Mr T. Martin

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