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Dear Mr Arnold

Theresienstadt Exhibition and Talk

I have great pleasure in inviting you to an Exhibition and Talk at the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School on Thursday 29 April 2010, which will begin at 19.30 in the Bourne Hall Foyer.

During the Second World War, Theresienstadt (Terezin) was a transit camp for thousands of Czech, Austrian and other Jews. Used by the Nazis to convince the International Red Cross that the Jews were being well looked after, in reality Theresienstadt saw much suffering and death, claiming over 30,000 lives and sending on many more to die in Auschwitz and other extermination camps.

In 2004, Hannelore Brenner wrote *The Girls of Room 28*, the story of the 13- and 14-year-old girls who were housed in Room 28, a dormitory in Theresienstadt. It tells a remarkable story of ordinary life - the friendships and difficulties of adolescence - and an extraordinary education that they received. We are therefore delighted to announce that Hannelore Brenner and the English translator, Gabriel Fawcett, will be joining us for the evening. We are even more privileged to advise that Helga Pollack, a survivor of Room 28, will also join us to discuss her memories.

I do hope you will be able to join me at this exhibition and talk. If you know of any member of your community with a particular interest in Theresienstadt, perhaps you could pass on the invitation. Please simply email the Head of History, Dr Roy Sloan, at sloan_r@habsboys.org.uk to register your attendance (we have limited space so we must ask attendees to register their interest).

Yours sincerely

Dr Peter Spence
Director of External Relations

