



# UCL BEACON SCHOOLS IN HOLOCAUST EDUCATION: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

*“A year on, the programme has gone way beyond my expectations. The impact... has been quite incredible. I have learnt so much! The highlight of a 29 year career.”*  
History teacher

## TRANSFORMING TEACHING & LEARNING

The UCL Beacon School programme is the most effective teacher development programme in Holocaust education in England. A partnership in which the world’s leading university for education helps schools to transform their pupils’ understanding of this complex and emotionally-challenging subject.

## What is the UCL Beacon School Programme?

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Each year, up to 20 secondary schools are invited to embark on one of the most ambitious school development programmes in England.

- Expenses-paid four-day residential seminar in London
- Expenses-paid teacher study visit to sites of the Holocaust in Poland
- Free CPD for school staff
- Exceptional teaching and learning materials
- Ongoing support from a personal mentor at the world's leading university for education.



**UCL is ranked the world's top university for education  
QS World Rankings 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018**

## What does it cost?

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The programme is provided to schools free of charge, and includes the cost of hotels, flights, excursions, meals, CPD, venues, and university expertise and consultancy.

## Why would a school apply?

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This is an opportunity for your school to partner with the world's top-rated university for education, to raise the quality of learning and expectations in your school, and to help your students to become more engaged in their own learning and more independent, critical thinkers.

UCL Centre for Holocaust Education, established in 2008, is part of University College London, the UK's foremost institution for educational research, theory and practice and rated the world's leading university for education for the last five years running in the QS World Rankings. UCL Institute of Education has been judged Outstanding by Ofsted at every level and on every criteria of Initial Teacher Education.

UCL Centre for Holocaust Education combines extensive research into classroom needs with a teacher development programme and effective educational resources specifically designed to meet these challenges.

## Aims of the Beacon school programme

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Enabling young people to deepen their understanding of the significance of the Holocaust and to explore its relevance for their own lives and the contemporary world.

- **Demonstrating the value of teaching and learning about the Holocaust** to broader educational goals such as pupil engagement and achievement; SMSC; active, democratic citizenship; and pupils' development of independent and critical thinking.
- **Establishing Beacon Schools as dynamic hubs within school networks**, models of how teaching and learning about the Holocaust can make a major contribution to young people's education.
- **Raising the status of Holocaust education in schools**, embedding it within schools' ethos and ensuring it becomes a priority area in the curriculum.
- **Supporting schools in the development of more powerful Schemes of Work**, linking aims, outstanding educational resources and advanced pedagogical approaches to clearer understandings about pupil progress and robust forms of assessment.

## How to apply

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Please complete the expression of interest form, and **return to Shazia Syed at [holocaust@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:holocaust@ucl.ac.uk)**. Should you be shortlisted, we will invite you to submit a full application for Beacon School status.