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Hotel Rwanda: Year 8 Religious Studies

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of the 'Introduction to Philosophy' scheme of work in Religious Studies, students will be using the film Hotel Rwanda as a case study of suffering in the world, which will be shown over two Religious Studies lessons in November.

The film which is 12 rated focuses on the work of Paul Rusesabagina (played by Don Cheadle) who uses his position as a hotel manager to save people from the Rwandan Genocide that took place during 1994. Whilst there is reference to the slaughter and devastation that took place during the Genocide there is little violence in the film. Instead it shows the impact that it had upon the lives of Rwandans and the acts of both good and evil that took place.

Students will be using the film to examine the problem of suffering and evil for the existence of God – if God does exist, why do bad things happen in the world and do we have a duty to stand up against what we know is wrong? Whilst watching it, they will be answering evaluation questions and then completing a piece of extended writing at the end. This work will then be referred to during the GCSE course.

If you would prefer your son / daughter not to watch the film then please contact Miss Partridge (partridge@plympton.academy) and alternative arrangements will be made for them.

Yours faithfully,

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