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Safeguarding Notice

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January 2024: Understanding World Events

Dear Aspiring and Established Hospitality Professionals,

In today's world, we often hear about conflicts and challenging events, like the recent situation involving Hamas in Israel. It's normal to have lots of questions and feelings about these topics, and we're here to help you navigate through them.

Discussing World Events in Class

Your Voice Matters:

Class is a safe space where you can share your thoughts about global events. Whether you're just learning about these issues or have a lot to say, your opinions are valuable.

Understanding Complex Issues:

It's okay not to have all the answers. Discussions in class are opportunities to explore different viewpoints and learn together.

Resources for Learning:

Trusted Sources:

When reading news, it's crucial to check the reliability of the source. We encourage you to use news stories from trusted outlets as a foundation for class discussions.

Organisations to Explore:

Check out resources from groups like:

- Community Security Trust (CST) - <https://www.cst.org.uk/>
- Stand Up! - <https://www.standupeducation.org/>
- Solutions, Not Sides - <https://www.solutionsnotsides.co.uk/>
- FODIP - <https://www.fodip.org.uk/>

For more detailed information on the current situation, the BBC has an informative article: [BBC News on Hamas in Israel](#).

Understanding the Role of Prevent in Our Discussions

Prevent and Its Importance: In our conversations about world events and conflicts, it's essential to understand the role of the Prevent strategy. Prevent is part of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, aiming to stop people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism. As we discuss sensitive topics, it's important to be aware of how extremist ideas can spread and how they can be challenged. Prevent encourages us to think critically about what we hear and read, and to understand the importance of tolerance and respect for others' views, while being alert to the

dangers of extremism. Understanding Prevent helps us maintain a safe and supportive environment in our community.

Our Top Tips:

Critical Thinking and Media Literacy

Fact vs. Opinion: In the age of social media, it's important to distinguish between real news and misinformation. Develop your media literacy skills to understand the difference.

Respectful Debates & Diverse Perspectives

Safe Space for Debate: Classroom discussions are a great way to learn from each other. Remember, it's about respecting different viewpoints, not about personal disagreements.

Tackling Insensitivity: If discussions lead to insensitive remarks, it's important to address them promptly. Our goal is to maintain a respectful and understanding environment.

Empowering Your Political Expression

Balanced Political Activity: If you're passionate about these issues and want to express your political views, remember to do so respectfully and thoughtfully.

TELL MAMA

TELL MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and is a public service which also measures and monitors anti-Muslim incidents. It is not meant to be a replacement for the Police Service. In an emergency, please call 999.

<https://tellmamauk.org/>

CST

Community Security Trust (CST) is a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats. CST received charitable status in 1994 and is recognised by police and Government as a unique model of best practice. CST has over 90 full and part-time staff based in offices in London, Manchester and Leeds.

<https://cst.org.uk/>

Parting Thoughts

Stay curious and informed, and remember, your voice is a powerful tool in understanding our world!

Best wishes,

The Safeguarding Team