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INTERFAITH EXPLORERS



Dear Pupils,

Hello, my name is David, a Jew who was born in a Muslim country called Iran. As a teenager of about your age I was blessed to have enjoyed the hospitality of my many Muslim friends. I then travelled to study in the USA and the UK. In my busy life I continue to meet many different people who teach me a great deal.

These people often come from cultures and faiths different to my own, but many I consider as my good friends, and we get on like a family.

Before you head off to secondary school, where you will meet a lot of new people, I would like to challenge you to join me on a voyage of exploration into understanding each other. In particular, the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths, the Abrahamic religions which represent the beliefs of over half the whole world. These faiths actually share a great deal.

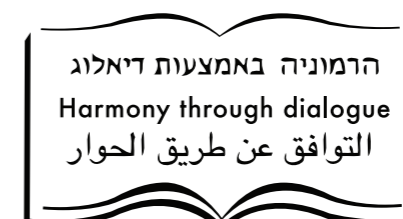
I believe most problems in the world come from us not understanding each other properly. It is my dream that people respect each other and their way of life even if it may be very different to what we know and believe.

For this to happen we must all try to learn more about the people who we share our country and our world with.

I hope you take up my challenge, enjoy your learning and that your teachers provide you with the opportunity to exhibit and present your findings to your families. I also really look forward to seeing what you have discovered on your journey when you enter our competition.

My best wishes go to you, and your family, your teachers, and your friends.

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