

Creating Spaces to Remember and Reflect

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, our schools team has been creating special *Soul Spaces* at Saffron Walden County High School and Birchwood High School — gentle, reflective areas designed to help students pause, remember, and engage with the deeper meaning of this time.



Remembrance is such an important time for us all. It's about honouring those who have served and sacrificed in the protection of our nation — recognising their courage, their bravery, and the cost of peace. But it's also a time to look forward: to learn from the past, to consider the impact of conflict today, and to nurture hope for a more peaceful world, a world that God created and loves.

Up on the mezzanine by the Sixth Form and in the main library, our interactive *Soul Spaces* invite students to *do something tangible* — to pause, to tie a ribbon, to read, to reflect, to remember. Many choose to honour members of their own family who served, while others reflect on those still suffering in global conflicts today.

These *Soul Spaces* are created with sensitivity and care — rooted in faith, yet inclusive and accessible to all. They offer students and staff a quiet, sacred space in the middle of a busy school day; a chance to reflect, remember, and let hope flourish.

We've been deeply encouraged by the feedback in past years. Students and staff alike have expressed genuine gratitude for having "a very otherly moment" in school — a space that feels different, meaningful, and safe.

Thank you for making this possible. Your ongoing support allows us to create these moments of reflection and peace in our local schools — moments that speak deeply to young hearts and minds.

