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Prince Harry urged to apologise in person for Nazi garb

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Prince Harry is being urged to personally apologise for dressing up in Nazi uniform at a fancy dress party while his place at Sandhurst has been questioned by some politicians.

The third in line to the throne wore the desert uniform of Rommel's German Afrika Korps, including swastika armband and a badge of the German Wehrmacht, to the party in Wiltshire last Saturday.

It comes in a year when members of the Royal family alongside war veterans will mark the end of the Second World War and just two weeks away from the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp.

Prince Harry, 20, has been urged to visit the death camp to see what was done by the Nazi regime.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre, one of the largest international Jewish human rights organisations, issued a hard hitting statement in which it described the stunt as a "shameful act displaying insensitivity".

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the centre, added: "We strongly urge Prince Harry to accompany the British delegation on Jan 27 to the Auschwitz death camp to commemorate 60 years since liberation. There he will see the results of the hated symbol he so foolishly and brazenly chose to wear."

Tony Blair's official spokesman said "clearly an error was made".

He added: "That has been recognised by Harry, but I think it's better that this matter continues to be dealt with by the Palace."

Last night the prince said in a statement: "I am very sorry if I caused any offence or embarrassment to anyone. It was a poor choice of costume and I apologise."



Prince Harry pictured in uniform at the party

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But Doug Henderson, Labour backbencher and former armed forces minister, said the incident demonstrated that the prince was unfit to train as a British Army officer at Sandhurst.

He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "It is a straightforward Nazi armband, and I think that would offend an awful lot of people who fought in the Second World War and relatives who lost people in that war, and I really think it disqualifies Prince Harry from Sandhurst."

Michael Howard, the Conservative leader, said he too believed that Prince Harry should apologise in person for the offence he had caused.

Mr Howard told the Today programme: "I think a lot of people will be disappointed to see that photograph and it will cause a lot of offence.

"Prince Harry has apologised. I have no doubt that his father and his family will have a good deal to say to him in private. I think it might be appropriate for him to tell us himself just how contrite he now is.

Dicky Arbiter, former royal Press spokesman, said: "In this circumstance, with Holocaust Memorial Day coming up very shortly, a written apology is not enough.

"If he now wants to be considered an adult, he has got to behave like an adult, and he has got to apologise in person, through radio and television."

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