



Young and old come together to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in Warwick. 0524002MMR

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LEFT: Year 12 Kings High School student Henrietta Jefferies reads her poem. 0524002MMR



RIGHT: Aylesford School pupils Chloe Wan and Lucy Bicknell take to the stage. 0524002MMR

Pupils join gathering for Holocaust Memorial Day



Mayor Oliver Jacques lays a wreath for Holocaust Memorial Day. 0524002MMR

YOUNGSTERS helped mark Holocaust Memorial Day in Warwick.

by Philippa Mingins

Pupils from schools across the district gathered on Friday January 26 for the annual street event, which featured a short service of remembrance, poems and readings.

The service, at Warwick War Memorial in Church Street, was held the day before the national event on Saturday January 27 so school children could be involved.

King's High pupil Henrietta Jefferies read a poem she has written herself addressing this year's theme - Fragility of Freedom.

There were also readings by pupils from Myton School

and Warwick School. Aylesford School pupils talked about their involvement in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Children from other Warwick schools including Coten End School, Budbrooke and Evergreen school also attended along with Warwick and Leamington MP Matt Western, Warwick mayor Coun Oliver Jacques and other civic leaders.

Organiser Dave Sternberg said, "We are proud that this annual Warwick event has continuing strong support from the



local primary and secondary schools. It is important that we remember and learn from the terrible events of the past, and never forget the Holocaust and other genocides of the past century.

"We mark and remember genocides such as those in Rwanda, Bosnia, Cambodia and Darfur. Talking to the younger

generations about the horrors of the past and the terrible things we humans can do to each other if we are not vigilant helps to ensure that we are always respectful and kind to others."

Other events marking the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp are talks and assemblies.

Several primary schools are due to have a special year six assembly with a visiting speaker on the 'Kindertransport' - when the UK managed to get 10,000 Jewish children out of Germany and Austria just before the outbreak of war. This story is the subject of the blockbuster film "One Day" which is currently showing in local cinemas.