

## Hampton School marks #Genocide70

'Since September, the pupil-led Genocide Awareness Group at Hampton School has collaborated with nine other schools on a #Genocide70 project. We hosted a Genocide Awareness Day for more than seventy students from five schools across south west London. After hearing testimony from survivors, Ruth Barnett, Sophie Masereka and Kemal Pervanic, the students reflected on what they had heard in workshops that ranged from poetry, animation, art to journalism. The pieces of art, poetry and prose that were produced by the students were collated as part of a newspaper called *GenocideKnowMore*, which was printed as part of the #Genocide70 campaign.

The newspaper also included pieces from school pupils elsewhere in the country. Their articles ranged from interviews with survivors, books reviews, Holocaust and genocide denial to the use of technology to help prevent genocide in the future. The student journalists also spoke to experts from around the world in an effort to discover more about Raphael Lemkin, his life, work and significance. Furthermore, the pupils also conducted a survey which showed that many of their peers favoured the establishment of a group of experts who could assess where genocides were most likely to occur in the future. So far, the newspaper has been viewed and shared by thousands on social media including politicians, historians and charity officials, and seen in dozens of schools around the country. We were very grateful to receive a message from General Romeo Dallaire in support of the project. General Dallaire said:

*'The powerful impact your research has had on you clearly resonates on every page, and I for one am proud of your efforts to share your passion with other young people.'*

Others who have added their support include: Adama Dieng, the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide; Dame Karen Pierce, the UK's Ambassador to the UN, Simon Adams (Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect); and historians Dan Snow and Greg Jenner.

On 5 December, groups of students from Hampton School, Newport Girls' High School (another Beacon School), Abraham Moss Community School and Pimlico Academy took their project to London. They gave presentations to officials at the Foreign Office, hosted a meeting at the Imperial War Museum and then spoke to MPs and peers in the Houses of Parliament.

The schools who took part in the project were: Turing House School, Orleans Park School, Hampton High, Tolworth Girls' School, Reach Academy, Feltham, Hampton School, Newport Girls High School (another Beacon School), Abraham Moss Community School and Pimlico Academy.'

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Here's a link to the newspaper: [https://issuu.com/hamptonschool/docs/our\\_newspaper?e=34917974/66180587](https://issuu.com/hamptonschool/docs/our_newspaper?e=34917974/66180587)

To find out more about the inspirational work of Hampton School – check out @HistoryHampton @genocide8020 or @Remember8372