

## OASIS ACADEMY STUDENTS AT HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

Every year in the U.K. we have Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27, to commemorate all the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides (such as Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur). Southampton held its own 2010 memorial event on January 30 at the James Matthews Building in the city centre, and once again Oasis Academy Lordshill was involved, the only school in the city to be so. Six students from Years 9 and 11 participated: James Bratby, Robert King, Matt Mason, Rebecca Callaway, Tobi Reading and Becky Wiltshire, the latter for the second year running. After a film extract about the Holocaust survivor Primo Levi and his imprisonment in Auschwitz-Birkenau,



there was an illustrated talk about another survivor, Ben Helfgott, involving students from the University of Southampton. To close this very-well attended event, our students read passionately from the testimonies of victims of the Holocaust. These short victim readings were followed by two extracts from



Muslim students who had visited the Nazi death camps read by Becky and Tobi, and Kat Chivers read a Jewish prayer, the whole proving to be a moving statement of Holocaust memory. Immediately after the readings Tobi and Becky talked at length over refreshments with a young African refugee. They were impressed by how well he had coped with coming to live safely in Britain. Rebecca meanwhile talked with the daughter of a Hungarian woman who had survived the excesses of the Nazis in Auschwitz.

Oasis Academy Lordshill students chatting with University staff and students after the Holocaust memorial event in Southampton.

