

## YEAR 10 AND 11 TRIP TO BERLIN



*Image above: Our students and the history department next to the Brandenburg Gate*

*"The trip to Berlin was excellent. Every place we visited was really interesting and I feel like they were all very important to see. They really brought things I have learnt in history to life."*

**Connor, Year 11**

On Saturday 11th February, some of our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE history students headed off for a residential trip to Berlin, Germany. Led by Mr Maud, the visit is an excellent opportunity for students to see sites from World War II and the Cold War, which helps to bring their course to life.

During their time in Germany's capital city, students explored the rich and diverse history of Berlin. The sites visited included a visit to the concentration camp, Sachsenhausen, and the Jewish Museum Berlin. This gave students an opportunity to reflect on why it is important not to forget or gloss over elements of world history which might be difficult to learn about, so the mistakes of the past are not repeated.

Students also got to visit the Stasi Museum, which is on the former grounds of the headquarters of the GDR Ministry for State Security and the Berlin Wall; two reminders of life in Cold War Germany and the divide between east and west which once existed in the city.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and they represented RHS with pride whilst abroad. Thank you to all of the staff who supported the trip during February half term.

## CURRICULUM NEWS: MATHS



Image above: Mr Ladhani, Head of Maths, and our students take part in the VLT Maths Challenge

*"Taking part in the UK Maths Challenge was an interesting way to test my skills using methods that I am less familiar with."*

**Rahul, Year 10**

Last half term in maths, a wide range of topics were covered. Year 7s learnt about percentages and how these are relevant in our daily lives. Year 8s looked at how to analyse and interpret data in the form of pie charts, scatter diagrams and bar charts as well as calculating the probabilities of events.

Year 9s worked with angles and in some cases, stretching the use of angles to include trigonometry. A one-off lesson was taught to a Year 9 class on imaginary numbers by Mr Hankin, Assistant Headteacher, which is a topic typically taught as part of A Level further maths. Students approached this challenge with a positive mindset and Mr Hankin was really impressed with the outcomes.

Archie, Year 9, commented about the lesson: "It was quite interesting. It seemed like it was going to be very challenging, but wasn't as hard as I thought. I enjoyed the lesson. "

Meanwhile, selected Year 10 and Year 11 students were recently invited to take part in the UK Maths Challenge which is a national competition. Students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and we are hoping to have some excellent results from this competition shortly.

Aside from this competition, Year 10 students have been covering new content which involves solving equations in the traditional way and also using new iterative methods.

Year 11s have been focusing on revision topics from their PPEs in order to prepare for their upcoming GCSE examinations. The PPEs gave a real insight as to how much hard work needs to go into being successful in Maths. We would like to congratulate all students for their efforts and results. These exams provide a solid foundation for areas of improvement for the GCSEs.

We are looking to gain an insight into how parents/guardians feel about the subject of Maths and how confident they feel in supporting their children with their learning outside of school. We would be grateful if the following short anonymous survey (click [here](#)) could be completed by Monday 6th March 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

# VLT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

## WEEK 2023 by Mr Gould

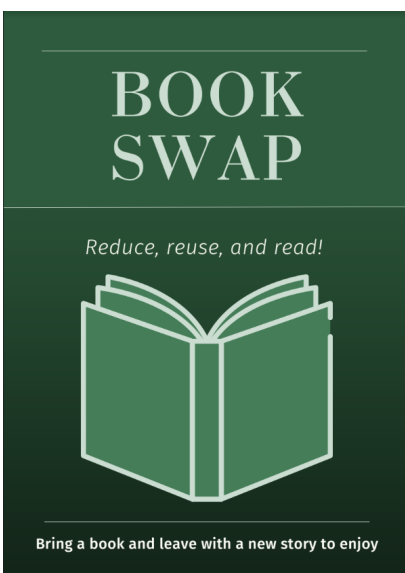


Monday 27 February sees the start of the inaugural Vanguard Learning Trust's Environmental Sustainability Week. The week begins with a torch relay between all of the five schools in the Trust and the Headteachers signing our pledge to reach the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030. Although the start of the relay will take place at Field End Junior School, Boris Johnson, MP, will be the guest of honour at the event, once the torch reaches Ruislip High School.

All students, their families and our staff and governors are asked to rethink their daily routines and change patterns for the better in the **How Low Can You Go Challenge**. There is a short [Google form](#) to complete each day to record the changes we have all made and the running totals of the carbon saved will be live on the website.

There are a whole host of activities taking place over the week: Year 8 students will be participating in a national design competition in the EcoHub; Year 7 students have an art project using recycled and repurposed materials; Year 9 students will be helping with a community litter pick and seeding wildflowers in our ecology meadow; whilst all students and staff are asked to bring in books to share with lower year groups.

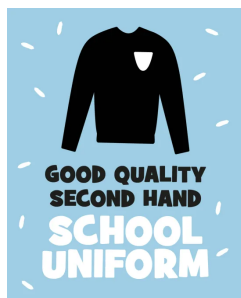
Cucina, our caterers, are also taking part providing meat free options throughout the week helping students to properly recycle food waste, sourcing local fruit and vegetables and removing single-use plastic bottles from the canteen. This does mean that all students will need to bring their own drinks bottle to school from now on which can be used at the water fountains and juice machines.



## FRIENDS CORNER

Don't forget that next Friday 3rd March, there will be a second-hand uniform sale taking place in the conference room at Ruislip High School from 2:45pm-4:00pm. A range of uniform bargains will be available. Payment method for purchases can only be made with cash.

If you have any questions, or would like to get involved in the Friends parent group please get in touch via email: [friendsofrhs@ruislihigh.org.uk](mailto:friendsofrhs@ruislihigh.org.uk).



## KEY DATES:

Date:	Event
Monday 27th February	Start of Environmental Sustainability Week
Wednesday 1st March - 4:30pm-7pm	Year 9 Options Evening
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day at RHS
Friday 3rd March - 2:45pm-4pm	Friends second-hand uniform sale
Monday 6th March	Languages Week
Thursday 9th March - 4:30pm-7pm	Year 13 Parents' Evening (in person)

## SCHOOL UPDATES:

### Safeguarding updates:

Helplines: [click here](#)

Is This Ok? Support website: [click here](#)

National Online Safety - Parent resources: [click here](#)

Hillingdon Safeguarding Partnership - Parent resources: [click here](#)

### Letters home:

Update to parents - 10.02.2023: [click here](#)

Languages Week letters: [click here](#) and [click here](#)

MUNGA trip to NYC parents' information evening letter: [click here](#)

MUN competition at ACS Hillingdon letter: [click here](#)

Year 7 and 8 Spring Festival letter: [click here](#)

GCSE and A Level Art trip letter: [click here](#)

Year 13 Parents' Evening letter: [click here](#)

GCSE football assessment letter: [click here](#)

Litter picking event letter: [click here](#)

### Out of school opportunities (not linked to the school):

Fostering in Hillingdon information: [click here](#) and [click here](#)

Swimming club for disabled students: [click here](#)

Warm Welcome Centres: [click here](#)

Support for parents and children waiting for an ASD diagnosis: [click here](#)