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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 07 KS4&5 Music Showcase
- 28 Friends of Forest Hill School Quiz & Thai Curry Night

Please note: the Quiz Night has been postponed from its original advertised date.

- 29 Last day of Spring Term

APRIL

- 16 First day of Summer Term



Stories from the Year 10 Berlin Trip

Ms Learoyd

Although the planning and organisation of this trip completely took over my life, the four days in Berlin with the History and German students of Year 10 was definitely worth it. As freezing cold as it was, the boys (hardly) complained about the walking tours as we visited one sight after another: from museums to war memorials to the remaining Berlin Wall and accompanying art.

On Saturday, I was impressed by the six German students who came to meet us at the bowling alley and weren't scared away by a group of 45 loud English boys. Snapchats and instagrams were exchanged, and I was pleased to overhear some good German being used, too. On the last morning, I enjoyed watching the boys identifying all the places we had been from 203m above Berlin at the top of the TV Tower, until it started snowing and the windows went white. Despite a minor exhaustion-related meltdown that afternoon, it was easily the most memorable trip I have been on. Thank you to all the boys for keeping me laughing (almost) every minute and a huge Dankeschön to my co-stars: Ms Suart, Ms Vasileva and Mr Ephson – I couldn't have done it without you.

More stories on page 2 & 3.



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Another story from the Berlin Trip...

Dylan Maggs (D10F)

My experience in Berlin is one I will never forget. The culture, the memories and the weather all brought me to love the trip and in turn the city. It was also an amazing tool to that will help me with my history GCSE. Every part of the trip was fully packed with helpful insights. In the classroom, it can often feel as if you cannot fully grip or understand the content- especially when it's to do with an entirely different country! However, in Berlin I was able to see first-hand things like an old Cold War prison up-close, which helped me realize the poor conditions that people had to live through and the mark it's left on the city and the German people. Knowledgeable experts were able to answer all of my questions and queries, as well as laugh at questions and comments like "this looks like a real prison, you know".

This left me with a much more detailed view of Berlin, giving me a whole new perspective on its history; an incredibly useful asset for answering exam questions in class. In my opinion, it is an opportunity too good for any history student to miss out on.



Berlin Trip continued...

Luca Mali Jones (S10G)

Thursday: The Olympic Stadium was eye-widening. Hertha Berlin: trash team. But their stadium? Too nice. They don't deserve it. Smooth stone floor; huge stone pillars; lush green grass; trimmed to perfection, leaning as one in the wind. Tens of thousands of seats, separated by wide sets of stairs. We're all in complete awe. I'm telling you, my jaw scraped the floor. It was like I was sucked back in time, to sample a slither of the past that shaped the present: Jesse Owens ran here. Hitler wouldn't shake his hand there.

The hotel: home to the best memories, where we got to know people from all over the planet.

Friday: down in the Cold War Nuclear Bunker, Tom asked "would Hitler come down here then?" - everyone was dying. (That was a different war).

Saturday: pointing to a poster at Checkpoint Charlie, Juwon asked "is that Charlie?" - it was just a picture of a random soldier. I can't lie I thought it was Charlie, too. The iMax cinema? That screen was bigger than my house.

Our attempts at speaking activities with the natives were met with complete rejection, almost. But when we finally found someone willing it was good to test our German in a real conversation.

Sunday: the Berlin Wall, then three wrong trains to get back to the hotel (which was only one stop away). And yeah, too many highlights to fit into 150 words... But if I got offered to go on another trip like that, you already know I'm going...dat way.

LIBRARY- WORLD BOOK DAY

Our 'World Book Day' Book Club is up and running!

Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/forest-hill-school-for-boys> to browse the latest books and order online.

Your child will be given a World Book Day £1 token by their tutor before World Book Day (1st March), this can be used towards their order.

For every £1 you spend on this term's Book Club, Forest Hill School will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by March 15th, 2018.

Easter Description Competition

Your child can win an 'eggcellent' prize by writing a 500 word description based on this picture.

Entries should be delivered to Ms Evans by Thursday 29th March!



Easter Greetings