



German Markets Visit

Our MFL department has just returned from another successful Christmas Markets trip. Forty Year 8 students enjoyed a long weekend in Cologne, where they were able to put their German learning into practice and experience German culture for themselves. The action-packed trip included a visit to Germany's most visited site, the Cologne Cathedral, where students climbed the 533 steps to the top of one of the two iconic towers; an opportunity to visit three of Cologne's Christmas markets; and a tour of the Lindt Chocolate museum. Once again it was a pleasure to take our students abroad. They were excellent ambassadors of the school and teachers were very impressed with the way that students conducted themselves throughout, and especially with their enthusiasm for speaking the language and learning about the culture. Wunderbar!

Mrs Siddle- Head of MFL

Community Christmas Party 2015

The annual community Christmas party will be taking place on Wednesday 16 December at 2pm in the Upper School Main Hall.

Elderly members of the local community are invited to enjoy festive entertainment and food provided by our students and staff.

E-Safety website for parents and carers which gives guidance on all aspects of child internet safety www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



Book Donations

Our library is looking for donations of books to boost their stock. In particular, books such as Goosebumps, Judy Moody and the World of Norm. For further details contact klocke@rbhs.co.uk



Christmas Jumper Day

Staff and students are invited to get into the festive spirit on Friday 18 December by wearing a Christmas Jumper. Donations will be collected during assembly time for our nominated charities.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of school closure due to severe weather conditions, parents will be contacted by text and/or email via 'call parent', information will also be posted on the school website www.rbhs.co.uk and the local authority website www.bolton.gov.uk

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School Holidays/Closure Dates 2016-17

Start of Term	Wednesday 7 September 2016
Training Day	Friday 7 October 2016
October Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2016
Christmas	Friday 23 December 2016 to Friday 6 January 2017
February Half Term	Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017
Easter	Monday 10 April 2017 to Friday 21 April 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2017
May Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 July 2017



Bolton Book Award

A group of Year 8 students are currently reading the following shortlist of books for the Bolton Book Award.

- 'One of Us' by Jean Waudby
- 'Would the Real Stanley Carrot Please Stand up' by Rob Stevens
- 'Smart' by Kim Slater
- 'The Disappearance of Tom Pile' by Ian Beck
- 'An island of Our Own' by Sally Nicholls

The group will vote on their favourite book before attending the presentation of the Bolton Book Award in June 2016

Miss Parkinson and Mrs Locke

Geography Field Visit

In November we had a very successful Year 9 Geography field visit to Manchester Airport. Students examined the environmental impacts of airports on the local community and surrounding areas. They collected data on the number of flights taking off and landing, the sound levels and examined the range of jobs created through the airport. They also had an opportunity to walk under Concorde and clambered on board a DC10. They are now writing up research projects using their data to make an informed decision about whether airports are good or bad for the people who live near them.

Mrs Hardman – Head of Geography

School Closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 18 December at 1.45pm and re-opens for all years on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at 8.45am.

I would like to pass on my best wishes to parents, staff, students, governors and other members of our school community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Tony Purcell, Head Teacher.

Online Payments

We now have the facility to take payments for school trips through internet banking. If you wish to use this facility then please contact our finance department for a payment reference number at accountspayable@rbhs.co.uk Payments for school meals should still be made via the ParentPay facility.

Deputy Head

I am pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Kath McGuire will operate as a Deputy Head within school for the rest of the school year. Mrs McGuire's strategic leadership skills and ability will add real value and capacity to the work we are doing to further develop the experience and raise standards for all at RBHS.

Tony Purcell, Head Teacher

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