



Trips

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

In December the GCSE History students enjoyed a 4-day trip to Berlin, fully immersing themselves in the rich history and culture of the city. On the first day, after an early rise and chaotic airport experience at Stansted in the snow, the students arrived safely in Berlin Germany and headed straight to a Christmas market, where they were met with a bustling festive atmosphere, complete with delicious food stalls and traditional German handicrafts.

The following day was equally exciting, as the students went ice skating at another Christmas market in the morning. This was great fun for the students and also must have been very amusing for spectators. Later that afternoon they visited the magnificent Pergamon Museum, where they were able to marvel at the breath-taking ancient artifacts, including the famous Ishtar Gate.



On the third day, the students embarked on a poignant journey through history, visiting significant sites related to the rise of the Nazi party, including the Holocaust Memorial, where they solemnly paid their respects to the victims. They then went on to explore the iconic Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie, where they learned about the division of Germany during the Cold War. The walking tour of famous sites related to the rise of the Nazi party was an insightful experience, as the students gained a deeper understanding of the events that led to the devastation of WWII. They then visited the dome of the Bundestag, where they were treated to spectacular panoramic views of the city.



On the final day, the students visited the Topography of Terror, where they learned about the history of the Nazi regime and the secret police. Afterward, they stopped at a local mall for lunch and catch up on some last-minute Christmas shopping. The trip concluded with a coach ride to the airport for their late flight back to Stansted.

Overall, the trip was a fantastic opportunity for the students to gain a deeper understanding of Berlin's history and culture while creating lasting memories. The students were able to see, feel, and experience the events that have shaped the city's past and present. This trip was not only educational but also an adventure of a lifetime for the students.