

Year 10 Visit the Goethe Institute

When signing up for the Goethe Institute trip running in November, we had little idea that the we had had such a vibrant and enriching day planned.

Before leaving school, we were handed an insightful German booklet which contained more information on the day's topics so that we would arrive fully prepared. The building itself, an iconic Central London design with all white alabaster, had a strong pulsing sense of 'Deutschland' with colorful spiralling stairs, a grand auditorium and all the usual English information written in German, with words such as Tagträumen (daydreaming) written on windows!

Conversations with both the German and English descendants of WW1 veterans allowed perspectives and artifacts from both sides of the war to be illuminated—with one woman even bringing in the bullet that shot through her grandfather's shoulder during WW1!

Followed by a light Bavarian lunch—consisting of warm pretzels and burgers (typical Southern German food), we were once again off on our journey back to school- but this time with a day's worth of exploration of intertwining German and English heritage.

Es war fantastisch, indeed.

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