

## **Y9 Visit the Goethe Institute December 2021**

On a lovely Thursday, at the beginning of December, my form and I embarked on our first trip together for German. Our journey there was as brilliant as the return: we travelled by train, playing charades along the way. We visited the wonderful Goethe Institute opposite Imperial College in South Kensington. Upon arrival, we headed upstairs to the library where an escape room of sorts was set up for us. We split into four groups and had to find a hacker who had stolen some valuable data. Though everything was in German, we were able to get the gist of it quite easily and the staff were very helpful. My group won, being the quickest group from all the classes to finish the game. After spending some time playing with the incredible seating on display in the library, we headed outside where there was a beautiful park deep in the midst of trees losing their leaves. It was a relaxing day and the weather was refreshing. Many photoshoots occurred as well as friendly pigeon attacks, but after half an hour, we headed back inside to watch a German film in the Goethe Institute's theatre. 'Der Ganz Grosse Traum' was an inspiring movie regarding the lack of football in Germany, and one man's wish to introduce this spectacular sport to his home country. When the film had ended, we headed back to school, just managing to avoid rush hour. Overall, my friends and I had an incredible day out and we are forever grateful to Goethe Institute for providing us with a wonderful time.

**Ashna, 9B**

On Monday the 29th of November, our class went on a German trip to Goethe Institute. As this was our first school trip, we were excited, however the trip didn't disappoint. Apart from the crazy train rides to and from school, the whole day was enjoyable, and filled with lots of German fun. After we reached South Kensington (many photos later) we reached our destination, and we started the escape room soon after. It took place in the library, where we had a hacking mystery to solve in groups of 6/7. It took a while; however, it was intriguing and fast-paced due to the competition between groups. It involved solving riddles, using (and dropping) iPads to scan items, finding keys in books, and many more interesting parts. After the escape room we had lunch, and were allowed to have fun in the park, before we came back to watch the movie. The film was called 'Der Ganz Grosse Traum', or 'Lessons of a dream', which starred Daniel Brühl, and was about introducing football into German schools. It was quite funny and had a few plot-twists, which we found surprising. After our film, we headed home by train, however, it took longer than expected because of Mile End being extremely busy. Despite the travelling, we had a fun time, and learnt a lot of German at the Goethe Institute.

**Inayah, 9A**

On Monday the 29th November, our form, 9A were able to have the opportunity to visit the Goethe Institute in South Kensington. The busy day at the institute gave us an insight of a 'German day out'. At our first few hours in the absolutely beautiful and remarkably made building, we were asked to collaboratively find the solution to a German discovery activity. I found this particularly intriguing because it was based of finding books and sources around the library, and cracking codes only in German. Initially, it felt a bit perplexing but as time progressed, it was simpler and I thoroughly enjoyed the first half of the day. Following this, we had a short lunch break in which we subsequently strolled for approximately 45 minutes around the vast virescence in front of the Institute. This was indeed beautiful. Finally, we had returned back to the building to watch the interesting yet inspirational film 'Der ganz große Traum', which translates into the 'Lessons of a Dream'. The film was primarily predicated on an English teacher introducing football from England to late 19th Century Germany. The film was extremely fascinating and the acting of all characters were equally as realistic. Overall, I believe the day was really significant for me and personally, I am very grateful and appreciative to Mrs Gaskell as well as the MFL Department for organising this day trip for us.

**Anushka, 9A**

Ich habe die Reise geliebt! Der 'Escape Room' hat wirklich spaß gemacht, und der Film war total interessant! Auch, der Park war sehr groß, und die Erfahrung war unglaublich! Vielen Dank!

**Liyana, 9C**

