

Cross Curricular Visit to Berlin

The recent trip to Berlin, run by the Art and German departments, also incorporating a historical aspect thanks to Ms Quinn's presence, was a most memorable and insightful experience. From the very start we were encouraged to think about Berlin's history which is what has shaped the city today. We saw how the Art and Culture of



Berlin were influenced by events such as the Cold War and the Holocaust. The turbulent past of this city has influenced the attitudes people have towards overcoming it and we learnt that there was even a word in German which meant to come to terms with the past. We saw through the Modern and Contemporary Art the

resilience of Berliners to move on and bounce back from the past. We learnt that there was even a movement in Berlin which sought to evoke 'nostalgia for the East' showing just how interlinked the Art and History of Berlin were with the character of the city and its culture. Different periods of history from the era of Kaiser Wilhelm to Soviet Occupation even shaped the Architecture of Berlin showing that Berlin is a city of both the old and new. It embraces its Art and History rather than hiding from it, which is what makes it such a vibrant and wonderful city to visit today.

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