

## The Return-Leg of the German Exchange – Year 9 and 10

Five months after our trip to Germany, our German friends visited us in March. It was great to see them again and to show them the sights of Reading. They also enjoyed day trips to London and Windsor, and one day the whole group spent quality time together in Oxford deepening friendships and practising language skills.



The last day was certainly a highlight as German students sampled school life at Maiden Erlegh and we had the all-important British biscuit competition. From a line-up of jammy dodgers, custard creams, party rings and chocolate fingers, chocolate fingers were crowned the most popular.



### Quotes from the week

German girl remarking on how smart the sixth form boys were. This was a novelty as there is no school uniform in German schools:

**“Guck mal, wie süß! Es ist als ob sie zu einer Hochzeit gehen!”**

**Translation: “Look, how sweet! It’s as if they are going to a wedding!”**

Mother of a girl in Year 10:

**“For us, the exchange/s have always been about meeting a variety of people that we wouldn’t necessarily get to socialise with during our day to day lives. The positives are numerous but perhaps the *most* positive was X having to step out of her comfort zone and surviving it, acknowledging that it was an extremely rewarding experience.”**

Mr Korath, father of Bhavya Menon in Year 10:

**“There was a change in Bhavya's attitude and she took responsibility for making Hannah comfortable during her stay. She took care of all aspects like having breakfast, getting ready for school, packed lunches and collecting her at the end of the day.**

**Overall, it was a great experience for the kids as well as parents and we enjoyed it.”**

Mrs Teale, mother of Jay Teale in Year 9:

**“Jay has made great friends with his exchange partner Tom and with his family and other students too. He is now keen to go back to Germany and has gained the confidence to travel alone.”**