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Round Square Weekly 15 October 2025

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Encourage students to apply - RSIS Project in India December 2025

We are nearing the deadline for student applications to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime adventure on a Round Square International Service (RSIS) project in India from 6-18 December 2025.

Round Square will be partnering with **Daly College**, to host a RSIS Project in Panna National Park, near the UNESCO World Heritage city of Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh. This RSIS Project will see students working on construction of a community library and running a health/ eye camp, contributing to Daly College's long-standing partnership with local village communities.

Both the health and eye-care camps and women's hygiene drive will be led by qualified doctors who support the BAAVAN Trust, and have for many years worked with students from Daly College to meaningfully involve them in the processes of conducting medical appraisals of villagers and, in the case of the eye-care camp, prescribing spectacles.

site on the **Vande Bharat Express**, a comfortable, air-conditioned train. This extraordinary journey will provide a rare opportunity to see India's changing landscapes, whilst bonding as a team. In addition to the service components, whilst at the Project Site, students will have the opportunity to join two safari experiences in Panna Tiger reserve, and attend the famous Khajuraho temple light show.

Please share this opportunity widely with your students aged 16-18 and encourage them to apply to participate. **A RSIS Project Toolkit** for promotion with draft emails and posters is available to Round Square Coordinators via the website (login required).

Participants need to arrive into Delhi on 6 December 2025, and will be returned to the airport for departure flights booked on 18 December 2025.

The participation fee is £1,300.

A small number of **Discovery Bursaries** are available to students for whom financial circumstances would otherwise prevent participation. These cover the full project fee; participants are responsible for flights to and from India.

Apply for a Discovery Bursary here.

RSIS Project Toolkit for RS Coordinators











The Round Square Heads' Symposium - 20th to 24th January 2027 - Hong Kong







Square Heads' Symposium

We are delighted to invite Heads of Round Square Schools to save the dates for the next RS Heads' Symposium, which will take place in 15 months' time, from **20 to 24 January 2027**, in Hong Kong.

With grateful thanks to Frederick Poon and his team at St Paul's Coeducational College, you are invited to plan to **arrive in Hong Kong on Wednesday 20 January 2027** in time for a late afternoon / early evening reception at our event hotel in Causeway Bay (tbc).

On **Thursday 21st** we will be coordinating visits to some Round Square Schools in Hong Kong. We will then meet over two full days (**Friday 22 and Saturday 23 Jan 2027**) for Keynotes, Baraza breakout discussions, and good practice sharing. On the middle evening there will be a dinner cruise.

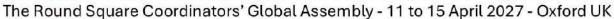
On **Sunday 24th** for those who are able to stay on for an extra day, there will be an optional Geopark Island Hopping Tour, which St Paul's has secured for us with the Hong Kong Tourism Board. This will take us on a guided sightseeing tour to Hong Kong's UNESCO Global Geopark, hopping between four sea arches and exploring the geological wonders of the volcanic landscape.

We are currently working with St Paul's to confirm an accommodation option at a preferential rate in the hotel where our meetings will take place. Rates and hotel booking links will be shared in the coming months, along with a registration form.

The delegate fee EXCLUDING accommodation will be in the region of £650 per person.

This event is strictly for Heads of Round Square Schools.











Save the dates: 11-15 April 2027 - Oxford, UK -RS Coordinators' Assembly

We are excited to invite Round Square Coordinators/ RS Reps to hold the dates for the inaugural Round Square Coordinators' Global Assembly in 18 months' time, from **Sunday 11 April 2027 (arrival) through to Thursday 15 April 2027 (departure) :** 4 nights/ 3 days.

The event will take place at Oxford University in the UK, during the University's Easter break. We will be staying in student accommodation at the University, with meals in Halls and social events in the colleges in the evenings.

Each day will feature a programme of good practice carousels, coaching / training, structured networking and collaboration incubation. We will be inviting you to tell us what you would like to see covered on the programme and will plan content, as far as possible to meet everyone's needs, as well as matching experienced practitioners with those keen to learn.

The delegate fee INCLUDING accommodation is still tbc but likely to be £800 per person for single occupancy, and slightly less if you opt for twin. More information will follow. For now, please save the dates!

NB: With the RS Heads' Symposium and the RS Coordinators' Global Assembly both taking place in 2027, there will be no face-to-face Round Square Forums taking place in 2027. Instead there will be a supplementary online meeting, but, wherever possible, schools are encouraged to participate in the Symposium and Assembly events. RS Forums will return in 2028.

Round Square Conference Calendar 2026

Dates in 2026	Host School	Location	Age Range	RS IDEALS Focus
27 to 31 January	Rajkumar College, Rajkot	India	10 to 12	Adventure
4 to 9 February	Elaraki School, Marrakech	Morocco	16 to 18	Leadership
8 to 12 February	CheongShim International Academy	South Korea	15 to 18	Service
13 to 16 February	Evangelical Christian School, Memphis	USA	15 to 17	Service
18 to 22 February	Singapore International School, Mumbai	India	12 to 14	Environmentalism
6 to 10 March	The Emerald Heights International School, Indore	India	13 to 15	Adventure
25 to 29 March	St George's Grammar School, Cape Town	South Africa	16 to 18	Adventure
2 to 6 April	KC Public School, Jammu	India	12 to 14	Leadership
7 to 12 April	Ballarat Grammar, Victoria	Australia	14 to 16	Democracy
16 to 21 April	Landheim Ammersee	Germany	13 to 15	Democracy
11 to 17 May	Colegio Bilingüe ANAN	Ecuador	14 to 16	Adventure
18 to 23 May	RGS Surrey Hills	ик	14 to 16	Internationalism
11 to 16 June	Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada	China	16 to 18	Intenrationalism
11 to 16 August	Trivandrum International School, Kerala	India	14 to 16	Service
28 Sept to 4 Oct	Barker College, Sydney	Australia	16 to 18	RSIC2026

Submit your Letters of Commitment for Round Square Conferences in 2026

We are delighted to invite you to submit Letters of Commitment (LoCs) for next year's student events, following the release of the 2026 Round Square Conference Calendar in June.

This is with a huge thank you to our host schools, who have gone the extra mile to get the details together as early as possible. All 2026 RS Conferences through to (but not including) the RSIC2026 opened for LoCs last week. The RSIC will, as usual, be launched at the closing ceremony of this year's RSIC, and open for LoCs towards the end of the year.

Please note that Letters of Commitment will be accepted, and places filled, on a first-come, first-served basis, and some conferences may close early once capacity is reached.

list in case additional places become available. In this case, schools on the waiting list will be contacted in the order they registered. All other conferences still have places available.

Find all the RS Conferences listed here



A King Constantine Medal Story - Arusha, TCJCS, India

Arusha, a student from The Cathedral and John Connon School in India has been awarded her school's King Constantine Medal for her thoughtful and compassionate service work. Her project began with a desire to understand the lives of Mumbai's street hawkers and grew into broader efforts to support widows in her ancestral village. Arusha has shown how empathy and responsibility can translate into meaningful action.

Pre-Order Round Square Heroes of Discovery Plushies



We are excited to share with you our prototype plush toys of the Round Square Heroes of Discovery.

We are now inviting pre-orders, with the aim of taking 150 orders, at which point we could go into production at a price of £200 per set of 12 dolls including postage and packing (they cannot be sold separately). We need to reach 150 orders to go ahead (if we don't reach the required 150, all orders will be cancelled before payment is taken), so please commit to buying one or more sets if you can (those of you using the RS Heroes) so that everyone can benefit from the opportunity to bulk order.

The RS Heroes Dolls will be manufactured to British Toy Safety Standards, and the company

production.

If you would like to order one or more sets, please do so now using THIS ORDER FORM.

Your order will be held on our system until we reach the magic 150 orders, and we will then notify you and invoice your school for payment via BACS transfer or card payment using Stripe.

Pre-order RS Heroes of Discovery toys



for 8-10 year olds

Please sign up now if you would like to participate in the 21 October 2025 RS Worldwide Show and Tell session, the theme will be 'The games we play'.

21 October 2025 at 2am GMT: Theme: The games we play

Sessions start at 2am GMT which we make to be 7:30am in Delhi, 10am in Hong Kong, 1pm in Sydney and 3pm in Wellington.

The session starts at 2pm GMT which we make to be 10am in New York, 4pm in Berlin, 4pm in Cape Town and 6pm in Dubai. Please double check the time conversion for your own location.

RS Worldwide Show & Tell is a 60-minute zoom call that connects 8-10 year olds from across the globe and invites them to share their perspectives and experiences in a show & tell format.

Also open for registration:

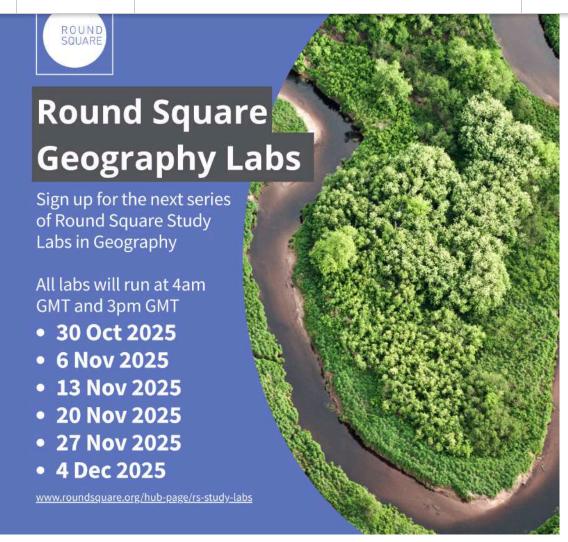
4 November 2025 (2am and 2pm GMT): Theme: The weather where we live **18 November 2025 (only at 2pm GMT):** Theme: Our favourite snacks and treats

We will open registration for the following dates about a month in advance, and will let you know in future editions of RS Weekly:

2 December 2025 (2am and 2pm GMT): Theme: Hobbies and interests9 December 2025 (only at 2pm GMT): Theme: Our school's favourite thing in 2025

Sign up to attend a RS Worldwide Show & Tell - 2am sessions

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Register for upcoming RS Geography Labs

Round Square Geography Labs connect students across countries to explore a range of key geography topics. The programme invites students to share case studies of international perspectives on different topics commonly explored through geography curricula.

On each date there are two time options: one at 4am GMT and one at 3pm GMT. The programme will run across six consecutive weeks. You can register for one, some or all the sessions.

- 30 Oct 2025: Forces of Nature How Sea & Wind Shape Coasts & Communities
- 6 Nov 2025: Rivers Lifelines or Threats?
- 13 Nov 2025: Tourism Boon or Burden?
- 20 Nov 2025: Powering the Planet The Global Energy Puzzle
- 27 Nov 2025: Sustaining Our Future Building Sustainable Cities

We make the time conversion for the 4am GMT calls to be 8am in Dubai and Yerevan, 9am in Karachi, 9:30am in Delhi, 11am in Bangkok, 12pm in Hong Kong, 1pm in Tokyo and Sydney (2pm for 9 Oct), 3pm in Auckland (4pm for 2 Oct & 9 Oct). But please check for your own location.

We make the time conversion for the 3pm GMT calls to be 8am in Los Angeles, 9am in Calgary and Mexico City, 10am in Bogota and Lima, 11am in Santiago, Toronto and New York, 4pm in London, Belfast and Marrakech, 5pm in Berlin and Stockholm, 6pm in Nairobi. But please check for your own location.

Please register up to 10 students (aged 14+) per school, plus one adult, using the link below.

- You can register students for one or more Labs.
- If you want to bring different students to different Labs, please complete a separate registration for each group.
- You may return at any time to submit more registrations.

Please share with your Geography Department: <u>Download a pdf with the information</u>.

Book RS Geography Labs

Register for upcoming RS Zoom Postcards



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Scarsdale High School in USA on 22 October.

Scarsdale High School invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**Sustainable Cities (11 UNSDG)**".

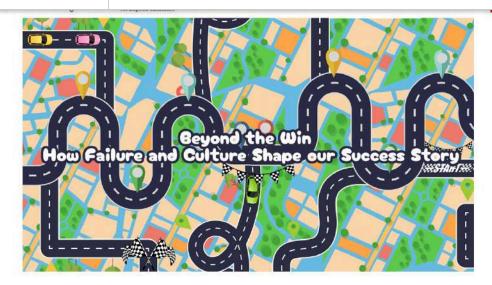
The 60-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 22 October at 8am EDT** (GMT -4) which we make to be 8am in Ottawa and Miami, 9am São Paulo, 1pm in London, 2pm in Johannesburg, Zurich and Madrid, 3pm in Nairobi, 4pm in Dubai and Yerevan, 5pm in Karachi, and 5:30pm in Delhi. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to consider what positive changes are being made in your community towards improving sustainability and please come to the call with at least one example.

Please register by 16 October.

Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.

Register before 16 October



Join a RS Zoom Postcard from Thomas More College in South Africa on 22 October.

Thomas More College in South Africa invites you to register up to six students aged 13-15 and one adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "Beyond the Win: How Failure and Culture Shape our Success Story".

The 90-minute call will take place on **22 October at 12pm SAST** (GMT +2) which we make to be 11am in Lisbon, London and Marrakech, 12pm in Brussels and Berlin, 1pm in Nairobi, 2pm in Dubai and Muscat, 3pm in Karachi, 3:30pm in Delhi, 4pm in Dhaka, and 5pm in Bangkok. But please check for your own location.

Before the call our hosts ask each participant to create a 1 slide vision board of their hopes and dreams and upload it <u>here</u>.

Please register by 16 October.

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Register before 16 October



SCREEN SHIFT: THE GENERATIONAL DIVIDE

Join a RS Zoom Postcard from St. George's Grammar School in South Africa on 29 October

St. George's Grammar School in South Africa invites you to register up to six students aged 13-15 and one adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**Screen Shift: The Generational Divide**".

The 90-minute call will take place on **29 October at 2pm SAST** (GMT +2) which we make to be 8am in New York, 9am in Buenos Aires and Santiago, 12pm in London and Lisbon, 1pm in Madrid and Copenhagen, 2pm in Athens and Bucharest, 3pm in Nairobi, 4pm in Dubai, and 5:30pm in Delhi. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to 'interview' other generations about how Social Media has impacted them. What apps do they use? What conventions and norms do they stick to? Come prepped to enlighten your peers during the call!

Please register before 23 October.

Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.

Register before 23 October



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Godspell College in Argentina on 29 October.

Godspell College invites you to register up to six students aged 16-18 and one adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme **"Be Aware. Be Smart. Be Safe"**.

The 60-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 29 October at 10am ART** (GMT -3) which we make to be 8am in Lima, 9am in Ottawa and Miami, 10am in Santiago and São Paulo,1pm in London and Lisbon, 2pm in Madrid and Brussels, 3pm in Johannesburg, 4pm in Nairobi, 5pm in Dubai and Yerevan, 6pm in Karachi, and 6:30pm in Delhi. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to investigate the most common addiction developing teens face in your country and then create one slide per school poster prevention campaign about this addiction and upload it <u>HERE</u>.

Please register by 23 October.

Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.

Register before 23 October

Barker College, Australia - 5 November at 12pm AEDT (GMT +11) - Ages 13-15 - <u>Everyday</u> <u>Leadership.</u> Register before 30 October.

Dover College, UK - 5 November at 1pm GMT - Ages 16-18 - <u>Old Walls, New Voices: How Do We Reimagine the Past?</u> Register before 30 October.

Thank You to our recent RS Zoom Postcard hosts

St Mildred's-Lightbourn School, Canada - Theme: Wired for Change: A Circuit of Connection

Students explored the theme of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in STEM, reflecting on the opportunities, challenges, and impact they hope their generation can make in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The session built on connections to previous postcards hosted by the school, including discussions on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in STEM and Breaking Bridges in STEM.

In breakout sessions, participants discussed barriers to participation in STEM, focusing on inequalities faced by students with limited resources or those living in remote areas. Each group researched and shared projects and initiatives taking place around the world, highlighting ways in which individuals and communities are shattering glass ceilings. The discussions left participants empowered with tools and ideas to create meaningful change in their own communities.

Despite an unexpected fire drill during the session, participants and hosts demonstrated remarkable flexibility, continuing their research and presentations without disruption. While only three of the four groups were able to share slides, the quality of the work showcased the commitment and engagement of all involved.

Thank you to hosts Manha, Isabel, Emery, Michelle, Khushi, Yesha, Araya and Bella.

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Students presented sustainable initiatives from their schools, aligning their efforts with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Following an introduction from the host school, participants joined breakout rooms to share their own practices. Some schools focused on waste management and the preservation of plant life, while others discussed strategies for reducing their carbon footprint, conserving energy, and implementing solar power solutions.

The session concluded with a compelling insight from Krishiv at The British School, who highlighted that if every person in the world sent just one fewer text message per day, the energy saved could power 4,000 homes for an entire year.

Thank you to hosts Laila, Tannah, Rhea, Tagara, Aviwe, Anothando, Gabriella, Kabo, Alessia and Abigail.

Thank you to our Round Square History Lab Hosts

As our History Lab series comes to a close, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a powerful experience.

Over the past six weeks, more than 700 students from 40 schools across the globe embarked on an extraordinary journey through history. Hosted by twelve schools across four Round Square regions, the History Lab sessions ran twice every Thursday, inviting young historians aged 14 to 18 to engage in rich dialogue, diverse perspectives, and shared discovery.

Each week, students explored a major historical theme by addressing courageous questions such as:

- Who tells history, and what gets left out?
- Was empire a force for progress or oppression?
- Can we still admire historical figures with complex legacies?
- Whose voices are heard in stories of war and whose are forgotten?
- How do people challenge injustice and spark change?

These sessions reminded us that history is not only about dates and events, but also about perspective, memory, identity, and dialogue.

One of the most exciting additions to the Labs was the exploration of artificial intelligence in deepening historical thinking. Students used AI tools to:

- Compare GPT and LLM narratives on historical events and figures across countries
- Analyse speeches, images, and monuments and how they are remembered
- Explore historical topics through AI-driven prompts
- Uncover underrepresented voices and discover new sources of information

Al was not used to replace thinking, but to enhance questioning, broaden understanding, and explore multiple sides of a story. Students gained insight into how AI can be a powerful ally in helping them become more inquisitive, ethical, and globally minded historians—provided they have the skills to use it thoughtfully and understand its limitations.

Finally, a special thank you to our recent hosts: **Shiv Nadar School Noida**, India and **Malvern St. James School**, United Kingdom (2 October), and **The Sanskaar Valley School**, India and **Thomas More College**, South Africa (9 October). These sessions were our largest to date and were once again a resounding success.

Another sincere thank you to every host school, every teacher who facilitated, and every student who participated with curiosity, respect, and an open mind. Your voices brought history to life. We look forward to the next chapter of the History Labs in the new year.



Join our Video Celebration for World Hello Day - 21 November

To celebrate World Hello Day on 21 November, we invite you to share videos of your students saying *hello* from wherever you are in the world, in whichever language you prefer. We want to showcase the breadth of countries and languages covered by schools in Round Square.

How to get involved:

- Record your students saying "hello" how you approach it, and how many students take part, is up to you. Be creative!
- Share your videos with <u>jason@roundsquare.org</u>

Here are some brief guidelines from our editors to help your clips look their best:

- Please hold the phone or camera sideways (landscape)
- **Keep clips short—5 to 10 seconds** (you can send more than one!)

• Rest the phone or camera on a **solid surface**, **stand**, **or tripod** for stability

Share your video

Join a Round Square school's Collaboration

The following collaborations are currently being offered by Round Square schools across our network. All arrangements for participating and technical hosting of any live events listed below are made and managed by the school that has initiated the collaboration. Please check with the school listed for further information. See all Collaborations.

- Hotchkiss School in America invites Middle Years and Secondary Years students to submit photos for its <u>Analogue Photo Magazine</u>. Schools should register to participate by 20 October 2025.
- Rajkumar College Raipur, India, invites Middle and Secondary Years students to the <u>Raja Ramchandra Singh Deo Memorial Series on Environment and Service</u> on 24
 October 2025
- **British Junior Academy of Brussels** in Belgium invites Primary and Middle Years students to its collaboration Awesome Architecture. Schools should register interest to participate by 29 October 2025.
- AKS Lytham in the UK invites Primary Years students to its <u>Christmas Around the</u> <u>World 2025.</u> This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 October 2025.
- Michael Ham Memorial College in Argentina invites Early Years students to explore themes of self-expression and creativity by making their own unique dot artwork in <u>Peter Reynolds: Dot Exchange – Sharing Our Dots with the World</u>. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 October 2025.

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• **Southridge School** in Canada invites Primary, Middle and Secondary Years students to participate in <u>Promoting STEM and Robotics</u>. This collaboration is ongoing and schools are welcome to join at any time before 30 November 2025.

- **Bayview Glen** in Canada invites Primary Years students to join <u>Indigenous People</u>
 Around the World. This collaboration is ongoing, and schools are welcome to join at any time before 3 November 2025.
- RBIS International School in Thailand invites Primary, Middle and Secondary Years
 students to In the Footsteps of Jane Goodall: A collaborative virtual exhibition to
 honour her life and legacy. Schools are welcome to join any time before 21
 November.
- ODM Sapphire School in India invites Middle and Secondary Years students to <u>Teen</u>
 <u>Fears: Stories of Courage, Culture & Change</u>. Schools should register their interest to
 participate by 27 October 2025.
- Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada in China invites Middle and Secondary
 Years students to its <u>Interdisciplinary Project Show in English and Geography</u> on 14
 November 2025.
- Redlands in Australia invites Secondary Years students to join its <u>Chinese Language</u> and <u>Culture Trip 2025.</u> Schools are welcome to join any time before 30 November 2025.
- Holy Trinity College in Argentina invites Primary Years students to join My Favourite
 <u>Detective Story.</u> This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 5 December 2025.
- Redlands in Australia invites Secondary Years students to join its <u>Global</u>
 <u>Collaboration on Courage, Kindness & Inclusivity</u>. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 31 December 2025.
- **Trivandrum International School** in India invites Early and Primary Years students to participate in <u>Stories Around the World</u>. Schools should register interest to

• Oxley College in New South Wales, Australia, invites Early Years and Primary Years to join its ongoing Pen Pal Project. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 March 2026.

 Bloom KCCA Academy in Hong Kong invites students of all ages to participate in <u>Care, Think, Act: School Community.</u> This collaboration is ongoing and schools are welcome to join any time before 30 June 2026.

If your school would like to host a collaboration, please log onto the Round Square web site, and post the details <u>here.</u>

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