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#### **Round Square Weekly 8 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

# Watch the RSIC2026 launch film from Barker College, Australia



Following the ceremonial handover of the Round Square flag at RSIC 2025 in Dubai, the journey now turns towards Sydney, where Barker College will host RSIC 2026 with the theme "Visions for the Future from an Ancient Land".

We are pleased to share a short video message from Barker College.

Thank you to everyone who has already shared feedback on RSIC 2025. If you haven't yet had the chance, we'd welcome your reflections and suggestions for next year's hosts via the link below.

RSIC 2025 Feedback



#### **RSIC 2025 Photo and Video Gallery**

Relive the moments from RSIC 2025 in Dubai including the Conference Video from our host schools The Indian High School Dubai, GEMS Modern Academy, and The Millennium School Dubai.

Click the link below to explore our gallery of photos and videos capturing the energy, ideas, and experiences that made this year's conference so memorable. The gallery will keep building over the next couple of weeks as we add thousands of photos. If you have any photos you would like to add to the gallery please send them to jason@roundsquare.org

Go to the RSIC 2025 Gallery

## **Honorary Members' Baraza Town Halls with RS Board**

This is a final reminder that **Honorary Members** are invited to join a Baraza "Town Hall" Zoom with members of the RS Board on 15 October. There are two time options - either **6am GMT (currently 7am UK)** or **3pm GMT (currently 4pm UK)**. Zoom links will be



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



# Save the dates: 20-24 Jan 27 - Hong Kong - Round 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

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

This event is strictly for Heads of Round Square Schools.



The Round Square Coordinators' Global Assembly - 11 to 15 April 2027 - Oxford UK







# 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

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.



## A King Constantine Medal Story - Nammon, RBIS International School, Thailand

When Aunyaporn Vitayakornbundit (Nammon) realised her classmates at RBIS International School in Thailand were not recycling, she decided to lead by example. What began with her collecting bottles and cans soon grew into a school-wide project that inspired friendly competition, brought her community closer together, and even helped support a foundation that creates prosthetic limbs from ring pulls.

## **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.

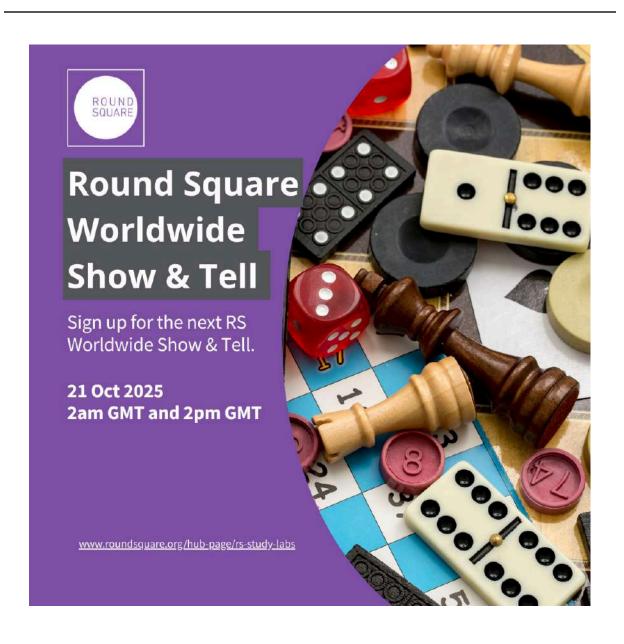
The RS Heroes Dolls will be manufactured to British Toy Safety Standards, and the company

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 'How we celebrate birthdays' or 'The games we play'.

21 October 2025 at 2am GMT: Theme: How we celebrate birthdays

21 October 2025 at 2pm 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 and 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

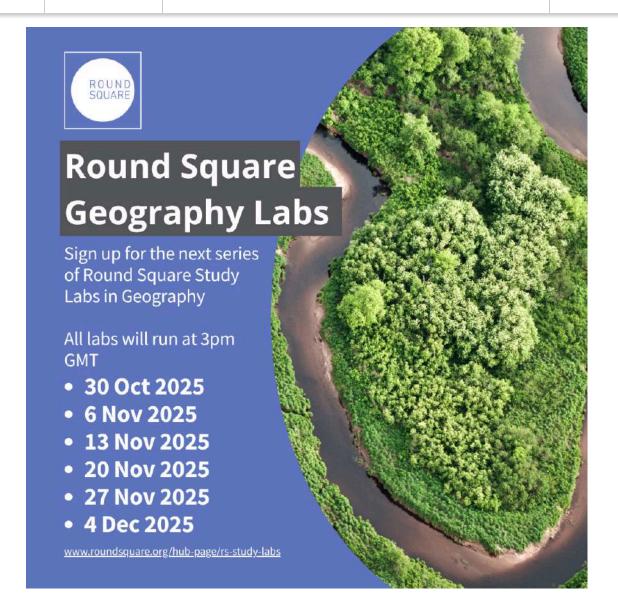
We will open registration for the following dates about a month in advance, and will let you know in future editions of RS Weekly:

2 December 2025 (2am and 2pm GMT): Theme: Hobbies and interests

**9 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

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



#### 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?

• 4 Dec 2025: Population 8 Billion - How Age Shapes Our World

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.

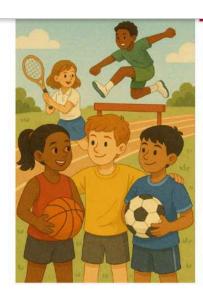
Please share with your Geography Department: <u>Download a pdf with the information</u>.

Book RS Geography Labs

#### **Register for upcoming RS Zoom Postcards**



# How can being involved in different sports at school help us grow not just as athletes, but as people?



Join a RS Zoom Postcard from Woodridge College and Preparatory School in South Africa on 15 October.

**Woodridge College and Preparatory School** in South Africa invites you to register up to six students aged 11-13 and one adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "**How can being involved in different sports at school help us grow not just as athletes, but as people?**"

The 60-minute call will take place on **15 October at 2pm SAST** (GMT +2) which we make to be 9am in Buenos Aires and São Paulo, 1pm in London, 2pm Copenhagen, Paris and Zurich, 3pm in Nairobi, 4pm in Dubai and Yerevan, 5pm in Karachi, 5:30pm in Delhi, and 7pm in Bangkok. But please check for your own location.

Before the call, participants are asked to create design and upload <u>HERE</u> a 'Super Athlete' who plays at least three different sports. What skills, values, or powers do they have from each sport?

Please register by 9 October.

Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.

Register before 9 October



## Join RS Zoom Postcard from The Cathedral and John Connon School in India on 15 October

The Cathedral and John Connon School in India 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 "**Local Roots**, **Global Goals: SDGs in Our Cities".** 

The 90-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 15 October at 1pm IST** (GMT +5hr30) which we make to be 8:30am in London, 9:30am in Madrid, Paris, and Johannesburg, 10:30am in Nairobi and Doha, 11:30am in Dubai and Yerevan, 2:30pm in Bangkok, and 3:30pm in Beijing, 3:30pm in Hong Kong, and 6:30pm in Sydney. But please double check this for your own location.

As a pre-work our hosts ask participants to prepare and upload <u>HERE</u> a one PowerPoint slide per school showcasing a real SDG initiative or policy being implemented in their city with visuals (photos, infographics, statistics etc). Students will present their slides during the breakout sessions and give a brief analysis or personal reflection on the effectiveness and impact of the initiative.

Please register before 9 October.

<u>Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.</u>



#### 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.



## 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.

Please download and share a pdf of this postcard.

#### RS Zoom Postcards also open for registration:

**St George's Grammar School, South Africa** - 29 October at 2pm SAST (GMT +2) - Ages 13-15 - **Screen Shift: the Generational Divide**. Register before 23 October.

**Godspell College, Argentina -** 29 October at 10am ART (GMT -3) - Ages 16-18 - **Be Aware. Be Safe. Be Smart.** Register before 23 October.

#### Thank You to our recent RS Zoom Postcard hosts

## Michael Ham Memorial College, Argentina. Theme: Discovering Natural Beauty

Students explored the theme of Discovering Natural Beauty through a rich and thoughtful exchange of ideas. The session began with participants sharing personal memories and reflections on what they find beautiful in nature: from animals and landscapes to monuments and cultural landmarks. The diversity of countries represented highlighted the wide range of natural beauty found across the globe.

Discussions also focused on the importance of preservation. Students emphasised that protecting nature doesn't always require large-scale authority or intervention; simple actions, such as picking up litter, can make a meaningful difference. The role of individuals and communities in safeguarding the environment was a recurring theme, with many expressing the need for young people to take an active part in conservation efforts.

Participants also considered less obvious forms of beauty, such as the power and drama of storms, and reflected on how sustainability is deeply connected to our appreciation of the natural world.

Maria Caamaño.

## The British School, New Delhi, India - Theme: Planet in Practice: Stories of Sustainability

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 Ishana, Rhea, Rayeesha, Sumer, Ayra, Maeriasha, Yohaan. Kiarika, Uday, Agamya, Krishiv and their teacher Anju Bhagi.



#### Say Hello 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.

To inspire you, we are sharing this video from **Elmwood School in Canada** and their Kindergarten Class saying hello.

#### 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!
- Upload the video using the form below

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

• Please hold the phone or camera **sideways (landscape)** 



backgrounds)

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

Upload your 'Hello' Videos

#### 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.

- Oxley College in New South Wales, Australia, invites Early Years and Primary Years to join its ongoing <a href="Pen Pal Project">Pen Pal Project</a>. Schools are welcome to join anytime.
- Michael Ham Memorial College in Argentina invites Primary Years to join <u>Banderas</u>
   <u>Nacionales</u> (National Flags). This collaboration is ongoing and schools are welcome to join at any time.
- Michael Ham Memorial College in Argentina invites Primary Years to join ¿Por Qué
   Comemos? (Why do we eat?)
   This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are
   welcome to join at any time.
- Okinawa Amicus International School in Japan invites Middle Years students to join Round Square Ideal and Discovery Mind mapping. This collaboration is ongoing.
- SAI International School in India invites Middle and Secondary Years students to join SAI Global Debate 2.0 2025. Schools should register their interest to participate by 10 October 2025.
- **Michael Ham Memorial College** in Argentina invites Secondary Years students to join in The Earth Claims for Help. Schools should register their interest to participate by

 Cadet College Hasan Abdal invites Middle Years and Secondary Years students to join <u>CCH Model United Nations 2025</u>. Schools should register their interest to participate by 15 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.
- ODM Sapphire Global School, India
- 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
  Peter Reynolds: Dot Exchange Sharing Our Dots with the World. This collaboration is
  ongoing and other schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 October 2025.
- The Scindia School in India invites Middle Years and Secondary Years students to <u>School - The Living Laboratory</u>. Schools should register to participate by 31 October 2025.
- **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>

  <u>Around the World</u>. 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 <u>In the Footsteps of Jane Goodall: A collaborative virtual exhibition to</u> <u>honour her life and legacy</u>. 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

 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 participate by 16 February 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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