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Round Square Weekly 5 November 2025

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An Invitation to join a RS Heroes of Discovery Workshop in February 2026

Two introductory one-day workshops for the Round Square Heroes of Discovery are being planned for February 2026 in conjunction with RS Forums in The Americas and in Africa. In both cases, the invitation to participate in the RS Heroes Workshop is extended to schools in all RS Regions.

In both cases, there is no participation fee to pay for the workshop, but you are invited to make, and pay for, your own travel and accommodation arrangements in time to arrive at the host school for a 9am start. The day will finish at 5pm, with an optional evening reception for those staying over (see below for details of venue and accommodation recommendations).

The two options are as follows:

ATLANTA. USA - 5 February 2026 - 9am to 5pm at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School. Participants staying over on the evening of 5th Feb are welcome to join the welcome reception that evening for the RS Americas Forum. Please **REGISTER HERE** for the RS Heroes Workshop in Atlanta, and then make your own accommodation arrangements. Rooms have been reserved at Marriott Galleria NW at a rate of USD \$159 per room per night. A direct link to book and pay for your accommodation will be shared with everyone who registers in the next few weeks.

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA - 19 February 2026 - 9am to 5pm at St George's Diocesan School. Participants staying over on the evening of 19th Feb are welcome to join the welcome reception that evening for the RS Africa Forum. Please <u>REGISTER HERE</u> for the RS Heroes Workshop in Windhoek, and then make your own accommodation arrangements. Rooms

- https://www.hilton.com/en/locations/namibia/windhoek or
- https://www.avanihotels.com/en/windhoek



Join an Exciting Adventure - Kilimanjaro Expedition 3-21 August 2026

We are delighted to invite applications for 60 students from RS Schools around the world to join a Spirit of Adventure Expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, from **3 to 21 August 2026.**

Working with an internationally recognized expedition provider with experience in running high-altitude expeditions in Africa, Asia, and Europe, a team of up to 60 students and 8 adults from Round Square schools across the world will trek the 8-day Lemosho route towards the summit of Africa's highest peak.

Along the way, students will mix in interculturally-diverse baraza 'climbing' groups, supported by both professional mountain guides and adult participants.

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STUDENTS: To help us gauge likely numbers, please complete the form below if you think would like to offer this opportunity to your students. We will ask students to register directly with Round Square (as with RSIS Projects) when the time comes – this is just to help us in planning. Complete the Form for Students

ADULTS: We will be putting together a support team of up to 8 adults (depending on student numbers), who will mainly focus on pastoral care of students. All adult participants will be asked to pay for their own flights. The Team Leader place will be free of participation fees (must have climbed Kilimanjaro before), two medical support places will pay 50% (working alongside medics — must have Wilderness First Aid qualification and experience) and the remaining adult participants will pay the same fee as the students. **Adults, please** express interest here.



Pre-Order Round Square Heroes of Discovery Plushies

need pre-orders for 150 sets before we can go into production. If we reach this target, we will move straight into production. If not, don't worry, all orders will be cancelled before any payment is taken.

Each set includes 12 Round Square Hero plushies and will be priced at £200 per set, including postage and packing (dolls cannot be sold separately).

If your school uses the RS Heroes, by committing to one or more sets, you'll help make this a reality for everyone and keep costs low through a collective bulk order.

Each set will be:

- Made to British Toy Safety Standards
- Produced ethically and sustainably
- Crafted by a trusted UK manufacturer currently completing the final toy safety tests before production begins.

Please complete <u>this form</u> to reserve your set(s). Your order will be held until we reach 150 — once we do, we'll confirm and issue your school invoice for payment via BACS transfer or Stripe card payment.

A King Constantine Medal Story: Olivia Prickett, Newcastle Grammar School

Olivia Prickett of Newcastle Grammar School in Australia has been awarded her school's King Constantine Medal for her sustained dedication to Round Square. Through her leadership and commitment, Olivia has helped embed the values of Round Square into her school culture while inspiring others to take meaningful action. Olivia talks about



Read Olivia's Story

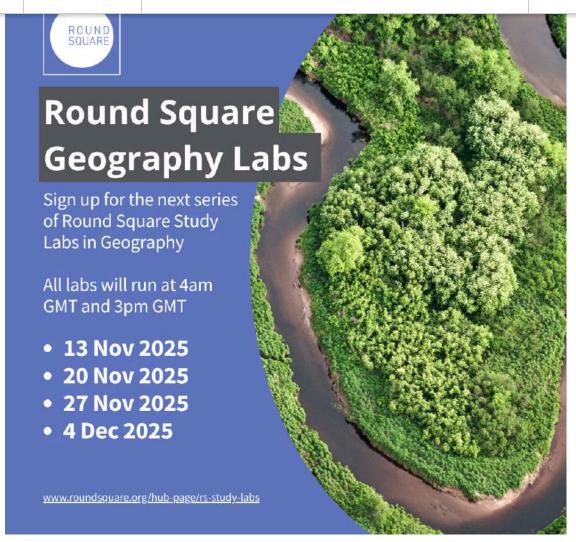
Tell us about your King Constantine Medal recipient so we can share it with the Round Square community. Fill in a short form by <u>clicking here</u>.



Talking Heads: Francis Retter, The British Junior Academy of Brussels (BJAB)

The latest episode of the Round Square Talking Heads Podcast features Francis Retter, Head Teacher at British Junior Academy of Brussels (BJAB) in Belgium, who talks about Internationalism, his experience of his first ever Round Square International Conference in Dubai and why it is more important than ever to have an international outlook.

Listen to Talking Heads



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. Each session will be 90 minutes. You can register for one, some or all the sessions.

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

Sydney, 5pm in Auckland. But please check for your own location.

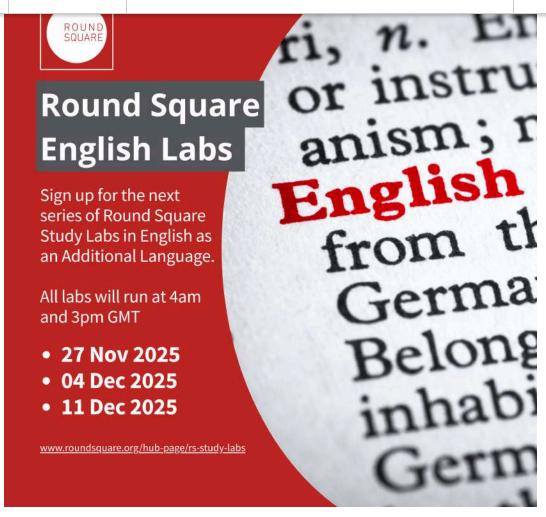
We make the time conversion for the 3pm GMT calls to be 7am in Los Angeles, 8am in Calgary and Mexico City, 10am in Bogota and Lima, Santiago, Toronto and New York, 3pm in London, Belfast and Marrakech, 4pm in Berlin and Stockholm, 6pm in Nairobi. But please check for your own location.

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 English Labs

Round Square English Language Labs are hosted by student teams who lead conversations in English, their native language.

The sessions are run over consecutive weekly one-hour slots. This allows their peers in Round Square schools around the world to practice their language skills in a real-world context.

Participants are grouped by ability—beginner, intermediate, and advanced—ensuring that each session is appropriately tailored in complexity and content for every level.

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

• 11 Dec 2025: Stories, Fairy Tales and Cultural Traditions

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, 3pm in Sydney, 5pm in Auckland. But please check for your own location.

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Book RS English Labs

Register for upcoming RS Zoom Postcards



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adult <u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "The Impact of Effective Student Voice in a School".

The 60-minute call will take place on **12 November at 11am GMT** which we make to be 8am in Buenos Aires and São Paulo, 12pm in Marrakech and Paris, Copenhagen and Johannesburg, 2pm in Nairobi, Athens and Doha, 3pm in Dubai, 4:30pm in Delhi, and 6pm in Bangkok. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to ponder on the following questions and come to the call ready to discuss their ideas: 1) How does an effective student council give students a voice and help build a sense of ownership? 2) In what ways can a student council promote leadership and teamwork among its members and the wider student body? 3) How can an active student council contribute to creating a more inclusive and positive school culture?

Please register before 7 November.

Download and share with colleagues.

Register before 7 November



12 November.

St. Andrew's School for Girls in South Africa invites you to register up to six students aged 13-15 and one adult HERE for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "Leadership through Service".

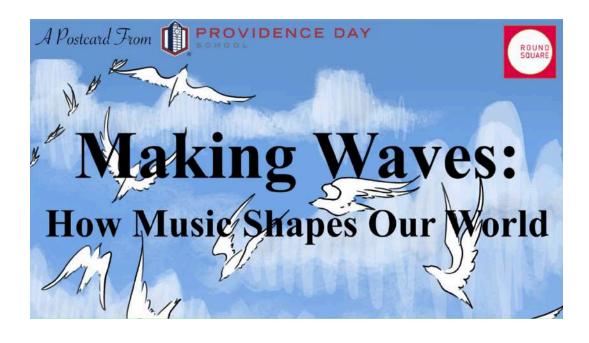
The 90-minute call will take place on **12 November at 9am CAT** (GMT +2) which we make to be 7am in London, 8am in Munich, Copenhagen and Windhoek, 10am in Nairobi and Doha, 11am in Dubai and Yerevan, 12:30pm in Delhi, 1pm in Dhaka, 2pm in Bangkok, 3pm in Hong Kong and Beijing, and 4pm in Tokyo. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to upload <u>HERE</u> a single slide with a picture and the name of someone they consider to be a servant leader and mention three reasons why.

Please register before 6 November.

<u>Download and share with colleagues.</u>

Register before 6 November



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Providence Day School in USA on 19 November.

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<u>HERE</u> for a RS Zoom Postcard with the theme "Making Waves: How Music Shapes our World".

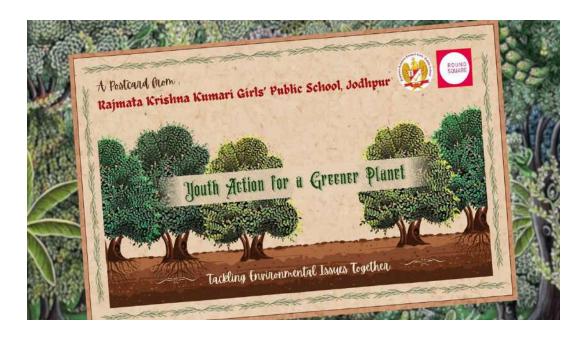
The 60-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 19 November at 1pm EST** (GMT -4) which we make to be 10 am in Los Angeles and Vancouver, 11am in Mexico City, San Pedro Sula and Calgary, Lima, Bogotá and Quito, 1pm in Montreal, New York, Charlotte and Ontario, and 3pm in Santiago and Buenos Aires. But please check for your own location.

Ahead of the call our hosts ask participants to please complete **THIS** survey.

Please register by 13 November.

<u>Download and share with colleagues</u>

Register before 13 November



Join RS Zoom Postcard from Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public School in India on 19 November.

Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls' Public 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 **"Youth**"

The 90-minute call will take place on **Wednesday 19 November at 4pm IST** (GMT +5hr30) which we make to be 10:30am in Accra, 11:30am in London, 12:30pm in Paris, Johannesburg, and Genève, 1:30pm in Nairobi and Athens, 2:30pm in Yerevan and Dubai, 4:30pm in Dhaka, and 5:30pm in Bangkok. But please double check this for your own location.

As a pre-work our hosts ask participants to upload <u>HERE</u> a one slide image of a local environmental challenge and the initiatives taken to address it, and come ready to present it in no more than 1 minute. Also please bring a recyclable item and be ready to share how it can be reused creatively.

Please register before 13 November.

<u>Download and share with colleagues</u>

Register before 13 November

RS Zoom Postcards also open for registration:

Please click on the links below to register and / or to download and share more details of these RS Zoom postcards with any colleagues who might be interested.

Stiftung Louisenlund, Germany

26 November, 5:30pm GMT | Ages 13–15

The Struggles of Adolescence

Take part: Register by 20 November

Holy Trinity College, Argentina

26 November, 9am ART | Ages 16–18

Challenging Ourselves Through Service Projects

Take part: Register by 20 November

Scarsdale High School, USA - Theme: Sustainable Cities (11 UNSDG)

A highly engaging session on the topic of Sustainability (UNSDG 11). Here are a few answers from student participants when asked to share the main takeaway from the session:

We learned about the different usages that AI might have in the future of sustainability (like carbon tracking, rainfall etc) Eli and Sonja - Scarsdale High School

Discussions were very insightful and allowed me to gain new ideas and see how sustainability has been put in place globally. Robbie - Palmer Trinity School

We learnt that Achieving global sustainability isn't about waiting for governments to act, it starts locally. Local actions often turn out to be the fastest way to create a greener world. Small steps can make big impacts! Raina - The Cathedral and John Connon School

Thank you to baraza leaders Gabe, Morgan, Joyce, Kayla, Sonja, Eli, Laila, Aaron, Vanessa and Nika.

Thomas More College, South Africa - Theme: Beyond the Win: How Failure and Culture Shape our Success Story

The session explored how failure and culture shape our success stories. During the plenary, participants shared key learning outcomes, and here are a few testimonials from attending students:

I learnt that true confidence comes from making choices that respect your own values.

Minenhle - St. Andrew's School for Girls

After the session I have realized that failure is a coma, not a full stop. Moksha - The Hyderabad Public School

I found it very interesting to discover how different cultures define success. The session helped me become more proud-minded. Juan - Podar Pearl School Doha

Mangwane, Senthil, Solara, William, and Cole.

Godspell College, Argentina - Theme: Be Aware. Be Smart. Be Safe

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The session brought together schools from Argentina, Bangladesh, Canada, India, and the UAE. During the call, the hosts invited participants to share their insights on modern addictions and how these prevent us from truly connecting, staying present, and living fulfilling lives. Students discussed habits related to the overconsumption of tobacco, social media, and even perfectionist expectations, among others. Here are a few takeaways from students:

"I would advise other teenagers to stay loyal to themselves and be aware of what's good for them." Mona, Godspell College

"It is important to evaluate the risk of falling into an addiction when making choices, and be aware of the possible dangers" Zidaan, Bangalore International School

Thank you to baraza leaders Julia, Mona, Juana, Renata, and Matilda.

St George's Grammar School, South Africa - Theme: Screen Shift: The Generational Divide

Participants engaged with this topical postcard, sharing their experiences of the pressures which come from having social media as such a big part of their lives.

Deegan spoke of how the experience of their parents is so different to their own and how social media serves as a communication tool for the different generations with varying degrees of authenticity. Adam left all the participants with a thought piece on how we can make social media safer and not stricter.

While James summarised the views of his group by explaining the ever-changing definition and scope of social media, touching on the pressures of keeping up and how trends can be friend and foe.

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Emma, Ilhaam, James, Mika-Eel, Lulibo, Beatrix, Yusuf, and Adam.

Thank you to our French Language Lab hosts: Calgary French and International School, Canada

The last session in our French Language Lab series focused on the theme Stories, Fairy Tales and Cultural Traditions. Students representing a wide range of language abilities, participated with great enthusiasm. They engaged in lively discussions — mostly in French — about stories from their childhood, traditional tales from their cultures, and how these narratives shape identity and values. Breakout rooms provided a supportive space for students to practise speaking, share personal experiences, and build confidence in using everyday vocabulary.

Thank you to hosts Aria, Maxine, Ziya, Nadia, Anika, Elle, Yasmine, Nour, Alexander and their teacher Chantalle Bourque.

Reminder to Say Hello for World Hello Day: 21 November

To celebrate World Hello Day on 21 November, we are inviting *every school* to send a short video of your students saying "**Hello**" in your own language, from your own corner of the world. We want to showcase the breadth of countries and languages covered by schools in Round Square.

We will be sharing your videos across Round Square's social media channels on **21 November**. We encourage you to share and repost these with your own school communities as a simple way to highlight the global connections your students have through being part of a Round Square school.

How to get involved:

- Gather your students one class, a group, or your whole school!
- Record a short clip (5–10 seconds) of your students saying "Hello" in your language.

• Keep it steady — use a stand or table

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• Upload your video using the form below. (You can send more than one) or email jason@roundsquare.org.

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.

- Colegio Colombo Británico in Colombia invites Primary Years to participate in My
 <u>Favorite School Spot Places We Love</u>. Schools should register to participate by 6

 November 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Colegio Anglo Colombiano in Colombia invites Secondary Years students to <u>CACMUN XV</u>. The collaboration will take place on 3 December 2025. Schools should register their interest to participate by 15 November.

and Culture Trip 2025. 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.
- Cheongshim International Academy in South Korea invites Secondary Years students to join <u>CSIAMUN XVIII</u>. The collaboration will take place on 28 January 2026. Schools should register their interest by 15 December.
- Interactive European School (DES) in Greece invites Primary Years students to join The Eratosthenes Experiment. This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 25 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.
- **Oxley College** in New South Wales, Australia, invites Early Years and Primary Years to join its ongoing <u>Pen Pal Project</u>. Schools are welcome to join anytime before 31 March 2026.
- Interactive European School (DES) in Greece invites Primary and Middle Years students to join Find a Global Pen Pal! This collaboration is ongoing and other schools are welcome to join at any time before 10 June 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>

Latest Jobs Around the Round Square Network

Please share the following with anyone outside the Round Square Community who you think would be interested in applying for the role and/or you would be happy to recommend. All arrangements are managed by the school that has advertised the job.

The British Junior Academy of Brussels (BJAB) in Belgium has the following vacancies. Apply by 7 November 2025:

- Modern Languages Teacher French (Part-Time)
- <u>Latin Language Teacher</u>
- Global Perspectives Subject Specialist Teacher
- Economics Subject Specialist Teacher
- Science Subject Specialist Chemistry
- Computing Subject Specialist Teacher

Colegio Colombo Británico in Colombia has the following vacancies:

- Head of Secondary Section Apply by 23 November 2025.
- High School English Teacher Apply by 30 November 2025.

If you have an employment opportunity you would like to share, please <u>complete this short</u> form.

For day-to-day RS support needs, contact:

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