

September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 11 and Year 12,

Malta 2026 - Sustainability, Biodiversity & Conservation Diving Trip 26th Oct - 2nd Nov 2026

We are launching an incredible opportunity to learn how to dive (gain your open water certification), be involved in sustainability, biodiversity and conservation of indigenous aquatic life and monitoring of invasive fire worms in the Mediterranean Ocean!

See our 2023 trip video [here](#)!

This is both a life changing opportunity for students to explore the Mediterranean ocean, and the opportunity to complete several additional guided shore dives, including two conservation-oriented dives. You will have the chance to learn about efforts to raise awareness of invasive species (fireworms), eagle rays, and other marine wildlife found in the waters surrounding Malta, take part in different activities which will contribute to research and play a role in conservation whilst fine tuning your new diving skills toward gaining your open water qualification! The skills that you will be learning will also allow you to further develop your understanding of your learning from school and apply it to these fantastic scenarios. If you have an interest in all things ecology, environment or an interest to gain lifelong skills then this is the trip for you.

NO PREVIOUS DIVING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED - OPEN TO ALL

The cost of the trip is **£2200*** and will include:

- Return flights
- Full Open Water Qualification (Training & Assessment)
- 2 additional dives at top dive sites
- All dive equipment
- Conservation Projects and workshops
- Accommodation (self-catering)
- Budget for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- If your child is taking A Level Biology, there will be an opportunity to complete core practicals

Information Evening (virtual):

Mr Rowe-Elliott will be hosting a virtual information evening on Thursday 25th September on google meets. If you are interested, please sign up by following the link below:

Malta Diving Trip 2026 - Information Evening

Thursday 25th September · 5:30 – 6:00pm

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tgx-yuks-ood>

Due to the complexity of the trip, the deadline for the deposit of **£50** will be required by **Friday 3rd October, 2025**, which can be made payable on ParentPay under the trip name “Malta Diving Trip 2026”. A timeline of payments schedule shall be created to support key payment dates.

Due to the nature of activity students **MUST** be able to comfortably swim 200m and will be required to demonstrate this as part of the qualification assessment. Students will also be required to purchase individual diving insurance. The school will request a copy of this no less than 6 weeks before departure. Additional spending money is recommended.

If you would like more information regarding this incredible trip, please contact Mr Rowe-Elliott (lmr@rgshw.com).

We would not want any pupil to not be able to take advantage of this opportunity due to financial hardship. If you would like to discuss this in confidence, please contact Dominic Clatworthy (Director of Co-curricular) on dec@rgshw.com. Funding and Financial Assistance grants may be available

Please be aware that withdrawing a student from a confirmed school trip may incur costs that the school is obligated to cover. These costs can include, but are not limited to:

- Non-refundable payments made to travel operators, accommodation providers, or activity venues.
- Cancellation fees levied by service providers.
- Costs associated with staffing and resources allocated based on the initial number of participants.
- Upon notice of withdrawal, parents / carers will be informed of the **specific amount required to cover these costs, which may be in addition to any instalments already paid.**
- This amount will be communicated to parents / carers as part of the formal withdrawal confirmation process.

*For this trip to be viable, a reserve number of 12 students is required. As the number of students becomes clear (and is to increase), this overall price is based on the number of students that attend.

Kind regards

Mr L Rowe-Elliott

Biology Subject Leader

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