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Dear Parents of Year 12

## **MALTA 2024 – SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSITY, CONSERVATION & DIVING TRIP**

We are launching an incredible opportunity for students to learn how to dive (gain their open water certification), be involved in sustainability, biodiversity and conservation of indigenous aquatic life and monitor invasive fire worms in the Mediterranean Ocean! We invite you to join an online talk about our exciting Malta diving and marine biology trip, which will run in October 2024 for Year 13 students (current Year 12) who are studying Biology and/or Geography and/or have a passion for conservation, marine biology and sustainability.

There are still places available on this once in a lifetime school trip!

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. Students 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 their new diving skills toward gaining their open water qualification. The skills that they will be learning will also allow them to further develop their understanding of their learning from school and apply it to these fantastic scenarios.

### **No previous diving experience is required!**

We're partnering with True adventure to offer this 9-day trip. Applications will open shortly, but please visit our trip webpage for sample itinerary, travel dates, and more information:

<https://true-adventure.co.uk/trip/rgs-high-wycombe-2024-expedition-to-malta/>

There will be a trip meeting on 17th January, 6.00-7.00pm **in the Sixth Form Centre**, to allow you to gain a better understanding of the trip and qualifications and to hear about the experiences of Y13s who have just been on the 2023 trip.

If you have any questions, please contact me on [lmr@rgshw.com](mailto:lmr@rgshw.com).

Kind regards

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