

Students are urged to take up German studies

St Bart's embraces campaign to highlight importance of learning new language

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A NEWBURY secondary school has taken part in a national campaign promoting German language education.

The #ShoutOutForGerman campaign, organised by the German Embassy, Goethe-Institut UK and German Academic Exchange Service, pays tribute to all schools, teachers and champions of German who encourage language learning in and out of the classroom.

And last week, head of culture and education at the German Embassy Susanne Frane and deputy director and head of language department at the Goethe-Institut London Andrea Pfeil visited St Bartholomew's School to see how it is encouraging language learning.

They visited a Year 12 German class and joined Year 9 pupils in completing a German quiz.

Headteacher David Fitter



German Week at St Bart's

said of their visit: "We have always been proud of the importance modern foreign languages plays in our curriculum.

"Speaking more than one language helps build a sense of global citizenship as well as opening up future employment opportunities.

"We hope taking part in this prestigious week will encour-

age many more students to consider choosing German as an A-level option."

The German department at St Bart's organised a range of activities during lesson times and after school, including competitions, clubs and films.

It also invited guest speakers including a recruitment specialist from BMW and a German and English lawyer to

speak with pupils.

Other speakers included Ian Ellison, a post-doctoral researcher on the Kafka's Transformative Communities Project at the University of Oxford.

Dr Ellison spent the day speaking to Year 7 to Year 13 pupils about Franz Kafka, why his writing is so accessible and how to read and translate from German into English.

German books were also available in the library, while the canteen laid on German delicacies such as bratwurst and strudel.

Head of German Gabrielle Tucker said: "In our increasingly competitive job market, it's important students understand the value employers place on speaking another language.

"They should also become aware of the number of German companies in the UK who are looking to recruit German speakers.

"The vibrant atmosphere and enthusiasm of our students has been amazing."



BBC Countryfile's Adam Henson with Eleanor Gilbert at Rookery Farm

Countryfile drops by to see our Berkshire Farm Girl

OUR very own Berkshire Farm Girl featured on TV on Sunday night.

Eleanor Gilbert, who regularly writes for our *Out & About* magazine, appeared on *Countryfile* on BBC One.

Adam Henson and the rest of the *Countryfile* team visited Eleanor at Rookery Farm.

"It was great to meet Adam Henson and to show him around the farm in Newbury," she said.

"He was particularly interested in how technology plays a vital role in agriculture and he was so kind and helpful and very knowledgeable around farming."

Mr Henson was visiting the farm to see what Eleanor has been up to since winning the

BBC Food and Farming Countryfile Young Countryside Champion award back in November 2022.

At the time Eleanor told viewers how she uses social media to spread awareness about the benefits and techniques of farming to those who might not be aware of them.

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What's on

THURSDAY

TO April 21, Hebborn's Family Funfair - Victoria Park

FRIDAY

Dubai Duty Free Spring Trials Weekend and Craft Beer Festival, Newbury Racecourse - across Friday and Saturday - the racecourse's popular craft beer festival is back to see in the Flat season in style. A host of entertainment, food and drink. Over 30 ales and ciders from eight local breweries.

Royal British Legion, Pelican Lane, Newbury, singer Paul Spittle, 8.30pm-11pm. All welcome.

SATURDAY

And Sunday, All About Dogs Show, Newbury Showground, Priors Court Rd, Hermitage, 9.30am-5pm. Free parking. Bring your dog for two days of four-legged fun at Berkshire's largest dog festival. Arena displays, breed meet-ups, expert advice, doggy shopping and masses of have-a-go activities. www.allaboutdogsshow.co.uk

And Sunday, Annual Lambing weekend at Foxglove Farm, Inkpen. With plenty to do and see it should be a fun-filled two days. With many lambs still due to be born over the next few days it's hoped that the weekend will prove to be great time to see up close, so many unique farming moments.



Simon Bastable and Kathe Davies lambing, see Saturday & Sunday

Plenty of day-old lambs to pet along with chicks and tractor rides. More information at www.foxglovefarm.uk/

Parkinson's UK Newbury Branch - Walking Together for World Parkinson's Day. Come and join the short walk around Victoria Park to the accompaniment of kazooes and handbells. The walk (one third of a mile) starts at 2pm. Find out more about the support offered to people living with Parkinson's and their families.

Thatcham French Market, at the Broadway, 9am to 5pm. A mouth-watering selection of freshly-baked baguettes and croissants, artisan cheeses, saucissons and other d lices. Sizzling cr pes, hearty g lettes and a variety of hot dishes.

SUNDAY

Hungerford Food & Artisan Market, 10am-1pm, Croft Field. Local food and artisan stalls, live music, street food, plants, cooking demo. Free entry.

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