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***Ermitage International School of France* student delegation will meet the Queen at the Annual International Round Square Conference 2011**

The 2011 Round Square International Conference begins this week at Wellington College in the United Kingdom. From October 17-23rd, a hand-selected delegation of *Ermitage International School of France* students will join others from around the world to challenge their minds and bodies to the theme of "Reaching Beyond our Limits." Her Majesty the Queen of England, a long-standing supporter of Round Square, will open the commencement ceremony.

The Ermitage 2011 delegation includes students of exceptional academic standing who have demonstrated their commitment to international service: Emmanuel Poggi (OIB, 1^{ere} ES, French/British), Alexandra Keech (Terminale ES, French) Alexandra Martinez (IBDP2, South African), Delora Faujour (IBDP2, French/American), Kirsty Chesshire (IBDP2, Scottish) and Bérangère Peyrard (IBDP1, French/American). These students were selected following a thorough application and interview process and will be wearing the Ermitage colors proudly.

Special recognition is given to Emmanuel Poggi who has been selected as the Ermitage delegate to personally meet Her Majesty the Queen. Emmanuel is the recipient of the "Top of the World" award 2010 for earning the highest result in the world for the IGCSE French as a Foreign Language exam last year, as well as a longstanding participant in Ermitage and Round Square trips, including ICU2 2010 eye camps in India, and Thailand 2011 where he participated in a student exchange. Congratulations also to Alexandra Keech, selected to attend the Prince Alexander Fund Lunch, and Alexandra Martinez who will bear the Ermitage flag during the opening and closing ceremonies. The students will be joined by Ermitage Round Square Representative Benjamin Hunter. After the conference, Mr. Hunter will be supporting student projects and connections inspired by the 2011 conference.

Last year, Ermitage participated in the International Round Square Conference titled "We Walk Together," where students contributed to life-changing service projects in the Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand. We are hopeful that this new conference will once more foster a strong sense of accomplishment and community spirit for our students.

To kick-off the Round Square International Conference 2011, Ermitage has invited other participating Round Square schools to visit Paris during a one-week pre-conference from October 11-17th. Round Square representative Benjamin Hunter is hosting the delegation of 40 students and staff from Australia, Canada and South Africa who arrived on October 11th to enjoy the city of lights among new friends. Visiting students will discover the museums and cultural sites of Paris, and will spend a weekend visiting the Loire Valley on bicycle... *c'est la vie à la Française!*





The visiting schools include The Southport School, Trinity Anglican School, Westminster School, Billanook College, Lakefield College School, St. Stithians Boy's College and St. Stithians Girls' College, many of whom have hosted, or been hosted by Ermitage students, strengthening our shared spirit of internationalism

ABOUT ROUND SQUARE AT ERMITAGE

Round Square brings together schools that encourage and enable students to become global citizens. Through Round Square service projects and exchanges our students put the "IDEALS" into practice; internationalism, democracy, environmental stewardship, adventure, leadership and service are woven into the fabric of our school, and have created many unforgettable experiences for our students, both in and outside of the classroom. Each year, Ermitage students are able to further develop their global citizenship during Round Square conferences where they connect, communicate and effect change with students from around the globe.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ermitage International School of France: www.ermitage.fr

Round Square Organization: <http://www.roundsquare.org/>

Round Square International Conference 2011: <http://www.rsc2011.org.uk/>

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