

## Evaluation of mobility 1 – October 2024

Staff travelled to Poland to meet our partner school and finalise details of project and future visits.

Chris Williams, an International Ambassador and former Chair of our Governing Body, joined them on this trip.

**Please comment on what you have enjoyed most about the visit:**

### **PREPARATORY VISIT TO ZDUNSKA WOLA, POLAND**

My role on this visit was that of facilitator. In my capacity as an International School Partnership Specialist I had helped to set up the partnership with Szkola Podstawowa nr 6. This had its foundations in a series of Erasmus+ courses hosted in Lincoln prior to Brexit. The Global Learning Association and I had then supported Bishop King in its successful application for Turing funding in the first half of 2024

The most enjoyable part of the visit was watching how BK teachers Nicky Carpino and Gemma Melhuish began to work with Aleksandra Maciejewska and her headteacher, Marzena Jaruga, from the host school. As both 'sides' became more confident they shared the challenges and found solutions

**Please comment on the impact this activity has had on yourself:**

A great sense of personal satisfaction because we had made a most successful preparatory visit to Zdunska Wola. Yes, there is much to be done before a large group of BK pupils visit Zdunska Wola in May 2025, but there is now a secure base with mutual trust and understanding of each other's needs and circumstances.

**Please comment on the impact this visit will have on the pupils you teach:**

These are not my pupils as such, but they will certainly have a wonderful time in Poland. The great attraction of Zdunska Wola is that it is NOT a great city with multiple tourist sites and transport complications. It is ideal for youngsters on their first journey abroad. They will derive huge benefits from being away from BK, Lincoln and the UK. For many it will be the first time they will have encountered cars driving on the right, soup every lunchtime, two-pin electric sockets, huge pillows, millions of magnificent trees and then the different routines of school life. The visit will be a great life lesson all round

**Any other thoughts about our school?**

I am delighted that Bishop King elected to apply for the Turing programme and that the collaboration with Szkola Podstawowa nr 6 can be part of the 2024-2025 International School Award portfolio. Let's hope that this link will grow from here.