

ENRICHMENT AT TESTWOOD

Rabbi Visit, April 2022

On 5th April we received a visit from Rabbi Zvi Solomons, an Orthodox Jewish rabbi from Reading in Berkshire.

Rabbi Zvi came to talk to our Key Stage 4 Ethics and Beliefs students, who are studying Judaism as part of their GCSE course. During his visit, Rabbi Zvi demonstrated how Jewish people celebrate the festival of Passover, and also how Shabbat (a weekly day of rest) is observed.

Rabbi Zvi showed us a number of artefacts including a tallit (prayer shawl), a Seder plate (used to tell the story of Passover), and a Torah scroll. Students had the opportunity to try on kippot (caps traditionally worn by Jewish men) and also to re-enact the blessings said as part of Shabbat celebrations. As part of the event, students were also able to try matzo bread, challah bread and grape juice (which all seemed to go down well), as well as fresh horseradish (which perhaps was more of an acquired taste, apart from for the brave!!)

The visit was a great opportunity for Ethics students to engage with a member of a faith community.

