

Fabulous Trip to Great Britain

Between the 12th and 20th of March 2010 62 year four students and five teachers (Mag.^a Christine Mitterweissacher, Mag.^a Rowena Hametner, Mag.^a Barbara Freinschlag, Mag.^a Petra Mayer and Mag. Ernst Raffetseder) enjoyed a fabulous week in Eastbourne, Brighton and of course in London.

We all had the chance to improve our English skills which was very good. We travelled by Ryanair and arrived at London Stansted Airport (one hour from London). The first two days had to be the great experience of London but we all were shocked by the Youth Hostel at Russell Square. It was a big disappointment but we enjoyed the stay in London, where we could admire all the famous sights like Big Ben, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Covent Garden, Camden Market etc. In addition, we had a guided tour in Shakespeare's Globe. We also saw the famous Queen musical "We will rock you". We relished watching the performance, the actors and the light effects. It was just amazing and unbelievable.

After this fascinating sightseeing tour the group travelled on to Eastbourne, where we lived with host families. We also attended a language course at GEOS-LTC International College next to Compton Park. There our classes were split into 5 groups of 12 people. The courses were really interesting and cool. We dealt with topics like celebrities, TV, music and the Royal Family. We also carried out surveys about the British way of life asking people in the streets. In the afternoons our Austrian teachers took us on many exciting afternoon trips to places like Seven Sisters and Beachy Head (chalk cliffs), Brighton etc. A special experience was the visit of Eastbourne College, the famous public school in Eastbourne.

For some of us the food in England doesn't match with their taste but on the other hand there were Starbuck's, Prêt a Manger, McDonald's and Burger King.

On Saturday we had to leave our lovely host families to go back to the airport in London-Stansted. On the way to the airport we enjoyed the visit to Hever Castle, childhood home of Anne Boleyn, and of course at Winney the Pooh Country in Hartfield.

The flight from London to Salzburg went without any problems and we could enjoy the great weather 'above' the sky...

Altogether the trip to England was fantastic and a great experience. We enjoyed it a lot.

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