



TRIP TO ENGLAND (SEPTEMBER 2014)

When we met at the Burgring and had an eight-hours trip ahead of us, we could not imagine what it would be like to spend two weeks in England with host families. But when we arrived in Oxford and were picked up by our „families“ we instantly felt welcome.

Starting the next morning with a typical English breakfast we were very excited to visit Shakespeare's birthplace – Stratford-upon-Avon. After visiting the Cotswolds and going for a hike there we had a look around in Stratford: the famous Shakespeare museum, the poet's house and of course the Swan Theatre. Some of us even took part in one of his plays, that was performed in the garden of his house!

The best thing about school in Oxford was that it started at 9:15 a.m., so we met all well-rested at Lake School. Besides doing grammar and writing exercises we still had a lot of fun learning new vocabulary and idioms. Furthermore, we did a lot of speaking activities by playing games like speed dating.

After school we really enjoyed our free time: We had the chance to go shopping, strolling through the lovely city or to spend the evenings with our host families. On Tuesday we got divided in two groups to visit Christ Church College, which is one of the oldest and most beautiful colleges in the world – and also known for its staircase, where the first part of Harry Potter was filmed. Another afternoon activity was punting, while sitting in a boat you only use a stick and a paddle to move forward, or when you think you are going too slow, you can of course jump into the water to pull the boat – as someone decided to do ... We also visited the Ashmolean Museum, where we had the chance to see ancient exhibits as well as paintings from Renaissance to Baroque.

Although we had a few minor problems with the bus driver, who refused to drive us, we securely arrived in London – with two hours delay.

Everyday after school we went sightseeing – Tate Modern, Globe Theatre, boat trip on the Thames, National Gallery, British Museum, National History Museum, Science Museum, Harrods, and of course the picturesque parks. Although we really liked it, it was quite tiring; London is an enormous city and very crowded – going by tube during the rush hour is not an experience you have to make!

On Thursday afternoon we finally had some leisure time to go shopping and roam through the famous Oxford Street.

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