

Report – Hastings 2024

Sunday, 8th Sept. 2024

My report is about the first day of our trip to England. We met at 5:30 am and started our bus ride to England with our private bus at 6 o'clock. The ride was quite fast and without any traffic jams. We were at the harbour in Calais at 2 pm. We took the ferry to Dover and we went on to Hastings by bus. On the way to Hastings we realized that most buildings are built with bricks. The landscape was very rural, there were only little villages. At our meeting point in Hastings, we were picked up by our host families. The weather was "British" and it was pouring down rain.

Lukas, 9d

Monday, 9th Sept. 2024

Today we got on our bus at around 8 am and went to Brighton. There we went to a pier where we played arcade games and walked along the beach. Right beside the beach we went into a tower, called "i360", from its top you have a great view over Brighton and the sea. Afterwards we enjoyed the view and then we were allowed to walk around Brighton in groups to look around the city. In the afternoon we drove about 1h from Brighton to Birling Gap where we walked along the white cliff coast, which was very beautiful. In the evening we arrived back in our host families and ate dinner. It was a really nice day but we were all exhausted.

Saphira, Mila, Ella, Sophia 9d

Tuesday, 10th Sept. 2024

Today we went to London. The bus picked us up at 8:30 am and we drove about 2 hours to London. We got off the bus in Greenwich where we visited the Prime Meridian. From there we had a very good view of the entire city, especially of Canary Wharf and its Skyline. Afterwards a boat took us up the Thames to Westminster. We went past the Tower Bridge, the Tower and the London Eye and saw a lot. Unfortunately, the weather was very cloudy, rainy and chilly. We got off at Big Ben and walked to Buckingham Palace. From there we walked on to Piccadilly Circus, where we had another half hour of free time.

After the break we took the underground to the London Eye and from there we had another view of the entire city. From there we took the Tube again to a shopping center in North Greenwich, where we all bought dinner because we didn't get home until around 9 pm and dinner with the families hadn't been planned.

Julius, 9a

Wednesday, 11th Sept. 2024

We arrived in London at 10 a.m. Sven, our very nice bus driver, drove us there safely. Thank you, Sven! The weather was beautiful (for Great Britain). At first we took the Jubilee Line to London Bridge and continued with the Northern Line to Old Street. One anonymous student experienced a Tube adventure. Because of that: remember where you want to go, listen to your teachers and keep being polite in the Tube of London. When all had finally arrived, everybody could start with the street art walk in the streets of London. We passed stunning and less stunning street art.

After that we met up with each other at one of the four Starbucks near Liverpool Street Station. Our teachers were proud because everyone was on time and at the right Starbucks. At 1 p.m. we got freedom to do what we wanted for the next four hours then this freedom was taken back again



. Here we have some examples of the free time:

"We ate delicious waffles and went shopping."

"We went to the Natural History Museum and the Tower."

"We ate salad and bought things."

"We were also just in different shops"

"We went to food markets, ate something and went shopping, mostly in vintage stores."

As you see the students experienced very different and exciting things. At 5:45 pm, we met again at Northern Greenwich Station. At 6 pm we left London with the bus and our friendly bus driver. On the bus ride back, we listened to music, sang and had a lot of fun. In the evening everybody returned to their host families.

Ida and Hannah, 9c

Thursday, 12th Sept. 2024

On the last day of our trip to Hastings, we visited the city of Hastings. There we had free time, some of us went shopping, played minigolf or visited the castle of Hastings. After that we met at a cafe and went to the start of our guided tour through Hastings. Our friendly guide told us a lot about the history of Hastings, the fishermen and the smugglers. After that we ate delicious fish and chips on the beach. Then we met again and had a very special teatime in the British Tea Museum. We tried a lot of different types of tea, had to dance and had the chance to buy tea afterwards. After the teatime we had free time and met at an underpass to board the bus together. At 05:00pm, we started our return to Germany. At 06:50 pm we arrived at the port of Dover, where we had to wait for over an hour. We used the time to play football on the lanes. After the ferry ride we were very tired and some of us slept on the bus. I think most of us had a good time.

Lukas 9d