



From a Student's View

On the evening of a beautiful day in late January 2018, my dad gave me a ride to the bus park near the *Berufliche Schulen*. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw how many students wanted to join in. I took my luggage into the bus and said hello to my classmate Justus and the teachers. After a short while, we hit the road and were headed to Bournemouth.

On the way to England, I was so excited that I couldn't sleep. So, I put on my headphones, listened to music, played some games and ate my lunch package. After several hours, we picked up our bus driver for the whole week: Fritz. He was a cool guy and I think I can speak for everyone if I say that we loved him. A few hours later we embarked on a huge ferry from France to England. On the ferry, Justus and I met Ben from the BG. He was simply cool, and just like me he likes cycling, so we had a lot of conversation topics.

Our host family

It was still dawn outside when we arrived in England, and I had just slept three hours, so I was completely tired. At our host family's place, Justus and I had our own bedroom. And the first thing we did was sleep for about two hours. Our host family was the coolest of all. We were really lucky to be able to stay with them. There were Mr. and Mrs. Dew and their three sons Jake, Adam and Luke. They gave us the WIFI password without us asking for it, and Mrs. Dew prepared the best meals. We got along with each other very well.

Trip to London

The trip to London was by far the best of this whole week. First, we went on a boat trip with all students. Then we had free time, so we could go and explore London in all its facets. Justus, Philipp, Ben's mate, Ben and I were in one group and had a lot of fun in the city. We didn't visit the usual sights, because we wanted to feel the lifestyle, so we went to a restaurant, a candy shop, the Hard Rock Cafe and shopping on Oxford Street – and that was amazing. I don't want to write about the rest of the day – what happens in London stays in London....

Trip to Oxford

I think everyone knows Oxford because of its well-known university. But did you also know that the university is not only one or two large buildings? No, it's distributed over half the city. Often, you are not allowed to go into the buildings. But we managed to get inside. And I can tell you it feels like being Harry Potter walking through these big corridors. Just like in London, we also visited the shopping mile of Oxford. And there were so many tourists like us from all over the world.

The School

On our first day at Cavendish School of English, we were informed that we were all here to speak English during the breaks, the lessons, and among ourselves. We were divided into three groups named by well-known writers. I was in the Agatha Christie group. Our teacher Mr. David was really cool. He taught us a lot using different methods. All in all, the school in England was fairly easy for all of us.



Salisbury and Stonehenge

On our last trip, we had two destinations. First, we went to Salisbury and its enormous cathedral. They need three organs to fill this huge building with beautiful music. One of the most interesting things about it is that it is home to one of only four copies of the Magna Carta still existing today. Apart from the sightseeing, we had a bit of free time to see the city and, as you might expect, the shopping mile. After Salisbury, we went on to Stonehenge to see the legendary stones. Unfortunately, I have to say that there is not a lot more than stones in a particular formation.

Bowling alley

On another day, we went to a Bowling club and to cut a long story short: Mr. Trautmann a.k.a Mr. T "destroyed" everyone. There were also some arcade games and car simulators we played with after the bowling match.

Karaoke night

We spent our last night in the Karaoke bar in Cavendish School. Yes, I know what you think... but please be impartial. At the beginning, the DJ showed us how everything worked and gave us a great performance. Then our teachers performed a song and the atmosphere relaxed. Bit by bit, more and more students went onto the stage and sang their songs. And in the end, we didn't want to go home.



Bottom line

I can't say a lot about the trip back home because I slept most of the time. What I can say is that, all in all, the trip was insane: I learned a lot, met new friends, and one day I will definitely go back to visit England again.

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