

London study trip report, 9th – 11th of January 2017

03.45 am the alarm clock rings. Time to get up. After a short breakfast I made my way to Basel-Mulhouse to catch the flight at 07.00 am. Gradually the others arrived at the gate and more or less punctually at 7 o'clock we took off to London.

After landing at the London Gatwick Airport, we took the Gatwick express which took about 40 minutes to the Victoria station. Because on this day the metro was on strike, we had to take buses to get to the hostel. Since we were at the end of the rush hour, we had to stand in a queue to get into one of the buses. The metro is a really short journey to the hostel but by bus it took over an hour. At the end we arrived at the hostel, stored our luggage and made our way to the meeting point at the British museum at 12 o'clock where we met the teachers.

After a short hello and the information that we will have to meet at 3 o'clock at the New London Architecture museum we split in two groups. Some of us took the opportunity to visit the British museum. The rest was too hungry and decided to go for lunch.

In the New London Architecture museum, we heard a presentation about the model which was very interesting. The speaker spoke clearly. In the end we had the possibility to ask questions, which he answered very competently.

After the presentation we went on the way towards Tower Bridge where we had a reservation in a pub for dinner. Unfortunately, it rained on and the way up which was not enjoyable. We spent the whole evening in the pub and returned around midnight to the hostel.



On the second day we met for the self-guided tour of Greenwich Observatory. The whole area is very nice and the tour was very interesting. The different Prime Meridians are all marked and labelled with the name. It was very

interesting to hear the story of the solution of the longitude problem. The solution was a sextant and a clock which was highly accurate and not affected by the movement of the ship at sea.

After the visit, we had free time and used this to explore London. Our way took us by cable car over the Thames and by train back to the city centre. We visited Buckingham Palace and strolled through Green Park to Piccadilly Circus where we looked around.



At half past six we met again at the hostel from where we went to Camden Town for dinner.

On the third day we met opposite the hostel where the British Library is. There, we visited the exhibition "Maps and the 20th Century: Drawing the Line". The exhibition surprised me a lot and I would have gladly stayed

longer. Unfortunately, we had to leave at 11 o'clock on the way back to the airport, as the flight was to take off at 14 pm.

On the way back they evacuated the train station and we risked missing our train to the airport. Fortunately, the train station was re-opened shortly before departure of our train and we caught it.

To sum up, it was an enjoyable, fun and culturally interesting trip. I would like to thank the school and the teachers for making this trip possible.