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The highlight of our English class is the study trip to London.

Every Geomatics class can go to London for 2-3 days at the end of the 3rd semester. We started our trip on the 9th of January at the Euro Airport in Basel. After we met each other, we flew to Gatwick in London and took a train to Victoria station. Everything went well, but as we left the train station in Victoria, there was a big crowd of people, who were waiting for the buses. It was a small chaos, because there was a Tube strike on this day.

Anyway, we took a bus instead and travelled to our accommodation at St. Pancras.

Once we found our youth hostel, we went to the British Museum, where we met our teachers. It was highly interesting to see old carvings, tools and so on from the past. Next we transferred to the New London Architecture Model. That's a 3D Model of the city of London (scale 1:2000) and it was very impressive to see

such a big city in 3D. In addition to the beautiful model, there were interactive possibilities to search the sights or all the airports.

At the end of the first day we walked to Tower Bridge, where we met each other for dinner. On the way it began to rain horribly, but what would London be without rain? Luckily we had good weather the next two days.

On our second day, we went to the Greenwich Observatory, where the 0-Meridian is located. The highlight for me was to see how centuries ago sailors were able to determine the coordinates only with a clock and the height of the sun. So these earlier sailors knew nearly exactly where they were. After the self-guided tour at Greenwich we took the Emirates Cable car across the Thames and travelled to Westminster by train. We walked to Buckingham Palace and further to the touristic Piccadilly Circus. At the end of these exhausting but fun day we went to Camden for dinner.

On our last day, we met in front of our hostel at the British Library. After a good coffee we were ready for the “Maps of the 20th Century” exhibition. I couldn’t believe there were so many

types of maps. I saw extremely creative and beautiful maps, which were partly self-drawn. This was a perfect end for our visit to London.

The journey back to Switzerland went well, except at the Victoria station. All persons had to leave the train station because of a bomb scare. Fortunately, we could enter the train station 15 minutes later and caught our flight back home.



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