

# London report



The class G3 from the FHNW was on a trip to London. The journey began early on the Monday morning at 7.00 o'clock. When everyone was at the airport in Mulhouse we flew to Gatwick Airport near to London. By the train we went to Victoria station in the middle of the city. The next thing, what we never saw in Switzerland was a bus with two floors. We drove a long time by bus and we saw very much and got our first impressions of London. At twelve o'clock we met our teachers in the city at the British Museum. One group of the class went out to eat while the second group went into the museum to look at some interesting things. Later, those in the museum needed to go to the pub for food



and some beers. After that, we had a meeting at the New London Model which was very impressive. Every building from the center of London was represented. At the end of the afternoon we met a Geomatics student from New College London and he showed us some cool things in London. It was a long, interesting and a little bit wet walk for us. It was raining so much at this time, so everyone was glad, as we come to the restaurant for dinner. After that, the first day was for some of us over while the others went for another one or two beers.

On the second day, we went to Greenwich. It is a park with a lot museums and there is an observatory, but the important thing is clearly the Zero Meridian. After an informative walk through the museum we could do what we want. The group I was in first went to the Greenwich market and then travelled on the boat to the cable car. From the cable car we had an awesome outlook of many things, like for an example, the O2 Stadium.

After this trip we went to the underground train. Our destination was Buckingham Palace. This is a very big building and when you have never seen that before it is very impressive with the Grenadier Guards, who watch this place with very much discipline and precision. So this day was also nearly finished. Finally, we did a little bit of shopping and in the evening we went for dinner and a drink in a pub.

It was the last day now and we visited an exhibition named "Maps and the 20th Century: Drawing the Line" at the British Library. We saw many different maps, some of which were very old, and we learned for what they were used. The maps were not only used for orientation like a common street or road map, but also propaganda was an important theme for maps during the First and Second World War. After this last exhibition we had to return to the airport for the way back to home.