

Monday

On Monday, the 11th of December, the three teachers, Mr. Thiel, Ms Blohm and Ms Halley, and us students met at the train station at 6:30 AM. With tired eyes and heavy suitcases, we walked to our train track. The train arrived on time at around 7 AM. As it was so early, most of us slept during the five-hour train journey. Then, at around 11 AM, we made the first change of trains in Cologne. Despite our train being late we made the connecting train to Brussels. Most of the second train journey we spent eating snacks, watching movies and playing card games. Once we arrived in Brussels, we had plenty of time to change trains and therefore had a lot of free time to explore the whole station (which was not too exciting). To get on the Eurostar train to London you had to go through a security check. Fortunately, no one was carrying illegal substances or dangerous devices so that we were able to board the train. Finally, we arrived in London. From there on, it was only a few more stops on the Tube until we reached Wembley where our hotel was located. After settling in the hotel, we went out in groups of at least three and looked for a place to eat. Everyone was supposed to be back in the hotel by 9 PM. In the hotel lobby we met and played a game to get to know each other better.



Tuesday



On Tuesday, the second day of our school trip to London, we all met at 8:30 AM in the canteen for breakfast. We then walked to the Tube and went to Camden Market. We took the Tube for a bit, but we walked for a long time through a beautiful park and next to a canal, which led us directly to Camden Market. When we arrived at the market, we walked through the many different food stalls in groups of at least three people. There were some cool shops with very unusual sweets and lots of souvenir shops. The

food from the food stalls was very tasty, but relatively expensive for the size of the portions. After about two hours, we all met again and took a long walk through London and had a lot of free time. After our free time we met again and took the Tube back to the hotel and were given some free time to eat something.

Wednesday

On Wednesday, we had breakfast at the hotel and then took the Tube to Soho where we got some time to roam around freely. After that, we met again as a group and visited the British History Museum where we got two hours to explore all the diverse exhibitions from all around

the world. Then we had time to get food by ourselves and walk around the streets of London a little bit. Afterwards, we took one of the famous red busses to Big Ben and Westminster Abbey where we listened to presentations from our classmates. At the end of the day our group split in two: one group went back to the hotel and the other group walked across the Christmas market near London Eye. Everyone had dinner in their own little groups but were reunited when we had the daily evening meeting in the lobby to talk about the plans for the next day.



Thursday



Today's adventure in London was truly amazing! After a hearty breakfast at our hotel, we began our tour with a visit to the Tower. Our guide shared captivating stories about its history, from serving as a prison to its various other roles. Following the tour, we had free time to explore the different buildings within the Tower, and the highlight for many of us was seeing the amazing Crown Jewels – they were truly spectacular! After a quick break, our sightseeing journey continued with a visit to the majestic Buckingham Palace. Later, we strolled through Green Park to Piccadilly Circus, where we had time to

explore and shop. Reuniting as a group, we then enjoyed dinner – delicious Mexican food – celebrating our last evening together in London. Afterwards, everyone had the option to either return to the hotel or take a late stroll through the city. Exhausted from the long day, most of us chose to go back, while some decided to seize the opportunity to see the city one last time, walking over the Tower Bridge and enjoying London's amazing skyline silhouette.



Friday

After four great days of exploring London, we went back to Berlin on the 5th day, the 15th of December. This time we did not have to get up as early as on the day of arrival. The train left London at around 1 PM. Well rested and happy to be back home soon we made our way to the station. In Brussels we got off the train and were, as on the day of arrival, allowed to walk around and get food. Many people bought fries and some people got Belgian waffles as we were in Belgium. Unfortunately, they were disappointingly dry. We then travelled from Brussels to Cologne and from there on to Berlin. Arriving at about 1.30 AM, many students were picked up by their parents or friends.

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