



When we left home on 8th March at 4 a.m., all participants were very excited about what to expect. After about 1/2 hour of driving, the bus became more and more quiet and many participants slept or at least tried to sleep. About eight hours later we arrived at Calais for the ferry boat to Dover. The ferry trip took about two hours.

Then we arrived Dover and drove on for another two hours to Eastbourne. We got there at 5 p.m. and met our partners. Then we were introduced to our host families. However, many were picked up by taxis to get to know their host families at home.

The first night in England was over and we all met at 8.30h at the bus stop where the bus driver picked us up. We drove to downtown Eastbourne where the first thing what we did was a city rally. In the meantime we had free time and were allowed to do what we wanted. In the afternoon we had a coastal hike and before we did that we took a group photo so as not to forget this event. We hiked about five to ten kilometres until we arrived at the pier. After that we had more hours of free time until we went back to our host family. Then there was something to eat for everyone at home.

On Tuesday, the third day in England, we started early at 7.45h, because we wanted to see London and we had a lot of plans. When we arrived at London, we had a short break because after three hours of driving you were a bit tired.

Then we met Stuart, he was our Guide. He showed us London, i.e. the most famous sights there.

These were: Big Ben, Tower of London, London Eye, Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace,... I have never seen so many sights so close to each other. After the City tour we had free time until 6 p.m. And then we went back to Eastbourne. In the host family there was no more food because it was too late to eat something, but that was no problem: the lunch packs were tasty enough.



The next day started again quite relaxed at 8.30 am. That day we went to Hastings to have a guided walk through the city. We split into two groups and had two different guides. Our guide showed us many sights of the city, because the city was very old there were also the oldest houses in England. We also saw many very old churches and many other very beautiful old houses with little doors :). The streets were very beautiful too. Afterwards we had free time until 3 p.m. .

- It was very funny to see how people used to drink tea in the past and it was also a lot of fun to put yourself in another role. I also find it very interesting to see how you used to behave at the table and what the table rules were. And after the Tea Time we went home to our host family for the last time.
- The last day in England started really early again. We met at 7.45am at the point where we were picked up by our host family at the beginning. Before we met, many children gave their host family a gift as a thank you for the nice time in England. Then we went to London again, we had the last hours before we left home and could do what we wanted. We arrived at the ferry at around 11.30 p.m., were in France at around 1 a.m. and then arrived in Bornhöved almost without breaks at around 1 p.m. The trip was over and we were back home – safe and sane.
- All in all it was a very interesting and funny trip, it definitely helped me for the exam and I hope I can go there again to take a closer look to everything. In the future I hope more students from this school will go there because it is very beautiful and informative there and it helps. I can only recommend it.
- Thank you to have given me the chance to see England and I would also like to say thank you to all host families again.



I think our trip to Eastbourne was very interesting and instructive, because I was able to speak English the whole time and so I learned a lot about this language:)

It also was very interesting to see all the important sights such as the London Eye.

But the most interesting place of all places of interest for me was the Buckingham Palace, because I love it to see the **???**real**???** Queen.

Furthermore I had to learn that the meals are very expensive and that they are not to my taste (I love the German food more). And I think it is very sad that you only can see very rich and very poor people - but no real middle-class!_{ext}

We, the ninth and tenth graders had the chance to go to England this year. We were accommodated in various host families for few days. So we must speak English. I thought this accommodation was good because we were able to get a taste of the English household and speaking English helped us to pass the exams. During the day we were out with the whole group and looked at a few special parts of England.



- The days in London were particularly great and the sights that we know from our school books were really impressive. From the London eye you can look across London and admire the city from a different perspective. Because of the free time you could pursue your own interests and had to organize yourself. Sometimes the free time was too long, for example in Hastings.
- All in all the entire trip to England was great and I say a wonderful last class trip for the 10th grade.

The „official“ photo!

