

BGY 12: Our Trip to London 2017

Please spare a few minutes and learn what wonderful places we saw in London. To help you see what we experienced through our eyes, we split the text in weekdays and added some pictures. Let's start with **Monday:**

Our journey to London began on Monday, 24th of April at 7:30 a.m. at our school. Our coach took us from Landau to London passing by →Zweibrücken→Luxemburg → France →1.5 h by ferry (crossing over the Channel) and 1h bus ride to our hostel. Although it was a 15-hour-trip, it was fun for all of us. We were playing games and listening to music to pass the time.

Furthermore, we got city maps and our “Oystercards“ for the underground from Mrs. Schönbach and Mrs. Niesz. These two tiny things helped us a lot the next day.





It was also nice to see London by night. We arrived at 11 p.m. and went to our rooms and beds as soon as we could because all of us were pretty tired.

Our hostel, which is called “Wombat’s, was such an incredible place to live. The people were very polite and the whole atmosphere was relaxed, cozy and positive. You immediately felt at home.



Tuesday:

Everybody was excited about our first day in London and therefore we started pretty early at 7 o'clock with breakfast in our cozy hostel.



After breakfast, we set off fresh and strengthened for an information hunt in the centre in small groups to get first impressions of the city and the citizens. The information hunt also gave us the chance to talk to British people. Thanks to their help and politeness we were able to answer many questions.



It had been planned to meet at eleven o'clock but this was easier said than done. One group was on the wrong side of the river and another one went back to the



hostel. However, with a certain delay, all students found their way back and we could take a group picture with a beautiful background.

The next point on our schedule was visiting the expensive shopping mall Harrods.

Even if the delay would have been a big problem in Germany it is no deal in London. There, a tube takes you to the desired destination every five minutes. However, it was really stressful

in the underground station and we had to hurry because the stops were very short.



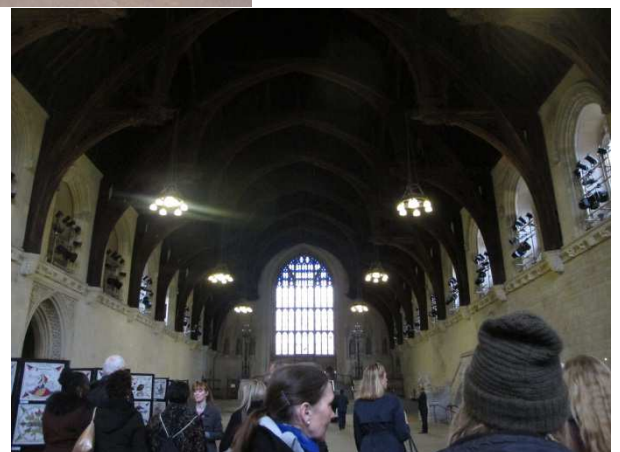
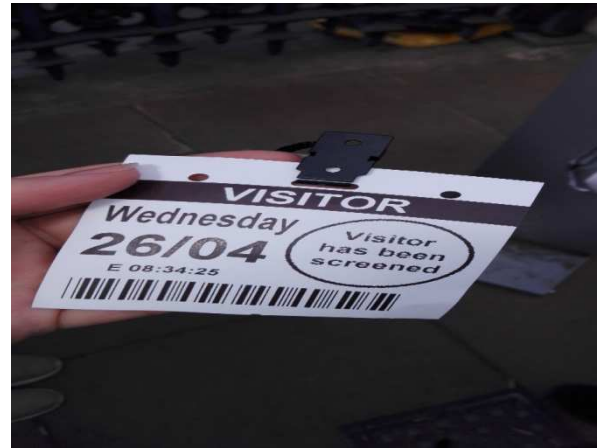
After this experience, we had free time until 4 p.m. Then, those who were brave enough went out for visiting the skyscraper The Shard. Miss Schönbach's friend Lisa came along and gave the task to read the map to some students who actually mastered it well.

When we arrived, we took another memory picture and went up with the fast elevator. Once at the top, we enjoyed a beautiful view above London and it was stunning how far we could see.

Wednesday:

The day started at 8 am after our daily breakfast. We went to the Parliament of London to get an insight into it.

This picture shows the visitor card we got from the security in the Parliament. The security control was very strict and we were a little afraid and felt like criminals.



Here you can see our picture in the Parliament. We had a guided tour through the Parliament, which was very nice and interesting. Our guide was very kind and tried to reduce his British accent, so we could understand him better.

Later we had leisure time. So we formed groups with friends and went to museums and/or to the Buckingham Palace.



In the afternoon some of us met at Wombat's City Hostel. We went to the supermarket *Waitrose* which was close to our hostel. We bought ingredients for our pasta dish.



We cooked a dish called spaghetti carbonara and made a salad. We had lots of fun during the cooking.

After we finished, we sat together and ate our delicious food. This was our last picture of the day.



Thursday:

After getting up we had our breakfast as always at seven o'clock. Getting ready for the coming activities, the winners of the scavenger hunt from Tuesday were supposed to have a trip to the Tower while the others went to the Bank of England Museum. But, sadly, the guard Mrs Schönbach knows was not attainable so that we were not allowed to enter the Tower. So we went back to meet the rest of the group at the Bank of England. There we learned many interesting facts about the Bank, its foundation and the money. Nice funny fact: The Bank's nickname:

The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

Sign at the door of the Bank of England Museum with its opening times.

Unfortunately it was not allowed to take photos inside.

The Queen opened the Bank of England Museum on 16 November 1988.



This was said by this sign inside the building before we entered the actual museum.

In the afternoon we had time to do whatever we wanted. Some of us went out one last time to see some things we had not seen yet or to buy souvenirs; others went back to the hostel to relax a bit before our long trip home.

At about 5:30 pm it was time to go to the bus and leave London behind us.



We reached the port of Dover at about 7:30 pm. There we had quite much time because our ferry was

leaving at 9:20 pm.

On the ferry there were nice seats and sofas to relax so the one hour and fifty minutes passed relatively quickly. After getting off the ferry it did not take



long until most of us were asleep again.

Driving home from London was very emotional, especially for Mrs Schönbach. The students passed the time with playing cards and reading, once again.

Friday:

Our last “day” of the trip, ended in the same way for everybody. After we finally arrived in Landau and at our school, every student grabbed his luggage and drove home immediately. It was obvious that everyone wanted to sleep the whole day because the bus drive had been very exhausting. But I think we can speak for everyone in our group that we were happy to have had the chance to experience so much and to retain all our impressions.

A big THANK YOU! to Mrs. Schönbach and Mrs. Niesz.