

## **Journey to England of the 7a- class**

On Sunday, May 1st 2005, the 7a- class met with their teachers Prof. Hausberger and Prof. Hofmann at 12 o' clock at Innsbruck airport. Short before the start we got nervous because for some of us it was the first flight. However, even as we sat on the machine, we recognized that it was not so bad as we expected and one and half an hour later we happily arrived in London-Gatwick. Another hour by bus later we arrived in Canterbury.

Soon we were taken to our host families, where we had to accustom to the new environment. Later in the evening we strayed around in the 135.000- inhabitant- city, but soon we found our way through it and visited the first pubs. However, not too long because early next morning at 9 o' clock our first English lesson in Stafford House started with the new teachers. Before the class began, we got to know them: Oliver and Don. After we had endured the whole morning in school, we explored Canterbury, accompanied by our four teachers. Next to the old city wall and the rests of the Norman Castle, we saw gardens, parks, old buildings with great history and at last the impressive Cathedral of Canterbury.

The next morning we went to school again, but not only in the morning, also parts of the afternoon, where we learned something about the history of the Canterbury Tales, which museum we visited later the same day. There we got to know the Tales, which were originally shown.

In the afternoon of the next day we made an excursion to Dover Castle where we noticed the moods of the English weather: rain and storm the whole day. However, this could not keep us from exploring the area. However, gladly we entered the secret wartime tunnels which are hidden behind the white cliffs of Dover and which were used during World War 2. After we had made a track through them, got to know the historic role these tunnels played for a long time and then we hit the road back home.

The next day we spoke about the elections, which were on this day. In the afternoon we had project work, we asked people about the election and before had gone to a polling station. It was great fun and in the evening we went to the oldest pub of Canterbury- "The Simple Simon's" Where we had a social evening, we played games and spoke a lot.

In the afternoon of the next day we drove to the shopping- centre "Bluewater", which is one of the biggest in Europe. The five hours in Bluewater were a shopping- dream. - Not only for girls. Saturday was a great day! We met very early to visit London. The bus drive was very long, however it was worth it. We saw the House of Parliament, Big Ben, Downing Street, the Horse Guards, but also Guarding change at Buckingham Palace. We strolled through St. James's Park, visited the National Museum at Trafalgar Square, where we saw a lot of paintings from the last four centuries. Moreover we made a trip on the Thames. From the boat we were also able to see a lot of sights e.g. the "London Eye", the Globe Theatre, Tower of London and Tower Bridge. A lot of the sights we saw at a "Hop on- Hop of- bus- tour", which was very funny, even if the weather was not great. Sometimes the sun was shining, sometimes it was raining and it also hailed for a short time! Our tour through London ended at Covent. This day was very exhausting, but also great. In the evening we went to a pub, there we celebrated this great week and arranged the last things for the homeward voyage.

On Sunday we were picked up at the host families to drive to the airport, where we spent our last money. The flight home was very calm and we happily landed in Innsbruck.

In the end we want to thank our teachers, Prof. Hausberger and Prof. Hofmann for this great week and their effort. I think I can say that this week was a very great one and we will never forget it.

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THANK YOU!! -7a

















