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PREFACE

Language improvement is the core element for study and work purposes and it has a crucial role to play in educating the generations who will be the leaders of the future.

In September 2017, 18 students from our school, I.T.E.S “Francesco Maria Genco”, were given the opportunity to take part in a study programme in England entirely funded by the Region of Apulia (P.O.R. Puglia FESR-FSE 2014-2020).

The general aim of the project “Off we go” was to empower students to achieve their full potential; integrate diversity to broaden their perspective and creating an inclusive, vibrant and innovative experience.

The group, accompanied by 4 teachers, Mrs Caterina Santoro, Mrs Laura Dachille, Mrs Maria Moramarco and Miss Maria Sardone, completed a four-week English course in the Melchior College in Willingham, a village in Cambridgeshire. The location offered our students the peace, space and security of a country location within easy reach of the internationally renowned university city of Cambridge. Our students were offered preparation for an internationally recognised qualification as well as an extensive range of excursions after lessons or at the weekends to Cambridge, London, historic towns, museums and other interesting places.

As a result, they learnt English in a British context, developed a more sophisticated understanding and appreciation of British and European culture. They improved their knowledge, competence and confidence in spoken and written English and strengthened their communication and team working skills. All of them developed a range of transferable skills, made new friends and had an unforgettable life experience.

Following the results of the project, we can safely say that the aim of the project has truly been fulfilled: our group of students sat the Cambridge Preliminary English Test on the 7th of October 2017 and obtained Cambridge certification at level B1 in English.

Well done guys! We are proud of you!!!

The following pages contain the diary written by students each day during their stay in England. They recorded their daily life, events, experiences, feelings including some beautiful photos.

The teachers

Caterina Santoro

Laura Dachille

Maria Moramarco

Maria Sardone

DAY 1, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

The plane took off at 1 p.m. We were so excited and we were looking forward to landing in England.

Through the window of the plane, we could look at the horizon: we felt full of adrenalin and happiness at the same time. Finally we landed in London: people around us were so different and we felt as aliens arrived in another world, thinking how far we were from home.

But it wasn't possible to regret this chance so the only thing to do was to dive into this adventure.

The bus took us to the Cambridge Melchior College in Willingham where we started to get familiar with the new environment. We had a lot of expectations about the college: honestly, we imagined it as a huge building with lots of students inside, instead we realized that it wasn't as big as we expected.



Room 7: Marco, Gianmarco and Nicola.



DAY 2, 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we woke up and then we had breakfast. At 8 a.m. we had our first lesson, we had a text and then we completed some exercises with our teacher. Later, at 12:00 we had lunch and then we took the bus for Ely.

We visited the cathedral which was bigger than we expected. It was stunning! We came back for dinner. We were so hungry that we ate everything! After eating we went to a pub near our college and some of us ate pears picked up from a tree.

We came back and we fell asleep.

Room 2: Vito, Antonio and Salvatore.



DAY 3, 5TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we woke up at 7:30 a.m. and we had breakfast at 8:00. Then, at 8:30 a.m., we had lesson with our teacher Jas, who helped us to improve our English skills with some exercises.

At 12:30 a.m. we ate some tortillas for lunch. After we took a bus to go to Grantchester, where we had cream tea (a cup of tea, a scone with clotted cream and strawberry jam) and enjoyed that relaxing and quiet place, called The Orchard. There we had our tea under apple trees in a magic atmosphere!

Then, our guide Stephan took us, through The Paradise Nature Reserve, to Cambridge. On the way we saw The River Cam, a river immersed in the middle of the nature. In Cambridge we started our tour of the city, we had the opportunity to see some famous buildings and landmarks, such as: Trinity College, King's College and the Market Square. Another thing that caught our interest was The Corpus Clock, a very unusual clock. It is very strange because there is a big insect, over a gold plate, that "eats" the time that you waste watching it. We were impressed by the beauty of the city of Cambridge.



Tea Orchard-Grantchester



Room 4: Dalila, Erica and Arianna

DAY 4, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Journal,

Today 6th September we had our first lesson with teacher Don, who taught us some phonetics rules. Using some websites he showed us how English people pronounce certain words and he showed us some English phonetics symbols.



Don was very charismatic and the lesson was interesting.

Then we had lunch at 12:30 p.m. and after that we had another hour of lesson where we were taught how PET exam works. In the afternoon we did some English sport activities in a big green park not so far from our college (about 250 metres). We played baseball not with our hands but with our feet! They divided both us and the Nepalese students into 2 groups but we didn't understand who won! Anyway we had a lot of fun together! At 5 p.m. we returned to our college to relax and then we had dinner.



The activity leader organized a talent show: Nepalese students sang, danced and acted a play where they spoke about their country. We showed them our typical dances. Then we sang together and we felt closer and more confident. Later some of us went to bed and others went to the games room and played Wii, table tennis and billiards. Since the electricity in the college didn't work very well, we stayed together in the dark in the corridor laughing and chatting. It was a very funny day!



Room 6: Rosa, Annalaura and Mariarosaria.

DAY 5, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017

On Tuesday we woke up at 7 a.m. as usual and we had breakfast at 07:45 p.m., after breakfast we went to our English lesson. Jess gave us photocopies about Britain history and she asked us if we knew something about it and we told her the history of “The Hadrian’s Wall”, she didn’t know it so we felt so proud!

At lunch we had pizza at last!!!

In the afternoon we went to Cambridge and we visited Queens’ College, Trinity College and Corpus Christi College. Finally we were so tired because our guide walked incredibly fast.



After dinner we did a quiz with Stephan. Two teams won the quiz and our prize was candies that we shared with the others. We were in the team who won and we felt so happy. In the end we sang a lot and we had fun!

Room 3: Elma, Annamaria and Brugida.

DAY 6, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today was a special day! Some of us woke up very early because they did yoga with Nepalese students.

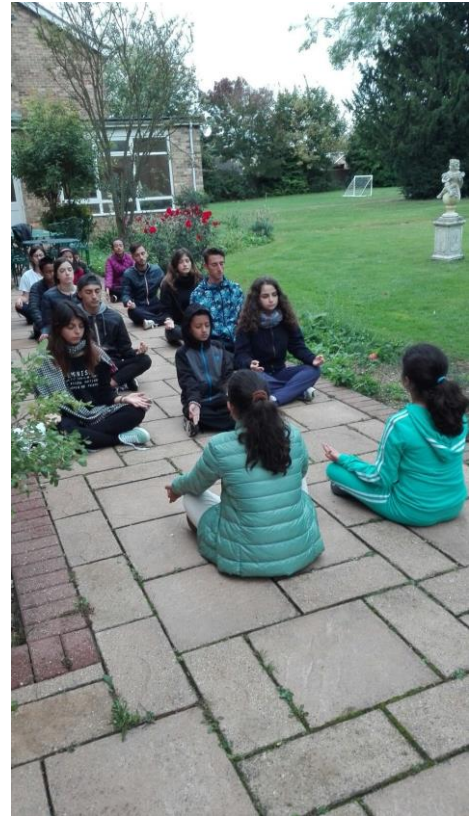
After that we had breakfast at 8 a.m. and then we had our English lesson. Jess told us about the activity to do: there were 6 jurors, 1 judge and three different groups of suspects. Each group had to invent a crime story. We were so excited to do this interesting activity.

When the lesson was over, we went to the Trinity room to greet the Nepalese students who were going back home.

After lunch, we went to Cambridge to visit the Fitzwilliam museum and the King's College. During the visit we were very fascinated by this beautiful and interesting visit. King's College was really amazing!

Then we came back to the college and we had dinner. We had pasta with pesto!

After dinner we had a debate about the sentence "Seize the day". In the end we went to sleep because the following day we would get up early. We were going to visit London!



Room 1: Onofrio, Daniele and Domenico.



DAY 7, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We woke up early because we were leaving for LONDON. We were so excited because everybody was looking forward to this day.



We got off the coach just in front of the London Eye, it was amazing, it seemed like it was still, but actually it was working. Then we walked next to the Big Ben, it was massive and shorter than we expected. We took a lot of photos and we had a walk around the place. We saw also Westminster Abbey and the statue of Cromwell, Churchill and Gandhi.

While we were reaching St. James Park we passed past Whitehall and saw the horse guards, we were impressed by the guards and their horses.

When we arrived at St. James Park the first thing we noticed was the perfection of the park and how people looked after it. We saw also squirrels and ducks.

We went to Buckingham Palace where we'd have seen the Changing of the Guards, but we were unlucky: we missed it!

After that, we had a walk to Trafalgar Square where, while we were having lunch, we saw a protest march against Brexit.

Then we had some free time at Covent Garden and soon after we went to the British Museum.

We saw the Egypt rooms with the statues of Ramses II and Egyptian divinities, the Greek room with the rests of Parthenon and other rooms with important things from all

over the world. It was really interesting!

Then we left London and we came to our college ready for dinner.

Everyone enjoyed this experience because we saw a new world, a dynamic city and you can find interesting pieces of history every step you make. We were fascinated by London large green areas because you can feel immersed in nature even if you are in a big metropolitan city. Someone thinks that London it's a too much chaotic city, so it could be a city where you cannot live in, but in our opinion London is like a big wave: if you stay still it will break you down, but if you can ride this big wave you will feel alive.

Room 7: Marco, Gianmarco and Nicola.



DAY 8, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We woke up very early.

We had breakfast and then we went to Warwick by bus to visit the castle. It was amazing! The weather was changeable, sometimes sunny and sometimes rainy. We enjoyed the visit, in particular the wax statues. We took lots of photos and then we went walking through a maze. It was funny!

At midday we took the bus to go to Stratford upon Avon, the city of William Shakespeare, in particular his house and his grave, placed in the Holy Trinity Church.



Later we spent the afternoon going around the city and doing shopping. Finally we went to the bus, we were so tired and sleepy, but happy because we enjoyed our trip a lot.

Room 2: Vito, Antonio and Salvatore.



DAY 9, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we woke up at 7.30 a.m., and after breakfast we went to our lesson. Teachers split us into two groups, we had two hours with Don and two hours with Jas. In order to be taught by two different teaching methods.

After lunch, at 13.30 p.m., we left for Cambridge. Our destination was the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences. In the museum, there were at least two million of fossils, minerals and rocks. We also saw meteoritic building blocks of planets and fantastic reproductions of dinosaurs. After the visit of the museum, we went to the shopping centre and we had free time .

We enjoyed visiting Cambridge a lot, because it is a beautiful city, rich in culture and history.

Room 4: Dalila, Erica and Arianna.



DAY 10, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today was a very interesting day. We had our lesson in two different groups. The first one with Jas and the second one with Don. After the break the two groups switched. Don's group did pronunciation and Jas's group did grammar and spoke about other countries like North Korea. Our lessons are very useful to improve our English skills.



In the afternoon we went to Ely for the second time, and we visited Oliver Cromwell's house. It was a little bit strange and creepy because there were a lot of mannequins which turned around their heads and there was a picture of Oliver Cromwell that changed every two minutes into another picture and showed us his different ages and we were very impressed. In the kitchen there was some food that the Cromwells used to eat. They seemed real but they were fake. The guide told us that some people still think that Oliver Cromwell was a villain but on the other hand some people think that he was a hero. So who was he?. Then finally we had free-time and we walked around the city of Ely, we went into some charity shops which sold second hand clothes and the earning goes to the people who are affected by cancer.

Then we went back to the college and we had dinner but we were disappointed by it, we expected Italian pizza instead we had French pizza. Later we went to a pub and we spent one hour out together and some of us drank beer.

Then we spent the evening together playing some games such as Monopoly in our rooms. We went to sleep very late, we were so tired but happy.

Room 6: Rosa, Annalaura and Mariarosaria.



DAY 11, 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today after breakfast Annamaria and me had a lesson with Don. We learned new things about pronunciation and we did some exercises to improve our listening. After the break we did a simulation of the PET exam and we learned something new about it.

Brugida instead had a lesson with Jass and she also did a simulation of the exam.

After lunch we had another hour with Don and Jass. In the afternoon we did English summer sports such as football and rugby. We enjoyed it a lot because we played all together and it was very funny. Unfortunately, we didn't play for a long time because of the rain. We hate English weather!.



At 19:00 we did a quiz game with Megan, we don't know yet who won because she will tell us tomorrow. After the quiz some of us watched a film, "The king's speech" and the others played "monopoly".

Room 3: Elma, Annamaria and Brugida.



DAY 12, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we woke up early and we had breakfast. After we attended our class, we did some exercises to improve our English and to practice for our PET exam. At 12:30 we had lunch.

After lunch we left our college to go to the Denny Abbey Farmland Museum. When we arrived there, we were very excited because we had never seen the English countryside before. During the visit we saw a lot of things such as old farming tools, the Abbey and the dining room. The Abbey was founded by the Templars and in this building the knights prayed God's word. When we finished our visit and we were waiting for the bus, we played some games.

We had fun! Finally the bus arrived and we came back to the college. We had dinner at 6:30 and then we went to Trinity room to play some games with our activity leader Megan.

Room 1: Onofrio, Daniele and Domenico.



DAY 13, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today as usual we had lesson in the morning with Jass and Don. During the lesson we discussed about uniforms at school and we did some exercises.

After lunch we went to Cambridge by coach. Firstly we went to the Botanic Garden of the university and we discovered new types of plants, we enjoyed the landscape and also walking through the trees and plants. We think that if it hadn't rained it would have been a better experience.

Then we went bowling and we had a snack as well. Everyone loved this evening because it was the first different night outside Willingham. We would like to spend more evenings like this because it was funny and also because we need to relax and discover as much as possible about lifestyle in England.



Room 7: Marco, Gianmarco and Nicola.



DAY 14, 16TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we left at 7:30 a.m. and after three hours we arrived in Salisbury. The city was very cute and full of colours, shops and flowers. After a short visit, we went to Salisbury's Cathedral. It was very big and old, it was fascinating.

Into the Cathedral there was the copy of the first English Constitution: "The Magna Carta".

Then, we had some free time, so we went around exploring the city and doing shopping.

At 2:30 p.m. we left for Stonehenge. When we arrived there, there were a lot of people who walked to reach the stones. Teachers gave us an audio guide each and while we were walking, we listened to the history of that place. The stones were very big (7 meters high) and we felt very small.

It was a fantastic experience!!

Room 4: Dalila, Erica and Arianna.



Salisbury Cathedral



Stonehenge

DAY 15, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2017

On Sunday we woke up very early because we had to go to Brighton and even if we were very tired we got up very early to prepare sandwiches with Nutoka which is the best chocolate cream ever.

We travelled for 3 hours by bus and when we got there we were so fascinated by the seaside. We walked along the beach, then we went to look for a good place where to eat. We were so hungry and we ate at the Burger's king because our packet lunch was fortunately not ready yet.

After lunch we went to visit the Royal Pala-

ce but just from outside. Then we went to the seaside again to relax. We laid for half an hour on the beach. After that we had free-time to go to the shopping centre hanging around and buying something. We were so excited because Brighton was an amazing city because of the sea, monuments, parks.

We came back to the meeting point in time, ready to leave for Willingham.

We had dinner and we went to sleep.

Room 2: Vito, Antonio and Salvatore.



Brighton Pier



Royal Pavillon-Brighton

DAY 16, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017

How bad was this day, the weather was so foggy!! We started our lesson at 8:30 am divided in two groups, but after lunch, we started another hour lesson all together.

In the afternoon we did a simulation of the PET exam doing reading and writing and after the break, one group discussed about the meaning of some songs that some of them suggested to Philip, while the other group corrected the simulation with Don.

After eight hours lesson we were very tired and some of us went outside with some towels and relaxed under the sky. The rest of us played in the games room.

Later we went to Willingham church where we listened to the carol of the bells and we talked with a man who explained us something about English bells tradition. After this long day we were really exhausted so we went to sleep.

Room 6: Rosa, Annalaura and Mariarosaria.



DAY 17, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2017

On our 17th day we went to St. Albans.

This city is very famous because is one of the three cities built during the Roman Empire. First we visited St. Albans museum; there were a lot of things about the age of the empire, such as vases, coins... we felt excited: there is a little piece of Italy in Britain.

After the museum we went to St. Albans park, and we walked in the park till the lake. In the lake there were a lot of swans, they were so beautiful. Don told us that all the swans in the lake belong to the queen.

Then we went to the cathedral; before visiting it inside, we had our lunch. During lunch, Don asked all the girls who we would like to kiss and all of us voted one of the boys. We felt so embarrassed and “the winner was...” you will never know his name. In the afternoon after the visit we had some free time and we did some shopping. At 4:30 pm we caught the coach and we came back to the college. In the evening we had a chat all together.



Room 3: Elma, Annamaria and Brugida.



St. Albans park

DAY 18, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017

We got up at 7:20 am and we had breakfast. After breakfast we had lesson and we did some exercises to improve our english.

At 12:30 pm we had lunch and at 1:30 pm we went to visit the computer museum in Cambridge.

We arrived at 2:30 pm and we went into the museum where we met our guide. He gave us 20 minutes free-time to play videogames.

In the museum there was plenty of computers and old consoles that everyone could use. We played PlayStation and the first Xbox. After our free time we met the guide again. He showed us the first computer and he also explained us how it worked. Then we saw the evolution of the hard disk.

It was very amazing because the first hard disk had just 32mb of memory while the last one had 2tb. When the visit finished our activity leader brought us to a shopping center and had some free time.

At 5 pm we took the bus and we came back to the college. At 6:30 pm we had dinner and then we watched the “Chocolate factory” in the Darwin room.



Room 1: Onofrio, Daniele and Domenico.



DAY 19, 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017

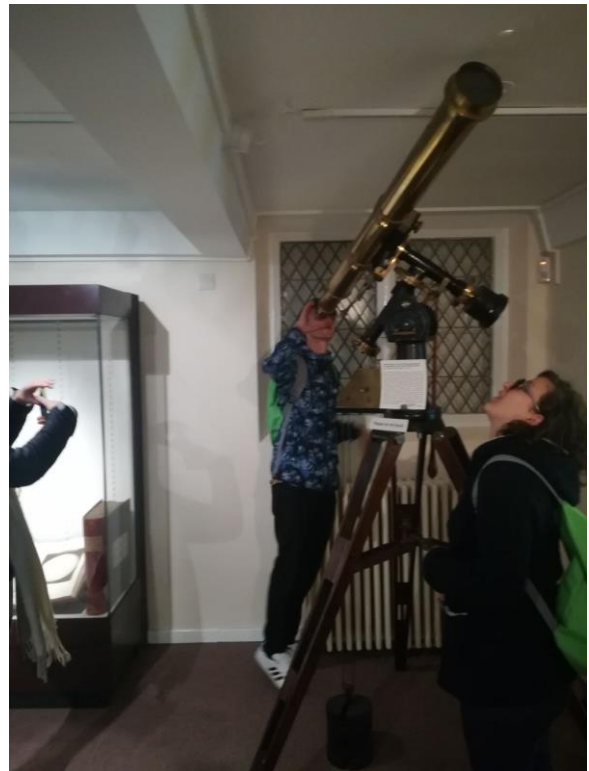
Today we got up early as usual.

In the morning we had lesson and in the afternoon we went to Cambridge to visit the science museum near Queen's college. Firstly we had a look at the ground floor of the museum: there were a lot of microscopes and a lot of chemistry instruments. Upstairs we saw some examples of planets of the milky way.

After that we had some free time in the city center.

Some of us went with Don to Christ's college. We appreciated the garden and the dining room and we were so lucky that we could enter the library. There, we saw a lot of books dating back from the 11th century to 19th century. Don told us that Charles Darwin stayed and studied in this college and finally we visited also the chapel. Then we came back to college.

Room 7: Marco, Gianmarco and Nicola.



DAY 20, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2017

Today was a light day!

After breakfast, we went with Don for a walk in the park near our college. According to Don walking in the morning helps us to wake up, so during the lessons we were very focused.

In the evening, we had another hour lesson, and we saw a documentary about the fantastic princess Diana. Then, we continued our lessons in the garden and we invented a story, and the protagonists were us!

We had very funny moments!

At 3:00 p.m., Don suggested going for another walk, but in a different place, in the countryside for picking blackberries. On the road we saw beautiful houses and gardens, and some animals like horses and cows. It was a great experience!



Room 4: Dalila, Erica and Arianna.



DAY 21, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017

What a busy day!!

Today was a very busy day in fact we woke up early to go to Norwich where we visited the castle and the Cathedral.

They were beautiful!

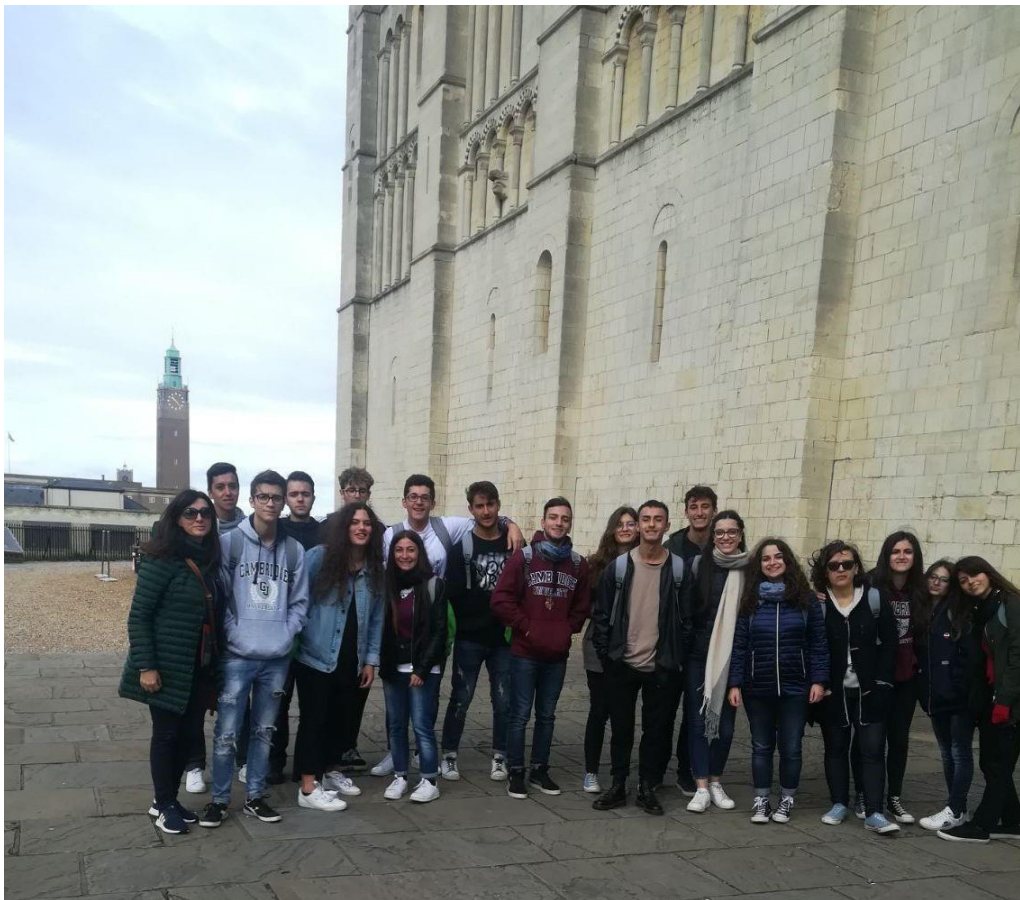
The cathedral was massive and rich of arches and graves. Also the huge castle was interesting so we spent a lot of time to visit both. During our free time everyone enjoyed himself especially because we were together, in fact we went to the shopping centre to buy some souvenirs.

Then we got on the bus to get to the college, the journey was very long and tiring, in fact lots of us felt asleep.

Once we got to the college we had dinner and later we spent the evening together watching a film.

After that we went to sleep early because another tiring and exhausting day was about to start!!!

Room 2: Vito, Antonio and Salvatore.



Norwich Castle

DAY 22, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we went to Canterbury for a walking tour around the city, we walked for a long time in an amazing garden and we noticed a beautiful and very dirty river with Mariarosaria's friends, some ducks.



Canterbury

Then we went to the playground and we returned children for 15 minutes playing with different carousels. In the playground we had some sandwiches with mayo, ham and chicken (obviously) that the college gave us.

Later our teachers took us to the Cathedral where only three of us went inside. We had some free time and at 4:00 p.m. we took the coach to come back to our college. We spent a lot of time on the coach because there was a terrible traffic jam. On the bus we sang same songs together and suddenly we got hungry and we exchanged our snacks.

We returned back at 7:15 p.m. and we had dinner and later we spent time in the games room. We were very impressed by the beauty and the green in Canterbury and we hope we will return back there as soon as possible.

Room 6: Rosa, Annalaura and Mariarosaria.



Canterbury



Canterbury

DAY 23, 25TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today was our last Monday because is our last week.

After breakfast we has lesson with Don where we did a simulation of PET exam. Then we had lunch, we had hamburger with chips...it was delicious.

In the afternoon we went to New Market but the coach was very small, like an ice- cream truck, and the driver was so rude. In New Market we visited the “Palace House” and there a Scottish woman told us something about horses and we saw a horse-training.

Then a woman gave us some information about the museum and then we explored all the museum.

In the museum there was a simulator of horse races and some of us tried it. It was so funny, we really enjoyed it.

After dinner we had an extra our lesson to improve our skills. In the end we played all together Monopoly while we were listening to music.

It was a nice day.

Room 3: Elma, Annamaria and Brugida.



DAY 24, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we started our day doing the usual stuff: English breakfast, lessons, lunchby the way lunch was fantastic: pork and potatoes. At last we didn't have the usual chicken!!

At 13:15 p.m. we left our college to go to Cambridge. Here we went punting on the river Cam. It was very amazing because we saw the city from another point of view.

After that, some of us went to Christ's college with Don, while Alice gave us a map to play a game.

With this map we had to find sculptures around the city and take a selfie in front of them. So, we came back to the college and we had dinner. Finally we ate lasagne and tasted Italian food. In the evening we did some exercises to prepare the PET exam. It was a brilliant day and we had fun .

Room 1: Onofrio, Daniele and Domenico



DAY 25, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2017

In the morning we had lessons as usual. We trained for the PET exam. We practiced on pronunciation, speaking, listening and describing people's characters; in fact we played a game where we had to describe our friends characters.

At 12:30 we had lunch and we noticed that, finally, the quality of food had increased since the first day. We had a little break after lunch, then with Alice we went to the big field near the college to play English summer sports. We played football with Alice and Don as well, it was so cool and funny.

We had dinner at 19:00. Afterwards we all met in Trinity room because we organised an evening play session with cards, table games like chess and dome while others were listening to some music and singing songs with Don.

We enjoyed ourselves as usual.

Room 7: Marco, Gianmarco and Nicola.



DAY 26, 28TH SEPTEMBER 2017

In the morning as usual we had lessons with Don and Jas. In the afternoon we went to Cambridge to visit two colleges: the Magdalene college and the Clare college. Don took us to the colleges and he guided us to the whole visit.

Clare college has a fantastic garden on the river Cam. It was so peaceful to be there. After these visits we had about an hour free time and we went to the shopping centre as usual.

This was a different evening from all the others because we had a dinner in a restaurant and then we went to the theatre. We ate in a English restaurant called St. John's Chop House and it was excellent. We were so happy to eat in a restaurant and not at the college.



We should have been to the theatre at a quarter to eight but we finished dinner very late so we had to hurry to reach the theatre. Despite we knew that we had to run, while we were getting to the theatre, we slowed down because we were so fascinated by the city and the atmosphere: it was our first time in Cambridge at night!! Cambridge changes a lot in the late evening and it is quieter than in the morning.

We arrived at the Corpus Playroom theatre to see the show “ The Riddle of the Sea”, but it had already begun. During the show we had so much fun and we succeeded in understanding the plot and what the actors were saying.

We returned to the college at ten o'clock in the evening.

It was a very magic night!!

Room 4: Dalila, Erica and Arianna.



DAY 27, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today we woke up early as usual and we had breakfast.

Unfortunately Jas couldn't stay with us so we had lesson with Don all together. We did the same test we did when we arrived and we corrected it together.

It was our last lesson in England and we were very sad so we decided to sing all the songs that we had been singing since we arrived in England.

At 11 am the headmaster Michael gave us the certificates. It was a very special moment that we will never forget.

After lunch we went to Cambridge and we kept on visiting colleges with Don. We were very fascinated because all that colleges were so big and beautiful. Then we had some free time and we went shopping. At 5 pm we came back to the college and we had dinner. In the evening we watched a film all together and we chatted with Don.

We went to sleep very late because we wanted to live our last days in Cambridge doing what we liked most.

Room 2: Vito, Antonio and Salvatore.



DAY 28, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Today it wasn't an empty day!

Although we were tired for the long journey on the coach to reach Oxford, we were also excited for this trip.

We passed by one of the Oxford colleges where there was a graduation ceremony and we clapped to congratulate the graduates. We went to the shop of Alice in Wonderland, it was a little shop but it was very beautiful inside. Then we went to Christ Church Cathedral where the garden scenography of Alice in Wonderland was filmed and we visited the dining room where some of Harry Potter's scenes were shot.

Finally we had free time to walk around the city centre and buy the latest gift for our family and friends. We went into a lot of shops which sold Harry Potter gadgets and we entered into two different libraries.

Our free time was about to end so we went to see Oxford's biggest museum.

There we had a lot of fun; people at the entrance told us to follow the rules of wearing the backpacks on the chest.

This rule seemed stupid and funny at the same time. As we were already tired we didn't go around the museum but we just waited for the coach to come back to the college.

Since it was our last day, some of us decided to sleep all together. We spent the night talking about our experience.

Room 6: Rosa, Annalaura, Mariarosaria.



DAY 29, 1ST OCTOBER 2017

Today was our last day in England.

We woke up late and after breakfast we went to Cambridge. Our guide brought us to the highest point of Cambridge that was very far from the city centre.

We had a lot of fun there and the landscape was really wonderful.

Then we had plenty of free time and everyone had the possibility to ultimate our purchases and then we did a walk around the city all together. We came back to the college really soon and we chilled out for a few hours, then we had dinner and played all together some games.



While some of us were cooking for the party, the others prepared other things. When everything was ready we started to sing a lot of songs, we danced and we ate a lot of good things such as carbonara, brownies and after cleaning up we drank some champagne. Some of us started crying because we all were so sad, it was an amazing experience and we didn't want to leave.

At the end we went to our rooms and we took all our suitcases, ready to leave the college.

Room 3: Elma, Annamaria, Brugida.



DAY 30, 2ND OCTOBER 2017

At 2 o' clock am the coach arrived and we left the college.

Everyone was crying because even if the accommodation wasn't so good we were all affectionate to that place where we had one of the best experience of our life. We were so tired so we slept for the whole trip.

We arrived at Gatwick airport at 4 am and we hugged our English teacher Don for the last time.

The plane took off at 7 am and there was a mix of emotions: sadness, because our biggest dream was over, and happiness because we were about to meet our family after one month.

We arrived at 12:30 and we took the bus for Altamura. During the trip we talked a lot about the experience we had just lived and at 1 pm we finally arrived in Altamura. We didn't feel sad anymore because we saw our parents waiting for us.... When the bus door opened we ran to hug our parents.

It was a special moment.

Room 1: Onofrio, Daniele and Domenico.





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This experience was very successful because we improved our abilities, increased our knowledge and strengthen our personality. We had the opportunity to experience British lifestyle and this made us feel a bit “British”.

We are more confident in the English language as well as we know British daily life, habits and costumes better.

We are grateful to our teachers who supported and helped us day by day. Many thanks to our headmistress Mrs Rachele Cristina Indrio for giving us this amazing chance.

We hope that in the future all students could take this opportunity which will make its mark in their life.

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