

## Broadstairs 2023

Going on a school trip, spending some time in an English-speaking country, having fun with friends – a dream that came true for our year 8 students. Here is their (slightly adapted) report:



### Sunday

It's 4 a.m. It really is. The teachers count us one last time before we start our trip to Broadstairs, on the east coast of England. Of course, we are all super excited when we say goodbye to our families and get on the coach.

After a 12-hour journey we finally arrive in England – bad weather and tired faces included. Our first impressions of England are steep chalk cliffs, similar-looking houses made of red bricks and precisely cut English lawn: what a cliché.

### Our school

**Broadstairs English Centre (BEC)** is a school for international students. There's a big lounge where you can play pool and table tennis or just relax and have a chat with your friends. In the evenings, this place is also used for some of the activities that are organised by the school. Our activities included karaoke, social evenings with music and dancing, table tennis and drawing. We had

some parties and activities with other international students from all around the world and we made a lot of new friends at BEC.

Our lessons consisted of grammar revision exercises and a lot of English conversation. The teachers were helpful, friendly and really funny!

### **Monday**

On our first day in Broadstairs, we did a quiz about the town and we had to talk to the locals to get some information. And we had a challenge: "Get a fried Mars bar!" And this is what we did. We bought some Mars bars in a supermarket, then went to a fish & chip shop and asked the owner to fry them (for free!). If you ever go to Broadstairs or any other English coastal town, you'll have to try them because they taste AMAZING!



### **Tuesday**

After school, we always had a great time during the afternoon and evening activities. On the second day, we had a lot of fun creating our own movies and trailers. There were a lot of costumes and props and our guides helped us with the storyboard. Our movies were really awesome and creative in different ways. And then we had a karaoke night – what a perfect day.

### **Wednesday**

On Wednesday, we all went to Canterbury. At first, we were taken on a guided tour around Canterbury Cathedral and learned a lot about the huge, impressive nave and the crypt beneath, where Thomas Becket, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered in 1170. After the tour, our group split up to explore the beautiful town or to have a little shopping spree.

### **Thursday**

London - finally. Our bus drivers took us to Greenwich, where our tour started. We had the best guide, Adam, who showed us the Royal Observatory, the Meridian Line and Greenwich Park.

Our next destination was the Thames Clipper, some sort of water bus. We had a one-hour boat tour on the river and we saw all the famous sights, like the London Eye, Big Ben and the Shard. We even passed under Tower Bridge and took a walk to Buckingham Palace, where we met King Charles – of course :). Then we had some free time to experience London without a teacher or guide – what a fascinating and cool place to visit.



## **Friday**

One of our last activities, quite cold but really exciting, was the coastal walk along the beautiful seashore from Broadstairs to Ramsgate. In the museum, we watched a film about the people living in the tunnels during World War II. In the evening we had a street dance lesson with a hip-hop coach who taught us an amazing choreography. And you won't believe it: Mr. Schicketanz showed us his incredible dance moves. We had the best time ever although we saw our international friends for the last time! And we were really excited to see our families the next day but ...

## **Saturday till Monday!**

... the journey back to Kempten was ... "kind of interesting", which translates to "horrible" as we had to endure a 42-hour ride back home due to ferry cancellations, storms and traffic jams. But we made it – and we have great stories to tell.