

8th of May, 2014 (by Guiliano Räder)

Today a group of students flew to Scotland as a part of an exchange. The 12 students, Mr. Strähle and Mrs. Zichon flew to the capital City Edinburgh and drove from there to Bishopbriggs, a City near Glasgow and saw the Bishopbriggs Academy for the first time, where their exchange partners go to school. It looks a bit like the Alexander-von-Humboldt Gymnasium in Konstanz but all students wear uniforms and so it was a new feeling.



9th of May, 2014 (by Jonas Friedrichs and Sabrina Iavorka)

Today, all of us went to Glasgow. We wanted to visit the 'Goethe'-Institute. We got there by train. It was really interesting. We learned something about the institute and its project: 'Schulen: Partner der Zukunft'. We watched a short film about three of the schools they work with. One of them is Bishopbriggs Academy, which is also our exchange partner. The institute wants to offer the students a good chance for getting a job after they finish their studies.

We also did some exercises in groups so we got to know each other.

After that, we went to the Modern Art Gallery in Glasgow. Our teachers gave us two hours to go through the gallery and see what we wanted to see. But some of us thought they said the gallery would open in two hours so we were just sitting in front of it and having lunch. And after two hours our teachers came back and we noticed that we just missed the chance to see the works of art inside the gallery.

Anyway, we went to Starbucks in downtown and had a break, before we took the subway back to the train station. From there, the train brought us back to Bishopbriggs.

In the evening we went bowling.

It was a really nice and exciting day and we all had a lot of fun.

The end

10 and 11th of May, 2014

WEEKEND

12 of May, 2014 (Maria and Luzia)

On monday, the 12.05.14, our fifth day in scotland we started in the school. First we drove to Bishopbriggs academy with our exchange partners and then we had to wait a little bit until school started. The first lesson started at 9 am and while our exchange partners had their first lesson, a teacher showed us nearly the whole school. After that we met our partners again and went with them in three of their lessons. Everybody had different lessons but most lessons we had with an other German guy. After the forth lesson we left our exchange partners and ate our lunch packets, which we had brought from the families. In the afternoon we drove to Glasgow with the train and visited the museum of modern art. There was a room where the visitors could paint something on their own. We had to choose one of those paintings, the one we liked the best and we had to take a photo of it. After the museum we had time for ourselves and we could do what we wanted to. Most of us went shopping in small groups or went to Starbucks. Then we met again and drove back to Bishopbriggs. There we met our exchange partners at the library. After that we did things with our partners.

13 of May, 2014 (Mark and Marius)

No report received for this day. Shame!

14 of May, 2014 (Luis and Luis)

This day was very great, because we were at the "Balmuildy Primary School". It was very funny with the little students. They can speak good german and were very attentive and interested to meet us and learn some german. Before we had lunch we were in the "first class". It was very interesting how they learn for example english. So after lunch we had leaved the school to go to the "Traffic museum of Glasgow". It was unipue!
The architectonic of the building is very impressive. And there are about 3000 different automobile like "Oldtimer, trains, ships and other". So all who are on the streets or in/on the water.
This museum is the " European Museum of the Year 2013".
So the hole day was very, very amazing and impressive how they learn and which traffic there is in Scotland !!!



15th of May, 2014 (by Pippilotta and Nora)

We met at 9 in the morning at the school and entered the bus grumpily. Quite a few of my classmates already fell carsick after a few minutes, and thus the mood was clearly on its way down. When we arrived at Loch Ard, we stumbled out of the bus, were handed out maps and almost everyone was screaming out „What!?! We have to walk this far!?!“ The excitement rose, so off we went, the weather was fine, a little bit warm, a nice blue sky, with some light clouds, the nature was breathtaking and there were fields, woods and springs all over the place. And there was a beautiful large lake.

Some people are made for hiking, but I am not made for it. When the teachers had been listening to two hours of lamenting, they lost their nerves and we were bribed with cookies for hiking without complaining. 2,5 hours later we entered a small café. Some of us had brought their own lunch, some ordered sandwiches and salad, and there was food dealing: «A wrap for an apple». After a break of one hour, we went on, it was time to go back. Only it was the same way there and back. On tracks like these, it is a good idea to convince somebody to carry you. Walking down, there was a good chance to catch up the 100 metres that you had fallen back. After two hours of almost melting which were exhausting, we returned to the bus. Arriving there, I shouted out: „My life makes sense again!“ It was around 5 in the evening that we returned to the school and our exchange partners greeted us saying „Everything okay with you?“ But anyway, it was a nice day. Despite the hiking.

We got to know Scottish nature and team sprit, which carries you on if you cannot walk any more. Scotland was wonderful, but hiking is not everyone's favourite kind of sports.

15th of May, 2014 (by Laura)

The whole exchange group met in front of Bishopbriggs Academy at 7.05 am and everyone said goodbye to their exchange family and to their exchange student. We left the school 10 minutes later with a mini-bus and drove about 1 hour and 20 minutes to the airport in Edinburgh. We all checked in our baggage and went through the security check. Shortly thereafter we saw that our flight was 2 hours and 30 minutes late so we had to wait for 4 hours at the airport. Our teachers gave us free time and we fixed a meeting point so we all could go through the airport. We sat in the plane at 1.15 pm and had a flight time of about 2 hours. After our flight we got our baggage and went out of the airport in Basel. We had to drive about 3 hours from Basel to Constance and finally arrived at our school at 7 pm. Our parents took our bags and brought us home. It was all in all a very stressful and long day but we all had looked forward to seeing our own family after 8 days in a Scottish family and we all look forward to welcoming our exchange students in Constance. It will be a nice week with the Scottish girls and boys.