

The Max Klinger School in London

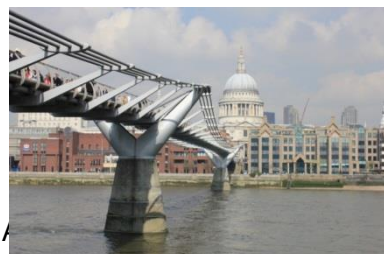
From 29th March to 4th April the Advanced Courses of English and Physics made a trip to the capital of Great Britain being simultaneously our last journey of our school time. We went to London with 31 pupils and 2 teachers – Ms Günther and Ms Weißbrodt, accordingly one bus sufficed for our little group.



As the courses met on Saturday evening everybody knew we had to face an exhausting trip to our destination taking finally about 16 hours and leading us through Belgium, the Netherlands and France. The traffic conditions being quite uncomplicated we arrived punctually in Calais, therefore we could board the ferry as expected. The passage lasted about one and a half hour, so that we reached London after continuing 2 hours about 10 o'clock. After a short break used for removing our fetidness of the long trip we went by bus and underground to Covent Garden where we could enjoy a little bit free time, consequently the period was used for eating and buying souvenirs. Furthermore it was possible admiring the many artistic shows around and in Covent Garden having a big entertainment value. Later we went back to our hotel which was situated in Paddington and moved into our rooms that were very ordinary but functional, too. Because of our long-lasting day there were not any other plans in the evening, so that most of us fell asleep earlier than on the following days.



The next day we started with a sufficient breakfast in our Hotel "Alexandra". The sun shone, so we could go on our guided sight-seeing tour by bus. However, we had some traffic problems, hence it was not possible to see every corner of London. But we could admire the most important sights of the city being the huge "London Eye", the majestic "St Paul's Cathedral", the impressive skyline of the financial district, the famous "Big Ben" and so forth. After this tour we stopped at Buckingham Palace where we were offered to watch the Changing of the Guards. After that we had free time until the early evening. So we visited special places and sights in London or went shopping at the Oxford Street. After that individual arrangement of our time both courses met at Covent Garden for going to the theatre where we should watch the musical "Mamma Mia" that did not correspondent unfortunately to the interests of everybody. However, it was a great day motivating us to experience more of London's attitude of living.



The next day was the so called culture day. At first we were brought to St Paul's Cathedral for passing the river Thames on the famous Millennium Bridge to the reproduction of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Since early in the morning, the

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sun shone so it had to become a good day. In the theatre we had a guide showing us around and giving some insights and information of the building in an acting and funny way. After the stay there, we had free time until we met again and took the tube to two museums, we had the choice to visit one. On the one hand it was the Natural History Museum and on the other hand the Science Museum. Both were very interesting. After another period of free time we went back to our hotel.



The following day was dedicated to Oxford where we were brought to. Initially we had the chance to discover the small town on our own as there were some musicians on the main street playing their songs. Later we met our city guide who led us through Oxford, its small alleys and byroads, emphasizing different colleges like the „Trinity College“. Afterwards there was some free time until we went back to London in our hotel.

On the last day in London we were allowed to arrange our free time on our own, however we had to bring our luggage to the bus early in the morning. Before everybody was on its own in groups of at least three pupils, we agreed a point where we are going to meet in the evening to get back to the ferry in Dover. Later that night we arrived there and were ready to put out to sea. Two hours later we reached French ground and went on through the rest of the night and the morning till we were received by our parents in Leipzig around noon.

In our opinion it was a successful school trip to the capital of Great Britain, because the weather was almost mostly fine, the hotel was great and the atmosphere between the pupils was generally very good. So it was really sad, when we realized our last trip together was already over.

Finally, we want to thank Ms Günther and Ms Weißbrodt for enabling this trip for us and we hope other courses will be offered similar possibilities.



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