

TRIP TO ENGLAND

The students of Ostrava-Hrabová school attended 7 days long trip to England a few days ago. The departure was on Sunday the 14th May at 6 am from Šídlovec and students with their teachers went on a long journey to the British Islands. The journey was across the whole Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium and France to port Calais. The bus boarded a ferry and sailed for two hours over La Manche channel.

From English port Dover the bus drove to the capital city of Great Britain - to London. The students went on a whole-day trip to sightseeing and visiting popular places. They saw Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar square, Buckingham Palace and were on the London Eye. But they saw much more! Leicester square was also very interesting with statues of famous characters of England, for example Paddington Bear, Rowan Atkinson as Mr. Bean, Mary Poppins or Charlie Chaplin. They also sailed on the river Thames on their way back to the bus. Then they met their host families.

Next day students had a full-day program. In the morning they were at the school in Oxford with native speakers and in the afternoon they saw the Blenheim Palace, which was the birthplace of Winston Churchill. They could see the inside of the palace or could go to the gardens along the Great Lake. Then they saw Cotswolds and old villages Burford and Bourton on the Water.

On Tuesday they had a lesson again, but in the afternoon they visited Warwick Castle. Unfortunately, they closed at 4 pm, so they visited Warwick town. After that they returned to their host families.

Following day they were on a whole-day trip to Stonehenge and to Windsor Castle. They could see Stonehenge only from some distance for better safety of this monument, but still they got a nice memory. At Windsor they were inside the castle and also they could see the St. George's Chapel. There was buried Elizabeth II. with her husband Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Last day in England students weren't at school, but they were "treasure hunting". They got a map of Oxford and they needed to answer questions. They could find the answers on buildings or information boards. Route on the map took them back to the starting point, where their teachers waited for them. Then they went back to the school for lunch, the results of the competition and to get a certificate from English course. In the afternoon they had a tour of Oxford with their guide. They saw many colleges, Carfax Tower and the most extensive and the most famous college, Christ Church College. They could go inside and thanks to headphones with Czech spoken commentary they learnt about interesting facts of this college. But everyone looked forward to the Great Hall, which you may know from Harry Potter series. Now it's used as a normal dining room for students. Then students had free time for themselves, but after that they had to go back to their bus and come back to the Czech Republic. But they also had a chance to try travelling by Double Decker bus, which is one of the symbols of England. As soon as they got into the bus, they sat on their seats and rode to Dover. From the port the ferry took them across La Manche channel and went to Hrabová.

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