

The German Exchange

Our school was recently host to 24 students from our partner school in Germany again. Here is a report by our Y8 students who took part in the experience:

When the Germans came to England, we experienced new things that we wouldn't have done otherwise but we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We went on visits to places such as Whitby and Liverpool and also went out at the weekend with our German students and families. Many people took part and it was a great experience, all the German students were really nice and got on well with us and us with them.

The atmosphere in the airport was tense and nervous, everyone was anxious to see who would be coming out of the arrival area. When the German students came out, no one knew what to say, we had only really talked by email. When we introduced ourselves, it was a bit awkward but the tension was soon gone and everything went rather smoothly from then.

The school day, on Friday, went very well as they were able to see what we were like in our comfort zones. In addition to this they were able to see many lessons and see what a typical day was like in England. As well as this the German exchange students were able to experience different subjects that they don't have in Germany, e.g. D.T, Dance, Drama and other subjects.

Faye: My main positive experience was when we went to Whitby and Liverpool. I liked this because it wasn't like the everyday experience, and we got to know everyone so much better than before. I also liked learning about their culture and how they live their lives and how it is different to what we do. Plus we learnt new vocabulary- that we wouldn't learn in school!!

Brittany: I loved having a German exchange person. It was such a great experience. The best part of our experience was on the coach I think because you couldn't go anywhere for a while so you could get to know each other better. The only downside was not spending long enough with them because 1 week wasn't long enough. I can't wait to go over to them around November time.

Maisie: I really enjoyed having Lena stay with me because it was a lot of fun having someone to chat to. I think the best part of the whole experience was the trips so that we could all meet up and see each others' students and get to know them.

Avantika: I really enjoyed the German exchange because we got to know different people and we all got on really well. The best bit was the weekend because we met up with a few friends and went ice skating and for a meal, it was really fun and everyone enjoyed it.

Aasim: I really enjoyed the German exchange, it was very fascinating and was an amazing experience. It was really good going to Liverpool, Whitby and my exchange partner spending time with my family on the weekend. I can't wait to go over in November and also for the exchange next year.

Bethany: I really enjoyed having Friedi stay at my house. It was nice to see all the things we have in common and also find out about differences, like in our choices of food and style. At the weekend it was nice going out with her and my family and showing her a bit of Yorkshire. I can't wait to go over and see her again!

