

Our journey to London

On Monday 9th of January our flight from Basel took off for London. All the students were ready with their hand luggage and the airplane started on time. After arriving in London we noticed that there was an Underground strikes and we had to take a bus to our hostel. It took much longer by bus, but we saw already a lot of the big city. Finally, we arrived at the St. Pancras Youth Hostel. Our first meeting point was a few hours later at the British Museum for lunch. After having lunch, we discovered the many rooms of the British Museum. The museum's exhibits are divided into different continents. It was really interesting to see objects of different peoples and centuries.

At 3 pm we met at the New London Architecture to see the New London Model, where we had a presentation by the Director of NLA, which was really interesting. He explained how London changed during the past years and where you can see this on the model. After that we were really hungry and we went on the way to the Draft House Pub for dinner. On our way we had a great view of the city by night and Tower Bridge. The dinner in the Draft House was really good, most of us had burger and fries. We stayed there for a long time and several drinks, so we had to go to bed afterwards.



The next morning started with a coffee and a chocolate bread from Starbucks. We had to meet at 9 am at the Kings Cross underground station. From there we took the underground to Greenwich, where we made a self-guided tour of the Greenwich Observatory. We saw the 0 meridian and a lot of instruments to define time and directions. For lunch we went down

to Northern Greenwich. We found a very good Asian restaurant for lunch. With new strength we were ready for the Cable Car over the Thames. It was a great experience to see the town from up in the air. After arriving on the other side we took the underground back to the centre to go to Buckingham Palace followed by walking through St. James Park and afterward walking to the Piccadilly Circus. There was a lot going on. After visiting the M&M's World we went back to our hostel to get ready for the evening. For dinner we went to the Q Grill in Camden Town and afterwards we spent the evening in a Pub.



Our last day started again with a coffee and the meeting point was at 9.15 am at the British Library. There we had a tour through an exhibition about "Maps of the 20th Century". To see the different maps and how they changed was really fascinating. At 11 am we had to go to the railway station to go to the airport. On the way we had a lot of excitement as the Victoria railway station had to be evacuated. We already thought about another way to go to the airport when it opened again. Finally, at Gatwick we took the airplane at 2 pm and arrived safely in Basel a few hours later. All in all, it was a really great trip and we saw a lot of London.