### LONDON - CORNWALL

 $9^{th}$  –  $18^{th}$  APRIL 2025

#### The Eden Project



For all of the trip I was looking out for the Eden Project because before we went off to England and I looked at the program list the garden really looked and when I saw the name of the garden I had to look it up because I wasn't sure what it was about. When I looked it up I got really excited about it because it is a botanical garden and I

was quite lucky because my mom works with plants and flowers and I knew a couple of them that I saw. In the Project there are two big bubbles that simulate wildlife. The first dome simulates a rainforest. When I stepped in I could feel that the humidity was really high and the temperature must have been at least 30 °C in there. There were





a lot of tropical

plants like banana plants, coffee and giant bamboo. On the top and in the middle there was a lookout where you could look down and see what is beneath you which was quite scary in my opinion



and the walk down from it was even scarier because the bridge that you had to walk on was moving while you could see down. So I don't recommend it for those who are scared of heights. The other dome simulates mediterran life. I was quite experienced with that kind of life because I was lucky enough to experience it before. The weather there was I think

colder a little bit than the rainforest one so it was nice and breezy there. The dome houses plants which need warm weather like olives, grapes and such like that. Personally I really enjoyed it and I wish we could have spent a little more time and that the weather would have been a little better and not rainy because I would have loved to see the plants outside of the domes and I would not mind if they built another one I would definitely go back again.

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#### BREAKING NEWS

A lot of people were out in St. James park on the weekend because of the good weather. They were having picnics, playing, talking with each other and having a good time. The area was gorgeous with flowers, trees. Also, the lake was flawless.



#### Sightreeing

The view was beautiful from The London Eye this time. The sky was clear and sunny. You could see the Elizabeth Tower known as Big Ben, the **Buckingham Palace, the** Wesminster Abbey and all of London. It was only 20 minutes however, it was unforgettable.



#### The weather

In Cornwall the weather was critical. The rain was pouring and the wind almost swept you away from the cliff. In Land"s End it was a little bit better but it was still brutal.





#### The food

On the DFDS ferry you could get a full English breakfast with beans, toast, tomatoes, mushrooms, sausages, egg also, a customers choice drink. From Canterbury you can't leave without tasting the popular Fish and Chips.



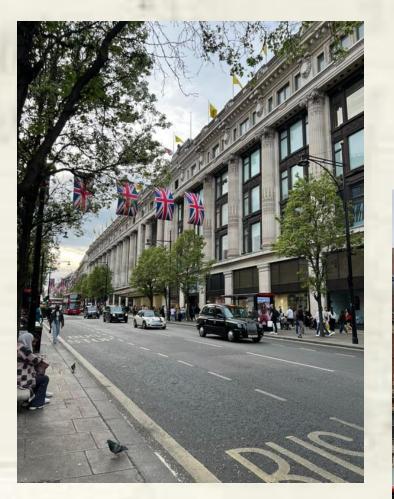


First if you you are on the Island you should go to Canterbury to see an original English town and the Canterbury Cathedral. The church is a thousand years old and the inside is fabulous. Secondly, The Tower of London. You can see the Crown Jewels and the White Tower. From the Tower you can walk to the Tower Bridge and if you are lucky you can catch how a part of the road goes up to give way to the bigger ships



### Shopping

You can't leave out Oxford Street when you are in London. It is a 2 miles long street with a lot of shops like, Gucci, Louis Vuitton. Another big shopping center is Harrods. It has been open since 1905. Harrod's is selling everthing, from luxury perfumes to food. Even the Royal family is shopping here.







The British Museum is huge and it has a lot of artworks. You have to be there for five days to see all. The Natural History Museum was very interesting and informative. In the hall there is a big blue whale skeleton. The design of the exhibitions was really creative.



#### A day in London with my love

It was a beautiful day. Spending a day in London with the person I love was like stepping into a movie. We set out early, hearts full of excitement and a list of iconic sights in hand. The day was packed with unforgettable moments and laughter.

Our first stop was **Westminister Abbey**. We saw the **Big Ben** as well, standing beside the Houses of Parliament. Though we had seen countless photos of it before, it's nothing compared to it in real life. About the Westminster Abbey? How can I say it, it was amazing. Then we went inside. It was crazy to see the old statues and there were lots of graves as well carved out from fine marble. Also we saw the place where the King got crowned. It is mindblowing to see how clean and nicely done it is.

Next, we made our way to the **London Eye**, one of the city's most recognizable landmarks. As our capsule rose up over the Thames, the city unfolded beneath us like a map. From that height, London seemed just the great place to be. It was the best sightseeing of my life without question. From the London Eye me and my love also took some photos. It will be added later in the document  $\bigcirc$ . We tried to point out landmarks to each other, took pictures, and mostly just wondered at the breathtaking 360-degree views. Up there in the sky, it felt like time paused just for us, while the city was bustling under us.

We walked along the river to **Tower Bridge**. Seeing its tall towers and wide span in real life felt almost unreal. We went halfway, enjoying the sounds of the city, the boats moving on the river, and the mix of old buildings and modern ones around us. In the middle of the bridge, we stopped for a moment to watch the sunlight sparkle on the water, taking pictures and feeling thankful to be here.

Not far from there was a place that really matched our love for art and history—the **Globe Theatre**. This special theatre is a remake of the one where Shakespeare's plays were performed hundreds of years ago. A cute lady came and showed us the building and also shared some stories with us. It seemed like she lived through this whole thing she talked about. As we stood near the wooden stage, we could almost imagine what it was like back then. We pictured people crowding in to watch the actors, laughing, cheering, and reacting to every moment of the play. Being there was really exciting. It made us feel connected to a world of stories, creativity, and the past. It reminded us how powerful and lasting good storytelling can be.

As the day came to a close and we made our way back, the lights of the city glowing softly around us, I couldn't help but feel grateful, not just for everything we had seen, but for who I got to share it with. Exploring London was exciting, beautiful, and full of unforgettable moments, but what made it truly special was being there with my girlfriend.

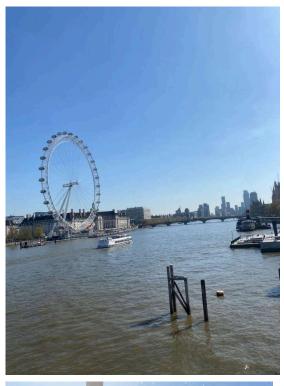
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The Westminster Abbey:



The London Eye:

The Big Ben:



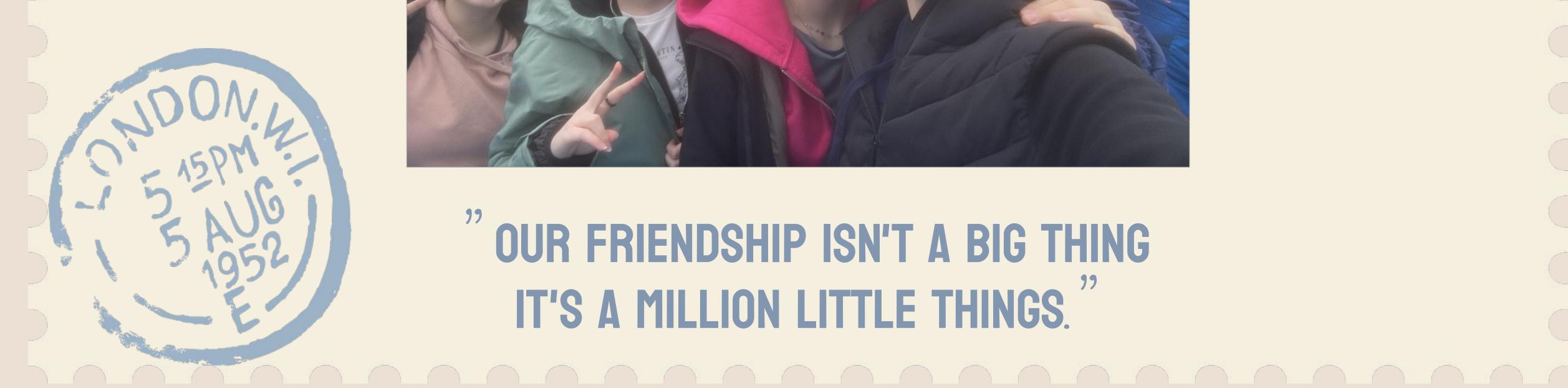


The London Bridge:



# **OUR LIFE'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE TRIP**

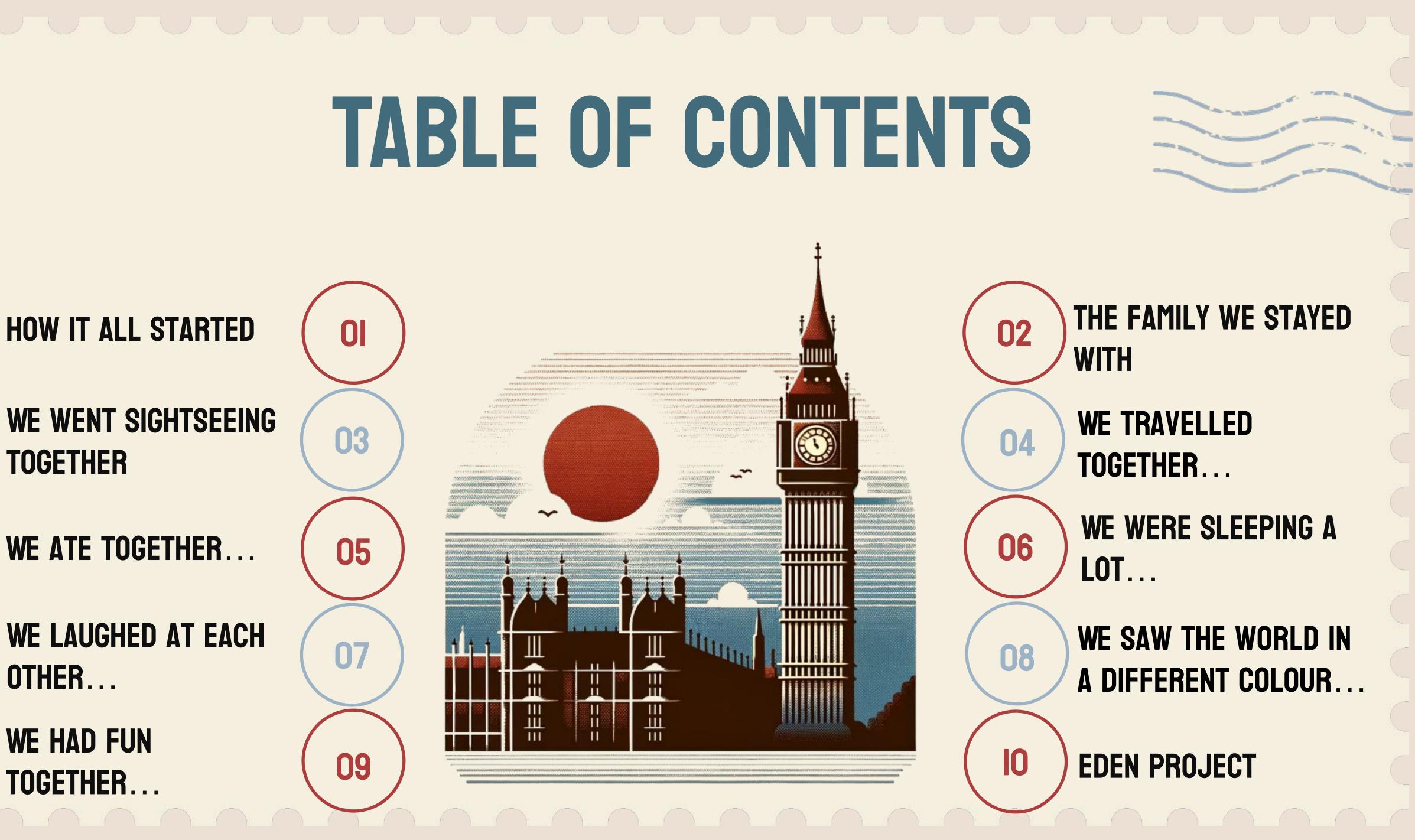






#### **OUR FRIENDSHIP ISN'T A BIG THING** "" **IT'S A MILLION LITTLE THINGS**.







# HOW IT ALL STARTED

We have been going to Júlia Bányai Grammar School for 4 years now, but everyday we only spend our time with our classmates, and do not have a chance to get acquainted with students from other grades. Although in the school hall and at competitions we see each other quite often but do not have any conversation. However, this trip to England changed everything, because we could do everything together and made new friends from different grades.









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# THE FAMILY WE STAYED WITH

Initially we were a bit concerned about the family we will stay with but as soon as we arrived it felt like a second home. They have Italian roots, but they could speak English fluently. They were hospitable and welcoming, we felt like family members. The dinners we had together were super cozy, the Italian dishes were really delicious. The four of us (with Petra Domián and Luca Kovács) stayed in one big room with plenty of space. The house was pretty big with a lot of people, there were even two adorable dogs. On the last day we could write our thoughts in their memory book.



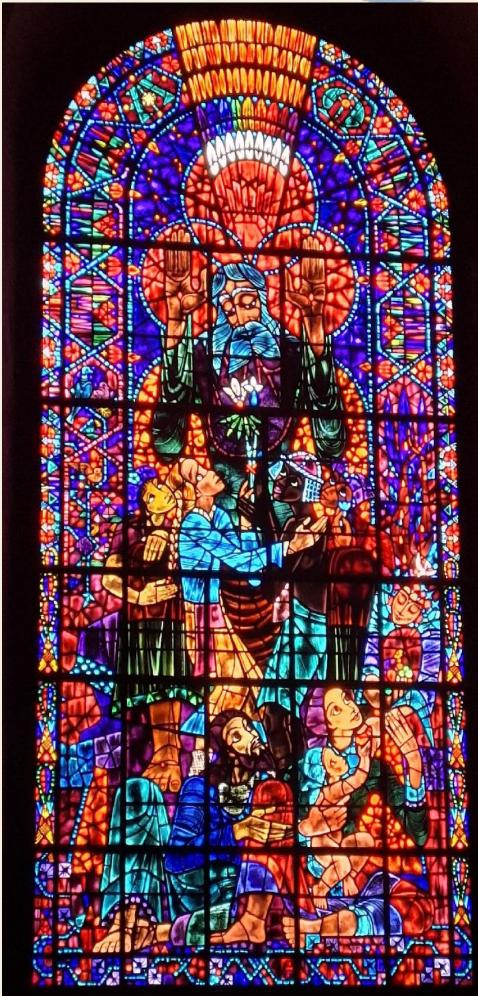
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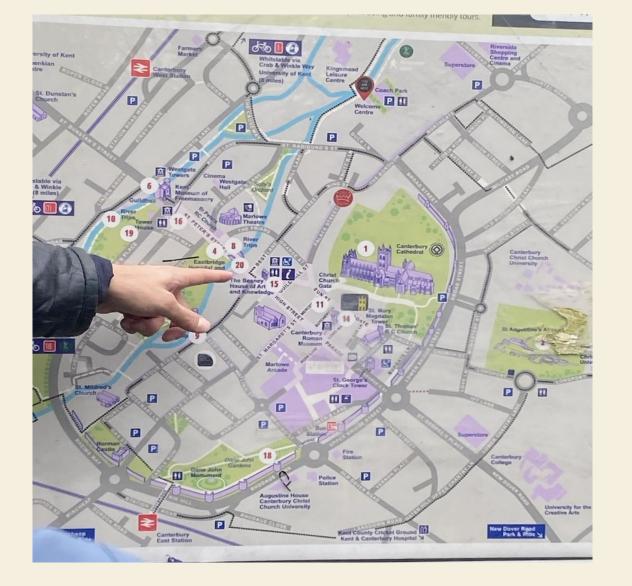
The Canterbury Cathedral is one of the oldest Christian structures in England. It is famous for Thomas Becket, the archbishop who was murdered here. Also, there are a lot of stunning stained glasses inside and outside the cathedral.





## CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL







### **ELIZABETH TOWER**

This tower was named after Queen Elizabeth. Inside of it there is the Great Bell called Big Ben which was named after Benjamin Lewis, the clockmaker.



### **TOWER BRIDGE**

London.



# LONDON

#### LONDON EYE

It is the world's tallest ferry wheel which lies next to the River Thames. It was designed by Julia Barfield and David Marks.

#### This famous bridge crosses the River Thames and it is close to the Tower of





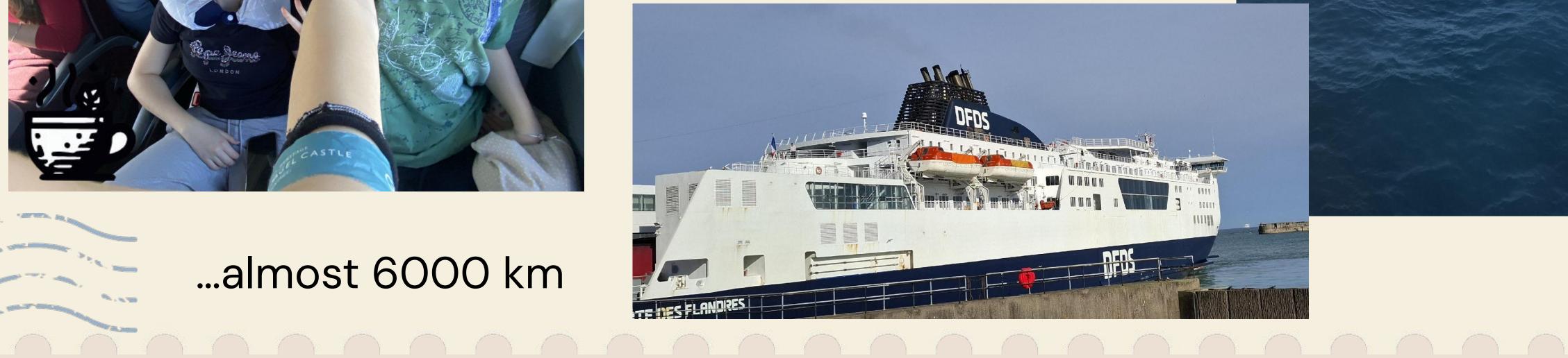
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### ...almost 6000 km









# WE ATE **TOGETHER**...



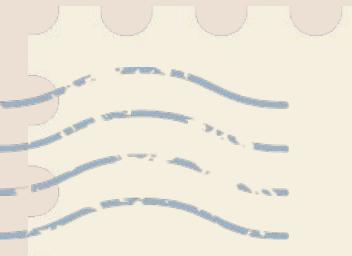


No one went hungry because we even shared the food with each other fairly. A warm meal was always nice at the end of an exhausting day.



# Traditional

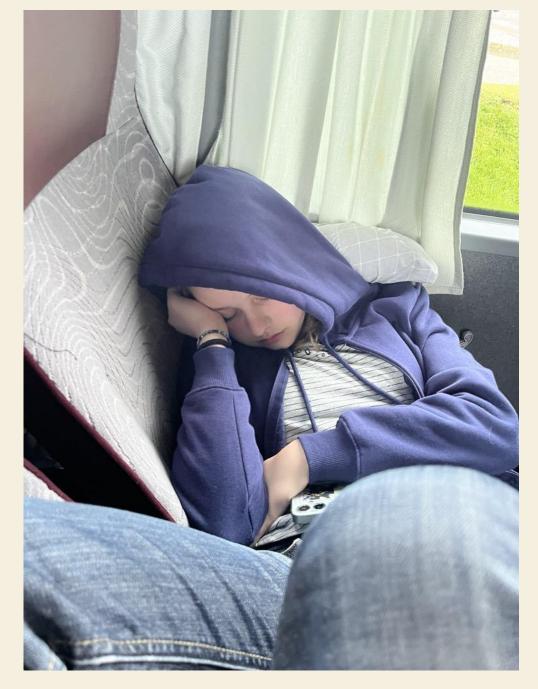




# WE WERE SLEEPING **A LOT**...











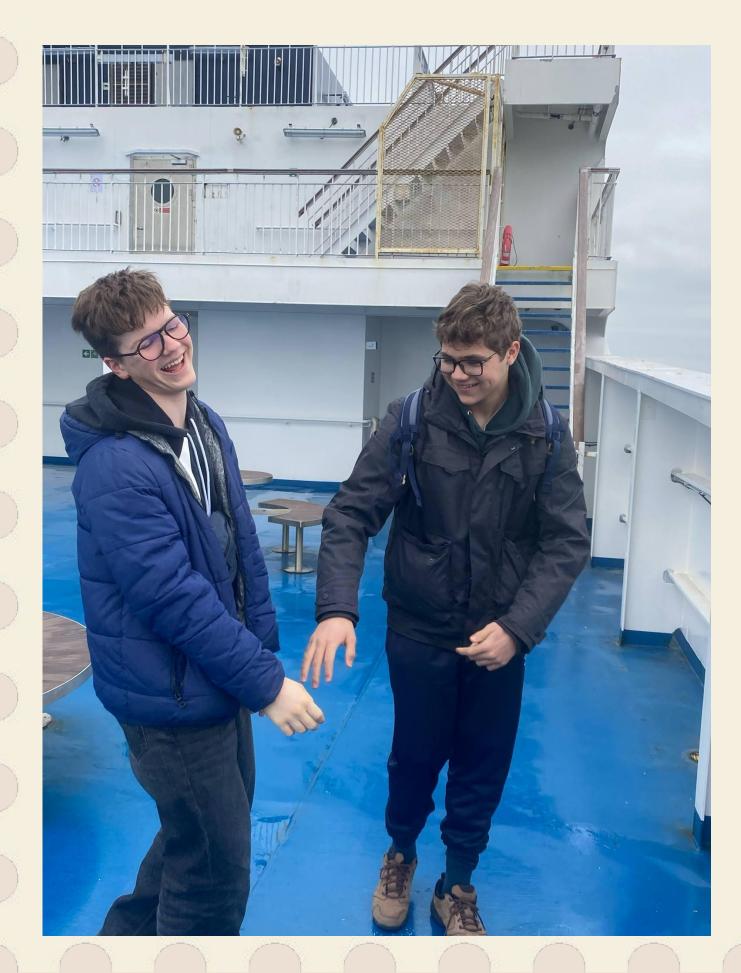


We participated in many colourful programs, but it was very tiring. We took every opportunity to recover. 😂





# WE LAUGHED AT EACH OTHER...













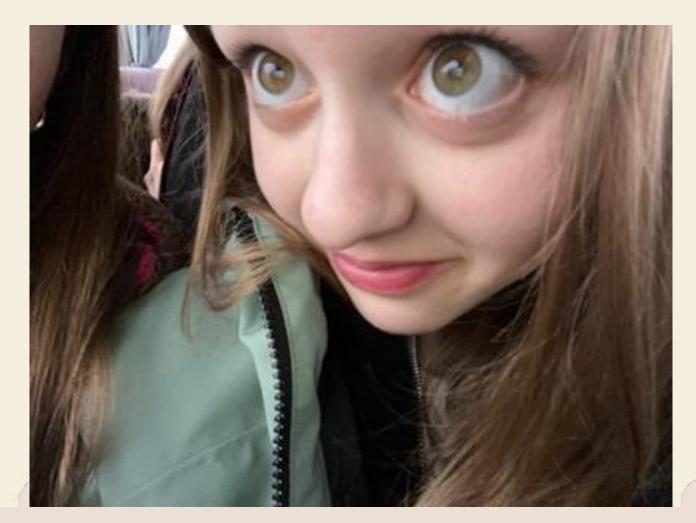
# WE SAW THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT COLOUR...



For many of us, this was the first time we had been abroad without our parents, and it presented us with many new challenges. We had to bear more responsibility but also provided us more freedom 😂.









## WE HAD FUN TOGETHER... Even when we were exhausted or afraid of heights, we still had fun. For example, we played uno, we joked around on the ferry wheel and took many-many photos.









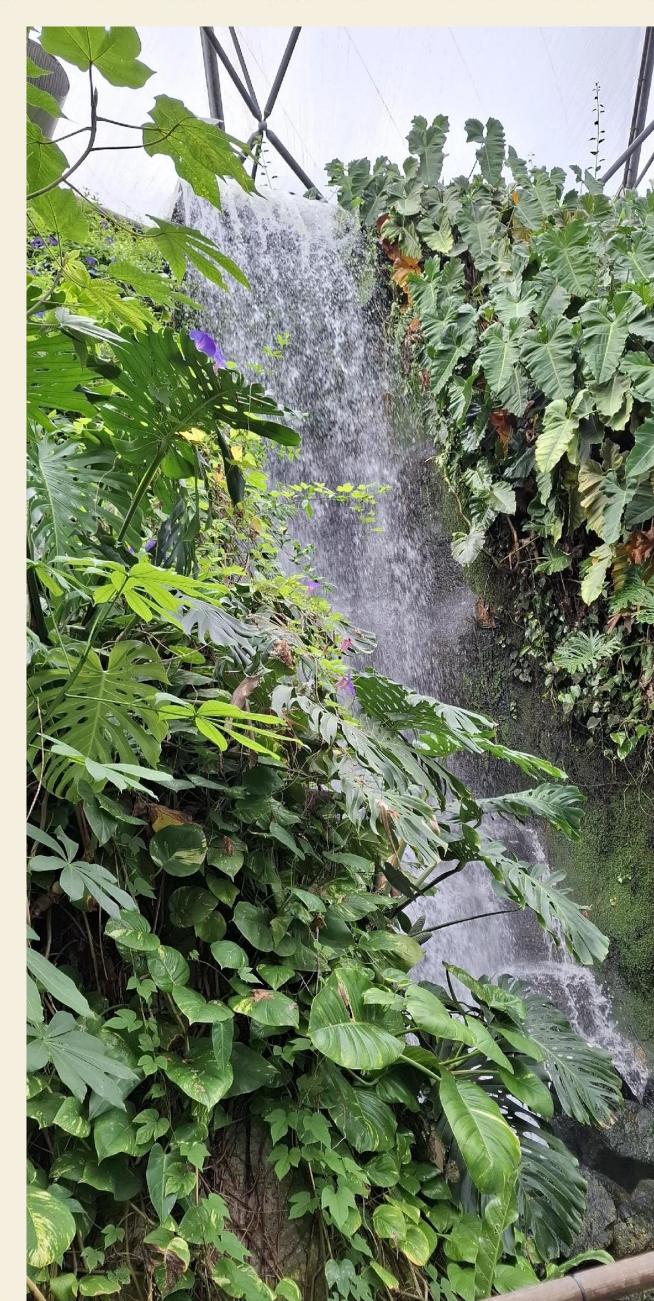






# **EDEN PROJECT**

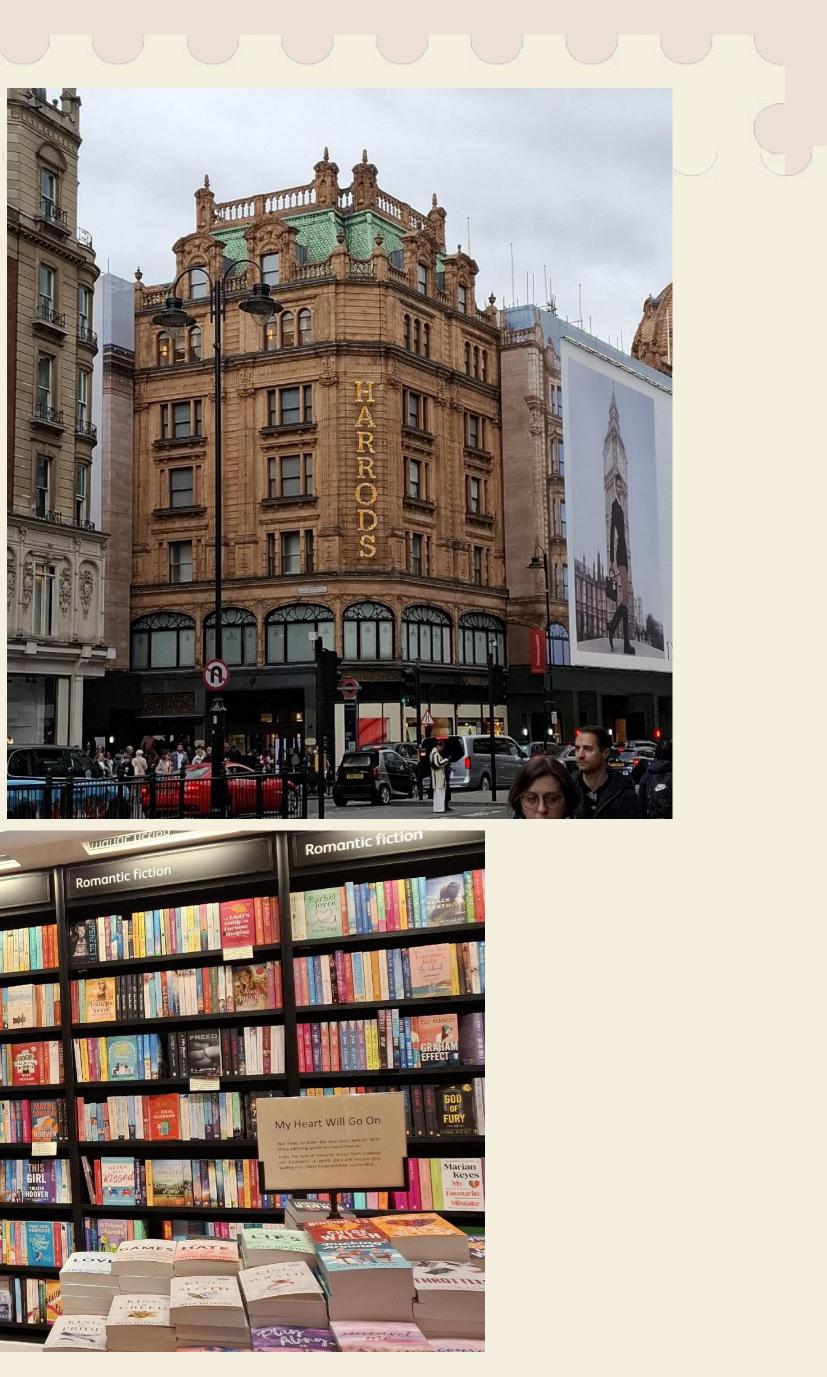


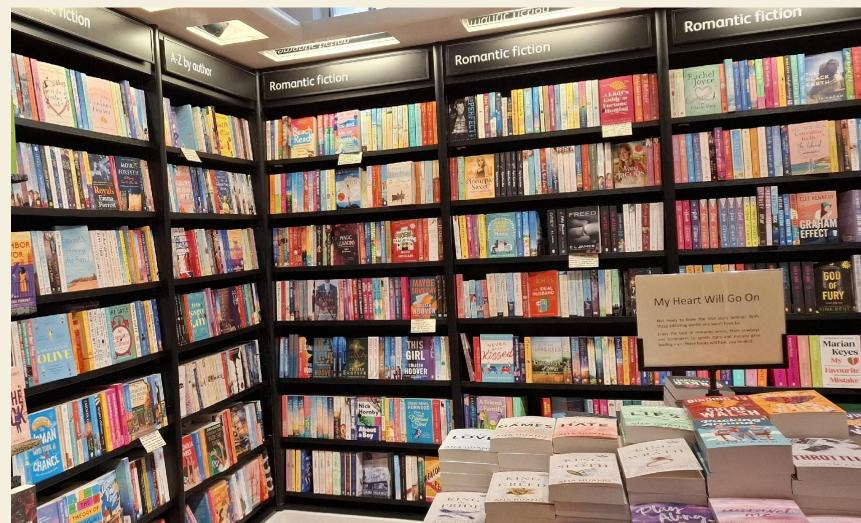




# WE BOUGHT SOUVENIRS ...







# THE PROGRAMMES

#### THE FIRST DAY

- Westminster Abbey
- Elizabeth Tower
- London Eye

#### THE SECOND DAY

- Shakespeare's Globe
- Tower
- British Museum
- Oxford Street

#### THE THIRD DAY

• Hampton Court	(	THE FIFTH DAY
Natural History Museum		• Tintagel Castle
Science Museum		<ul> <li>Penzance</li> </ul>
Victoria and Albert Museum		• St. Micheal's Mount
Harrods		• Land's End
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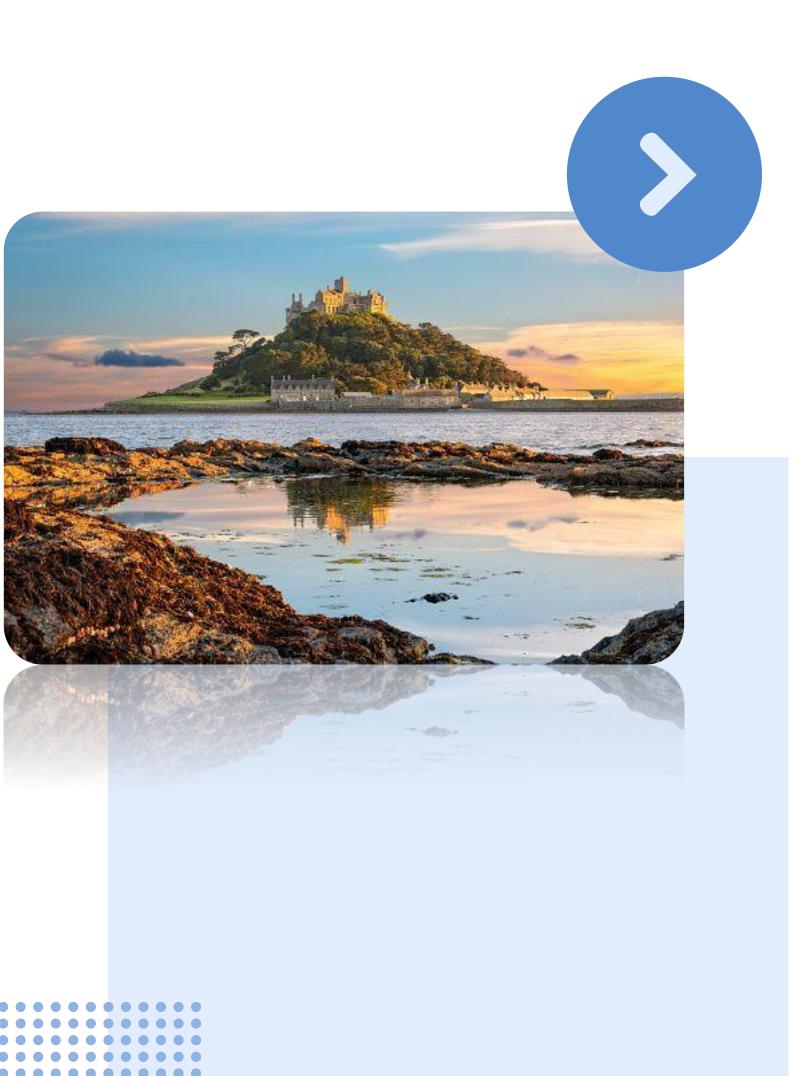




### Csenge Gelányi

# My best experience of **England** András Berta 9/A





# My choice: Cornwall

I chose this part of the trip because I couldn't help not sharing my experience of Cornwall as my presentation. When seeing the breathtaking views, or feeling the real English weather, I immediately knew I will write about it.





## The first stop: Eden project

The Eden project is a twenty-year-old biological project working for biodiversity and sustainability. It hosts two biodomes. A rainforest and a mediterrainian greenhouse. personally have had a great experience visiting this place, and I was amazed by the level of architecture and engineering that was put into this project. There were a bunch of new plants I have never seen in real life. Regardless of the little time we spent here, it is easily in my top five places. Below are my top three points of the tour.

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skywalk. becaus could see everything from above. cactus division mediterrainian green house, because it was diverse Verv The conon-marden by because every plant was vital and blooming.







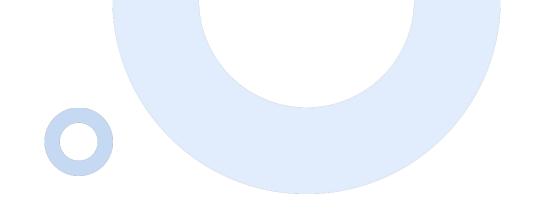
# Our accommodation in Newquay

In my opinion the best hotel we have been in

I really liked the nights in Cornwall . The room was big, and the bed was comfortable, but this is not the reason why I wanted to point it out. It was the surroundings of it. On our way to the Sainsbury's we heard the waves crashing. We've been sprinkled with water. It was a memorable night.

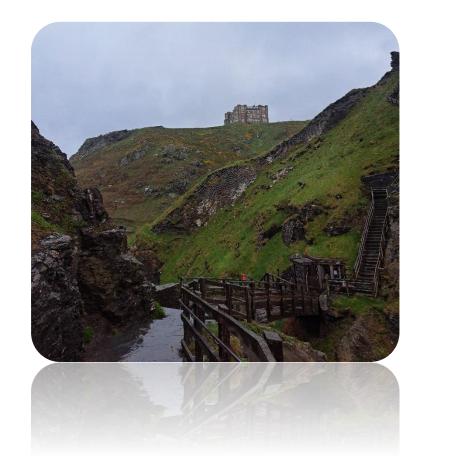
We also had a beautiful view from the window. The meals were also delicious and the portions were enough, which was a surprise.





Our weather was very harsh that day, on the other hand though we experienced the English weather. The wind was so strong it even wanted to lift me up or blow me away. The sights were still gorgeous. After the cold shower we got to try the popular Cornish pasty, which was not my cup of tea. We waited for our clothes to dry before going through countless souvenir shops.





# Tintagel



#### Land's end was our final sight in Cornwall.

The wind was even stronger than in Tintagel, so much I had problems standing. It was amazing to see no other land than the lighthouse. Many people stayed in the bus, but in my opinion it was a sight not to be missed.



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## Land's end





# THANK YOU FOR >>>>> YOUR ATTENTION!

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I've always dreamt about going to England, and it turned out to be one of the best trips I've ever had. It was really interesting for me to experience another country's culture and to visit London. We spent the first day just travelling by coach, and then we arrived in Belgium. We had accommodation there, so we spent the night there. The next day, we set off early and went to France, where we took a ferry to the



United Kingdom.

Our first stop was Canterbury. I really liked the architecture of Canterbury Cathedral, and the interior of the building was beautiful. The garden was amazing, and I really enjoyed the free time we had to explore the city. The weather was great, too. We mostly just walked around, but we had a wonderful time.

We spent most of our time in London, where we stayed with host families. My friends and I were really lucky because we stayed with a lovely lady. We had great rooms and delicious food as well. She always asked about our day and what we had done. In London, we visited many tourist attractions, such as Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, and Oxford Street, among others. We also went to the City of London. The weather was lovely while we were there. I was really

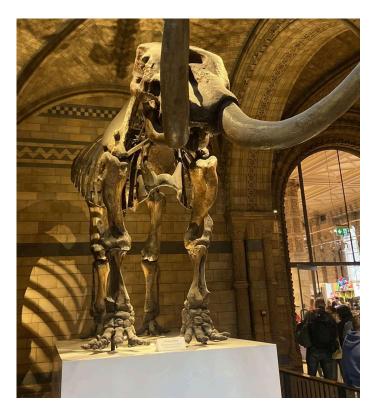


happy to visit London, because in my opinion, it's one of the best cities I've ever been to.



. One of my favorite parts of the trip was visiting the Eden Project. My family and I usually travel to warm places, so I have seen many of the plants before, but it was really nice to see them all in one place. The surrounding landscape was beautiful, too.

I really enjoyed the free time we had to explore the museums. I was very lucky because I got to visit all of them. We started with the Natural History Museum, which I found the most interesting. I'm really fascinated by the bones of mammals and sea animals. Next, we went to the Science Museum, where we visited the "Medicine" section. Lastly, we went to the Victoria and Albert Museum, where we saw many paintings and statues.



I had an amazing time on this trip, and I was delighted to visit a new country with my friends. I'm very thankful to my parents for giving me the chance to go.

#### **Trip to England**



The first day after we arrived in England with the ferry we had some time on the Dover coast. I collected shells and special stones because I needed a memory. Then we spent the rest of the day in Canterbury. Canterbury Cathedral was amazing, a must-have place to go there. I highly recommend the spice garden.

That night, we took our seats with the families, and we stayed with a nice lady. We couldn't have wished better. Her cooking was divine, treating us as if we were her own children. In fact, she put our food in our own bag with our name on it. We lived in the suburbs of London

and I don't deny it, I would live there.

The second day's destination was central London . First we were among the walls of Westminster Abbey. Fortunately, we got an audio guide, so it was more simple. We also "saw" Big Ben. Then one of my dreams, the London Eye, followed. For years I wanted to get there and finally it happened and it was worth every minute of waiting. Another

personal experience was seeing the guards on the black horses.

The next day we took a selfie with the Ravens at the Tower building and got the opportunity to explore the place ourselves. We saw the Tower Bridge opened and I think I ate one of the finest ice creams in my life there.

The fourth day was one of my personal favorites. Hampton Court Palace was the fairy tale itself. We spent most of the time in the garden, the botany was something odd and one of my favorite series parts - the Bridgerton family – were filmed there (we were also at a Harry Potter shooting scene in London). We would have had the opportunity to ride a horse -drawn carriage, but unfortunately we didn't live with it (we treated it well enough).





The Eden Project was one of the most memorable things for me. As a big nature fan, it must be on the bucket list (my grandfather envied me since he is a gardener). In the Tropical biome, the air was pretty humid so we warmed up soon, but it was still magnificent. The Mediterranean biome reminded me of the time when I was on vacation in Croatia.



Our penultimate day was not the best, the weather was not gentle and unfortunately my umbrella broke. The location was in Tintagel, and though I washed my hair last night (it was completely unnecessary) and it didn't really look like that at the end of the day and my clothes dried for 2 hours, the sight compensated for it.

The last day, before we headed home, we went down to the shore for a walk and took a last look at England. One of the most beautiful experiences of my life is because I can't get so far every day. I am happy to think back to this little getaway.



Facts and experiences England trip, 2025 Bíró Csongor Vitéz 11/A

#### 1<sup>st</sup> stop: Canterbury

- Facts:
  - UNESCO World Heritage Site in Kent
  - Popular with tourists
- Thoughts:
  - Loads of shops and different things to try
  - Beautiful cathedral
  - Great introduction to England



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> stop: Main London attractions

Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Downing street, London Eye

• Facts:

- Most popular sites in England
- Loads of tourists from all over the world
- Thoughts:
  - Not particularly interesting for me but these are the must-see sights of England so it was great to see them in the flesh
  - Too many tourists
  - Almost always really busy
  - My favourite was the London Eye because I thought I would be scared up there and I wasn't
    - Great view of course



## 3<sup>rd</sup> stop: Shakespeare's globe

#### • Facts

- Reconstruction of the original Globe Theatre
- Located on the south bank of the River Thames
- Thoughts:
  - Looks cool and everything is really interesting about it
  - Lovely guide, good at keeping our attention



### 4<sup>th</sup> stop: Tower, British Museum, Oxford street

- Facts:
  - Tower of London: Royal Palace and Fortress of The King
  - British Museum: Museum with the largest collection of 8 million works
  - Oxford street: Major road in the City of Westminster with about 300 shops
- Thoughts:
  - 1. Looks cool, not much else to say about it
  - 2. Big and impressive but quite boring after a while
  - 3. 300 shops obviously offer quite a lot of options so it was great to look around







## 5<sup>th</sup> stop: Greenwich, Hampton Court

- Facts:
  - Greenwich: Home to the Royal Observatory and famous for its maritime history
  - Hampton Court Palace: Grade I listed royal palace
- Thoughts:
  - 1. Don't remember much about it if I'm honest, I was really ill then
  - 2. The outside part is definitely better than the inside, I loved the park and the maze was quite cool





# 6<sup>th</sup> stop: Natural History- and Science Museum

- Facts:
  - The names speak for themselves
- Thoughts:
  - Science Museum was more enjoyable for me, I liked the interactive parts of it and it also wasn't as crowded





7<sup>th</sup> stop: Eden Project

- Facts:
  - A multiple greenhouse complex simulating rainforest and Mediterranean environment
- Thoughts:
  - My personal favourite, absolutely fascinating



#### Last stop: Tintagel Castle

- Facts:
  - A medieval castle located in the north of Cornwall
- Thoughts:
  - Absolute horror, mainly because of the weather, otherwise I would've been quite indifferent on it
  - Looks cool though



#### Great times with great friends!













#### **HOUSES IN ENGLAND**

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The British love to preserve pieces of the past. Buildings are usually clad in bricks or its camouflaged cladding, and this red brick is the essence of the British building style.





#### English house types **1.FLATS**

The apartments are primarily located in central parts of large cities, but houses are also divided into smaller apartments. This is because they save a lot of space and provide accommodation for many people within a single building.





#### **2.DETACHED HOUSE**

The outskirts of cities are full of houses, but detached is more typical of rural areas, where space doesn't have to be skimped on.



#### **3.SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES**

This type is quite common. This can save more space on the given road.



#### **4.TERRACED HOUSES**

These are very popular types of houses in the UK and are especially prevalent in larger cities with denser populations.Sometimes a small front garden is included,but a backyard is standard equipment.





# There are many differences from what is usual in Hungary.

1.There was a 3-pin connector and there was a separate switch for the connector.

2.The light switch works in reverse.There was a switch in the bathroom that looked like a toilet flusher.This is for security reasons.

3.The window opened outwards

4.There was no mailbox.There was an opening/a gap in the door for this.

5. It's a very traditional thing, although we didn't have it, but there are places where there are 2 taps. One for the hot water and the other one is for the cold water.

## Family days

We stayed with them for 4 nights, starting from the 2nd night of the trip. Me and three other girls lived there. They lived in a 2-storey terrace house. It had a small back garden and a backyard. Inside on the ground floor there was a living room, a kitchen, toilet and stairs (the stairs were very narrow). There were one room for us and 2 bedrooms for the family and a bathroom upstairs. They were 15 minutes away from the meeting point. A woman lived there with her husband and her child and with her sister and her husband. They weren't a typical English family, because they were Indian, but at least we got to know this culture a little bit more.

#### Differences in behaviour

During our trip to England we met many different nations from British to Indian. It was a really exciting cultural experience to see how different nations live.

While in Hungary people usually walk on the streets with a straight and serious face without any joy or smile, in England it is the complete opposite, there is a smile on everyone's face and they also make others smile as well.

We tried to take as many pictures of our friend group as we could so most of the time we asked someone on the streets to take those pictures. Everyone was super helpful and tried to help us how to pose and also took at least 15 pictures to make sure there will be some good ones, too. Even the elderly people asked whether they could help us, not like in Hungary where most of the middle aged ones would rather judge than help. Here are some pictures from that situation:



Small talk is another great example of their social behaviour. In Hungary we don't talk to strangers because we have been taught from a very early age that strangers can be harmful or dangerous so better not be in contact with them. On the other hand, in England everyone has small talks with each other on the street, in the shop or taxi. Before the pictures everyone had small talk with us and even our taxi driver every morning and evening and the shop assistants. In a jewellery shop the seller even told us about her sister and her new home.

British people are often described as polite, reserved and indirect in communication, unlike Hungarians who are direct and open in their speech who value honesty and are not afraid to express strong opinions passionately. The British tend to respect rules and social order, famously forming queues without supervision. Hungarians view rules more flexibly.

All in all, it was a great experience and I would go back any time with my friends and others as well.

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## My favourite places we visited

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#### Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey is one of the most famous religious buildings in the UK. It's located in central London, near the Houses of Parliament. The building is great example of the Gothic architecture. It is the site of every British coronation since 1066. The Abbey is also used for royal weddings and funerals. Many famous people are buried here, like Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and William III. . It was founded by Edward the Confessor in the 11th century. Today, Westminster Abbey is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Gothic architecture was breathtaking. I was particularly impressed by the deep history that lives within the walls.



#### Hampton Court Palace

Hampton Court Palace is a historic royal palace in London. It was built in the 16th century for Thomas Wolsey. When he lost the king's favor, King Henry VIII took the palace for himself, expanded it and used it as one of his main homes. The palace is known for its Tudor-style buildings, its big Great Hall, and beautiful gardens. The palace gardens host the Hampton Court Palace Festival and the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show every year.

Visiting the Hampton Court felt like we traveled back in time to the lifetime of Henry VIII.



#### Canterbury Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral is one of the oldest and most famous Christian buildings in England. It is located in the city of Canterbury, in Kent, in the southeast of England. The cathedral was founded by Saint Augustine. In 1170 Thomas Becket was killed in front of an altar in the cathedral. After his death, the cathedral became a major place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. The building is also known for its beautiful Gothic architecture. Today, it is still used for church services. The Canterbury Cathedral is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

I was completely captivated by the beauty and calmness of the building, along with the meticulous and colourful windows.



#### Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre opened in 1599. It is located on the south bank of the Thames. It is a circular, open-roof building with three tiers of seating. It was partly owned by William Shakespeare, and many of his plays premiered here. The performances took place during the day because there was no artificial lightning. In 1613 the Globe Theatre burned down during a performance and was rebuilt in 1614. Today, it is an important tourist attraction in London and still hosting Shakespearean performances.

The tour guides told the history of the theater such an interesting way that it was impossible to get bored or not follow the story.



#### Victoria and Albert Museum

The museum was founded in 1852 and named after Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. It is one of the world's largest museums of art and design. Its collection contains more than 2.3 million objects. The museum's collections come from all over the world, especially from Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Admission to the museum is free like in the National History Museum and Science Museum.

I'm not really a fan of the museums but this was an incredible experience. What I really liked in the museum was that there were interactive things.

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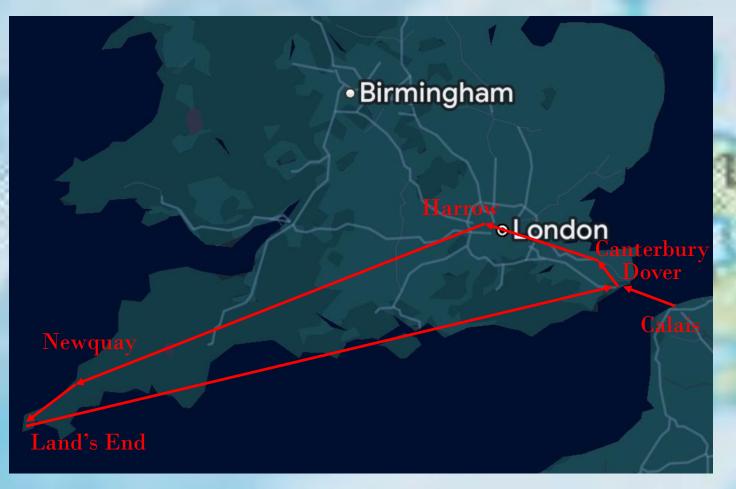
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## Where did we go?



#### <u>A short summary:</u>

On the second day of our trip, we finally arrived to Calais, where we took a ferry to Dover across the English Channel. The same day, we visited Canterbury, and went to London. We spent three days there before going to Newquay, a town in the Southwest region of England. In this presentation, you will be able to read through my experiences of England.

This map shows the places we visited during the school trip.



## London

### The London Eye











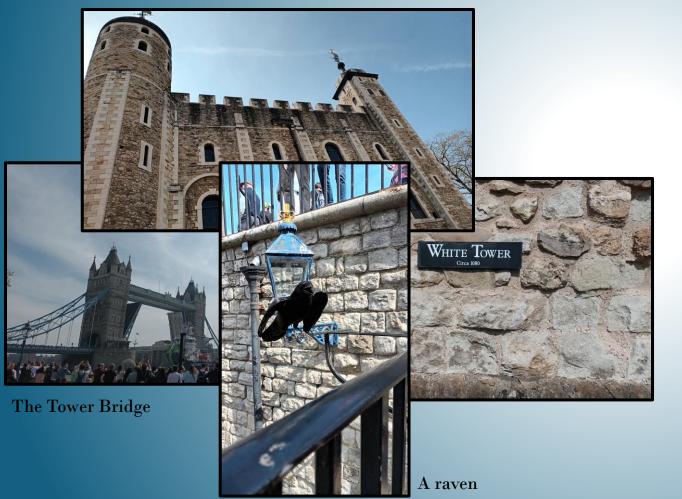
### Westminster Abbey





## Tower of London

The White Tower



The Tower of London is located next to the River Thames in the city of London. Nowadays, it is mostly a tourist attraction but it still looks like hundreds of years ago. When we visited this place, the first thing we did was that we went see the Crown Jewels. I could also see the White Tower, the old keep, in the middle of the garden. Inside there is a museum showcasing medieval armour, swords and jewelry. The Tower Bridge can also be seen from the outside. I even saw a ship passing under it!





## Cornwall

Cornwall is the name of a county in South West England. Because of its location, strong winds and rain is very common there. It's the typical English rural area with "Rolling hills" and vast fields.

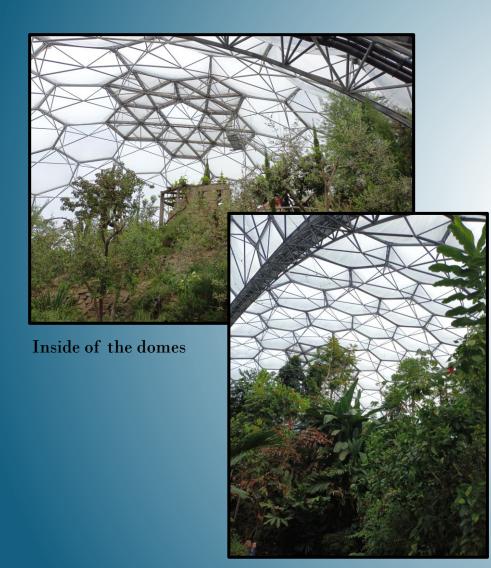


Rolling hills

Eden Project







## Eden Project

Eden Project is a visitor attraction which aimes to preserve and showcase exotic plants and environments where it wouldn't be possible for them to exist naturally. It is located in an exhausted china clay pit in the middle of Cornwall. There are two huge dome groups, the larger one is housing a rainforest and the other one has a mediterranean biome. Both of them were wonderful, each had a collection of trees, plants, flowers and animals (mostly insects). There were even lakes and a waterfall! This place is the most ideal for families because they can relax while seeing lots of special plants and animals there.



## Tintagel castle



Tintagel castle

Tintagel castle isn't really a castle since only ruins can be seen there. It is situated on the peninsula of Tintagel Island, Northeast of Newquay. When we went there, unfortunately, the wind was blowing hard and it was raining heavily. We only spent about an hour there because of the bad weather, but at least we could see the ocean from the cliffs.



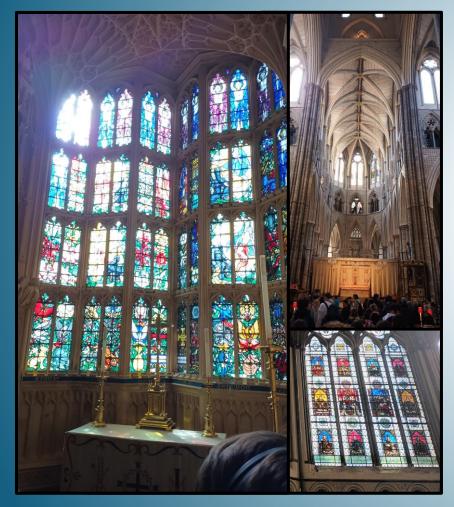
## Westminster Abbey



Westminster Abbey is an Anglican church in the city of Westminster (Greater London). It has been a location of coronations and weddings for almost a thousand years. It is located near the River Thames, close to the Westminster Bridge, and the London Eye. Although it is amazing on the outside, it is even better on the inside! A lot of famous British people like Isaac Newton, and many kings and queens have been buried here. Continue.



## Westminster Abbey



When I saw the inside of Westminster Abbey, I was amazed by the gorgeous stained glass windows! The building was so vast, that it felt like it is never going to end! I took a tour around the abbey with an Audio Guide and I learned a lot about the history of the church. I can recommend this place to everyone, especially those who like medieval architecture and history.

The inside of Westminster Abbey



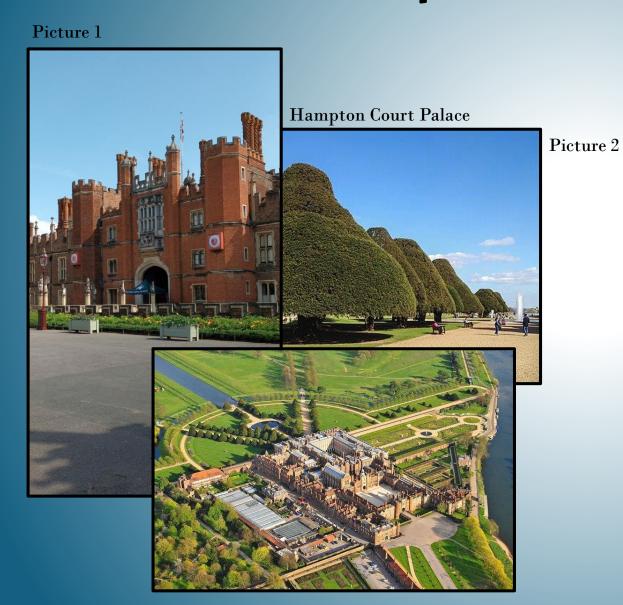
## The London Eye



The London Eye is the most famous and one of the tallest Ferris wheels is the world. It has 32 capsules, each of them can carry 25 people. One revolution takes about 30 minutes, but it is stopped so elderly and disabled people can get in too. Personally, I found the scenery extraordinary from the and I think it was worth our time and money.



## Hampton Court Palace



Hampton Court is a royal palace next to River Thames. At the entrance, there is the Great Gate (picture 1), which has two octagonal shaped towers and beautiful brick chimneys at the top. The palace has a huge garden with an artificial lake, a fountain, large shaped trees (picture 2), a labyrinth, and lots of pretty flowers. In my opinion, this place is perfect for families because of the garden and the palace itself. (And of course there is the labyrinth.)





Canterbury is likely the most charming town in England. The roads are full of old houses, giving the town a unique atmosphere. We walked down some historical streets before we went to Canterbury Cathedral. The inside of the enormous building was goergous. I saw the colourful stained glass windows and the gothic columns which reached the ceiling. I even saw the cloister (picture 3) from where the outside of the cathedral can be seen. We had some free time after leaving, so we could further explore the town and find a place to eat.





## Traditional British Food

(which I was able to try)

### Full English Breakfast









## Full English Breakfast



Full English Breakfast

On our way to Dover, I had an opportunity to try out a traditional English breakfast on the ferry. The "Full English Breakfast" was quite a hearty meal! It had bacon, sausages, a fried egg, a tomato, a toast, a mushroom and sweet beans. Thankfully, I didn't get seasick after eating it. This was probably the most unique meal I ate during the trip!



## Fish and Chips



**Fish and Chips** 

The Fish and Chips is definitely the most popular food among tourists. It is usually served with French fries, peas and sometimes with tartar sauce, but it isn't spicy at all, that is why some people find it flavourless and boring. I could try it on the ferry during the trip back to Calais. Although Fish and Chips is sold in many countries, this one was significantly different from them. I think that everyone should try it at least once when they go to the UK.

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#### Canterbury

Canterbury Cathedral

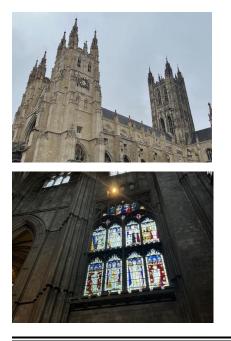
Canterbury is located in Kent county, England and is part of the UNESCO World Heritage. This is a historical city, surrounded by breathtaking architecture, It is home to plenty of attractions, events and activities for all to enjoy.

Canterbury is perfect for a city break while the wider district includes incredible seaside towns and countryside, as little as 15 mins drive away.

The biggest tourist attaraction is the Canterbury Cathedral, which stands in the heart of the walled medieval city. It is famous not just for its beauty, but also for the important historical events, which have happened there, such as the planning of the Magna Carta and the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket.

He engaged in conflict with Henry II, King of England, over the rights and privileges of the Church and was murdered by followers of the King in Canterbury Cathedral. Geoffry Chaucer's Canterbury Tales is about a group of pilgrims who decided to visit his shrine.

The cathedral is also the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion, seat of the Archbishop of Canterbury and was founded by Saint Augustine in 597.





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#### Westminster Abbey

The place for royal ceremonies

Westminster Abbey gives place to the coronation ceremonies of the royal family. The archbishop of Canterbury is the one who crowns the monarch.

Firstly let's start with some surprising facts about the Abbey which are in connection with the kings and queens of England.

Henry III is responsible for the rebuilding of Westminster in a gothic style which we can see now. The Lady Chapel is basically a church within the church which was built in honour of Virgin Mary. Edward III became king here at the age of only 15, and Richard II was just 10 years old when he became king in 1377. Lady Margaret Beaufort died in the Abbey

The poets corner is in memory of the famous English writers and poets. We can find the grave of Stephen Hawkings and Charles Dickens here among with other excellences.

An interesting information about the coronation chair is that it is approximately 720 years old and during the ceremony they put the Scotch coronation stone under it. You can find the chair in the Abbey and there is a shocking story that is related to it. Next to Westminster there is a private school for boys and for decades they sneaked in the Abbey to grave their name on the coronation chair. Years later, when the chair had to be renovated they figured out a boy's name and sent him the bill. I think we can all agree on that it is not worth to play with the royal family.

> "He who is faithful over a few things is a lord of cities. It does not matter whether you preach in Westminster Abbey or teach a ragged class, so you be faithful. The faithfulness is all."

> > George MacDonald

#### **Buckingham Palace** The home of the royal family

#### Petra Domián

The palace is home to the monarch, the King's official London residence and working royal palace.

The national and royal celebrations are held here and you can see the popular attraction, the regular Changing the Guard ceremony.

The whole building is iconic, of course, but perhaps the most iconicpart of the palace is the East Wing, since this is where the Royal Family makes appearance, up on the famous central balcony.





#### **London Eye** A beautiful view

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You could read about this tourist attraction in our latest issue, but of course when we are talking about London we can't miss out to mention its famous ferris wheel, the London Eye.

Probably, I'm not going to tell you any new informations, as there isn't much that has changed in the past 2 years, but let's get to it. It has 32 cabins referring to the number of boroughs in London. If we are talking about the numberig of the cabins it's from 1 to 33 excluding the number 13 as it is the symbol of bad luck. It was made by George Ferris for the World Exhibition in Chicago and originally it would've stayed in London for maximum a year, but after the first day brought an income of 5 million pouds, they decided to keep it.

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### Tower

The Tower of London used to be a very famous prison where they didn't dispise the torture of people.

Its first part was the White Tower which is the largest one and was built in 1100.

Nowadays it is mostly famous for the coronation jewels, which are stored there. As a tourist it is a very important info that unfortunately you cannot take any picture of them. An interesting fact about the jewels, that the Cullinan Diamond – the largest one ever foud- is incorporated in them. It is 3106 carats and when they first tried to cut it the incision broke, so they had to make a new one.

Another surprising fact about the Tower, that it gave home for the 'beasts' of the royal family until 1832 – they were held captive there for 600 years - when they were transferred to the new London Zoo. In 1235 the first lions arrived in the Tower and this began the royal menagerie where the privileged few could view the monarch's glorious collection of exotic animals.



## Shakespeare's Globe

Shakespeare's Globe is the reconstruction of the Globe Theatre for which the famous William Shakespeare wrote his plays.

The original Globe was built in 1559, the reconstructed one was completed almost 440 years later, in 1997. We should thank Mr. Sam Wanamaker for the Shakesperae's Globe, who was an American actor and director and eager to revive the love for the theatre, for the plays and for Shakespeare himself, as he couldn't accept the fact that such a significant place just disappeared from the face of the Earth.







'The end of the world.'/ Land's End Saint Michael's Mount



Road to the Tintagel Castle

#### Luca Kovács

#### Hampton Court The palace of Henry VIII

Hampton Court was built by Henry VIII. His last wife, Katherine Parr married him there, in the Queen's Closet. In 1978, the palace became the part of UNESCO's World Heritage list. It is also good to know that one of England's prides, William Shakespeare performed there.

It gives a great insight of he life of Henry VIII as you can explore his living space amd the kitchenns too. You shouldn't miss out to go for a walk in the lovely park that the palace can call as its own. I didn't have the opportunity to try it, but I deffinitely recommend you to go up ont he Thames by boat, from Hampton Court to te centre of London.

To mention the most shocking fact that I heard while being there, the word gardrobe meant toilet at the time.



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Cornwall

Cornwall is also known as the capital of the surfers.

The Duke of Cornwall is always the Crown Prince and since 2015 it is also possible for the Crown Princess to be the owner of this title. Their income depends highly on this region - 273 farms belong here – last year 30 millions fonts net.

We visited 3 important places, the Tintagel Castle, Saint Michael's Mount and the Land's End which is also called 'the end of the world'. Unfortunately, it was pouring with rain all day, so if you want to visit them plan it on a day when the wheather is good because it's much more enjoyable or take an extra pair of jeans with you, so then you won't have to sit in the wet one throughout the day.

The Tintagel Castle is related to king Arthur, who is famous for his sword, the Excalibur and was the founder of the Knights of the Round Table. There are many films and novels based on his legend about how he fought with the Excalibur against the evil with Merlin on his side, looking for the Holy Grail.

It is proven that the former Nazi foreign minister and one time ambassador to Britain, Joachim von Ribbentop, had wanted to live on Saint Michael's Mount after the planned German conquest.



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### **Museums in London**

#### 1. BRITISH MUSEUM

The British Museum is a public museum dedicated to human histrory, art and culture located in the Bloomsbury area of London. Its permanent collection of eight million works is the largest in the world, showing the famous Rosetta stone, which was the key to traslating ancient egyptian hieroglyphic writing for the first time.





#### 2. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

In the Natural History Museum you can discover the history of life on Earth, from the smallest insects to the biggest mammals. Here you can find answers to your biology and nature related questions and also see some solutions on how to guide our Earth towards a more sustainable future.

An interesting fact is that only a few are on display, of the 80 million object that the museum cares for. If you plan on visiting it is important to know that if you actually want to walk through the museum it will take a whole day. Another useful information is that the museum can be divided into 6 bigger exhibits, which you should definitely see: Dinosaurs, Human evolution, Oceans, Space, Mammals and Minerals.

#### **<u>3. SCIENCE MUSEUM</u>**

The Science Museum showcases a world-class collection of scientific, technological and medical advancements from across the globe.

One of the main exhibitions is about space and space travel and also you can see a piece of the moon in of the rooms. An other interesting exhibition is the medical exhibition, which you should definitely visit.









Waterstones Piccadilly

#### Petra Domián

### **Eden's Project** Botanical attraction

The Eden's Project is basically a tourist attraction. It consist of two large enclosures, which both have their own biom, meaning in one of them a mediterrien environment and in the other one a rainforest environment is simulated. This is the largest indoor rainforest in the world. There is also a beautiful botanical garden outside and lots of exotic plants to see. One important thing though: if you plan on visiting the enclosures come prepared since inside the weather can be significantly hotter.

### **Piccadilly Circus**

Piccadilly itself is a road in the City of Westminster, London. The circus refers to the word circle, since Piccadilly Circus is a road junction with a round open area in the middle. It was built in 1819 to connect Regent Street with Piccadilly. It's known for its video displays and neon signs placed on the corner buildings, surrounding buildings such as the London Pavillion, Criterion Theater, and something that really caught our journalist eyes – Europe's biggest bookstore -Waterstones Piccadilly. The bookstore has 7 floors, offering book genre on a wide spectrum, here truly anyone can find something that's to their liking, and if we count the length of the booshelves together it will give 150 km.

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### **Paris**

When you're in England travelling to France can be an interesting journey by ferry or by train through the English Channel - as the Brit like to call it - from Dover to Calais.

When we mention France the first thing that comes to a person's mind will probably be Paris and the Eiffel-tower, but let me tell you about my favourite place there, which is the Dome of the Invalids among with the Museum of French Military History or as the French say it Musée the l'Armée.

In the central of the Dome you can see the grave of Napoleon which is made of brown marble and his body is placed in 7 coffins. On the ceiling there are breathtaking frescos anywhere you look.

The museum has several very interesting exhibitons, I visited the one which tells the French history from the rule of Louis XIV to Napoleon III's. It was huge and sadly I didn't have enough time to discover it throroughly, so I advise you to calculate at least with an hour per exhibition. The informations are written in French and in English too, so don't worry about that.

#### Together

We are glad to be back and to be read by you. Hope you enjoyed our articles and have piqued your interest to travel to England. If you have any questions feel free to write to us. Our email: <u>travellingjournalists@gmail.com</u>. Hugs and kisses, Luca & Petra.

p.s.: If you guess all the quiz answers correctly, contact our tour guide to claim your well deserved chocolate.

### QUIZ

- 1. Who was the one who terminated to be burried in a church? c. Henry VIII. **a.** King Arthur **b.** Napoleon Bonaparte
- 2. Whose grave has not been stepped on in Westminster Abbey?
- **a.** Unknown Warrior **b.** Geoffrey Chaucer

c. Mary Stuart

- 3. In the crest of the United Kingdom which country does the unicorn symbolize? **b.** Scotland **c.** Northern Ireland **a.** England
- 4. What is the Big Ben?

**a.** a clock **b.** bell **c.** tower

- 5. After the battle at Trafalgar in what kind of alcohol did the Brit bring home the body of Nelson?
  - **c.** bourbon **a.** rum **b.** whiskey
- 6. Why are the green hats on the roads important for the taxi drivers?

**a.** toilets **b.** pickup points **c.** diners England '25

7. Which ambassandory g a. Columbian	-	otts during filming the Harry Potter movies? c. Scottish
8. In which park does the famous scene take place in the 101 Dalmatians?		
<b>a.</b> Hyde Park	<b>b.</b> St Jame's Park	<b>c.</b> Regent's park
9. Where was the first lift in London?		
a. Harrods	<b>b.</b> The Ritz	c. Waterstones Piccadilly
<ul><li>10. Which famous English actor used to be a salesman in Harrods?</li><li>a. Pierce Brosnan</li><li>b. Sean Connery</li><li>c. Daniel Craig</li></ul>		
<ul><li>11. In which opera house did the Phantom of the Opera originally take place?</li><li>a. Vienna State Opera</li><li>b. Royal Opera House</li><li>c. Opéra Guarnier</li></ul>		
12. Which bridge is the oldest in Paris?a. Pont Notre-Dameb. Pont Neufc. Pont Royal		
<b>13. Which bridge was the first one on the Tames?a.</b> Alexandra Bridge <b>b.</b> London Bridge <b>c.</b> Waterloo Bridge		

The correct answers are: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5a, 6c, 7b, 8c, 9a, 10a, 11c, 12b, 13b.

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### SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE

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Globe Theatre was built in 1599, but after a horrible fire in 1613 it burned down and soon after was demolished. Then in 1997 the theatre reopened under the name Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, paying tribute with it to William Shakespeare, who wrote many plays for them back when he was alive.

During the reconstruction they tried to make it look and feel like the original one, for example people can still purchase standing tickets so they can be close to the actors and the stage during the play.

Also, the building itself does not have a roof, so the plays are usually performed in the afternoon, rather than the evening. This way the stage is only lit by natural light which makes it more historically accurate to the old one.

The stage sets consist of a little more elements than before, but they try to keep it simple. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century the scenery always looked pretty much the same, because they didn't have enough storage to store the sets in and that small space was reserved instead for costumes.





Obviously, the theatre still serves as a home for classic Shakespearean plays, they even add modern twists to some, however they have many new and interesting productions too.

The company is famous for their hilarious comedies on stage, but we could also experience their humour with our tour guide, who was very funny during the whole tour. It was truly enjoyable and fun, I can only recommend it to everyone.

## **Eden project**

### **My Experience at the Eden Project**

During our school trip to England, Eden Project was one of the most unforgettable experiences for me. I didn't expect it to have such an impact on me, but as soon as we walked in, I was amazed by how unique and peaceful the place felt. It was like entering a living ecosystem. What stood out the most were the giant biomes, especially the rainforest one. Walking through it felt like being in a completely different climate and continent. The humidity, the sounds of birds and water, and the towering trees made it feel so real. It opened my eyes to how diverse our planet's ecosystems are. We depend on the environment and it is important to take care of it. Seeing how the Eden Project combines education, sustainability, and beauty all in one space greatly inspired me to make it the topic of my presentation. I left the Eden Project feeling calmer and more curious.

The Eden Project is an incredible place a lush, green paradise. It's known for its stunning domes, which house some truly amazing environments.

Inside, you'll find the world's largest indoor rainforest, filled with tropical plants like banana trees, coffee, rubber, and giant bamboo. The air is thick and humid, making it feel like you've stepped right into the heart of the jungle.



In the Mediterranean dome, the weather changes completely. The air is warm and dry. Colourful flowers, grapevines and olive trees are common with statues to decorate, blending art and nature. It's peaceful, sunny, and full of the magic of summer.





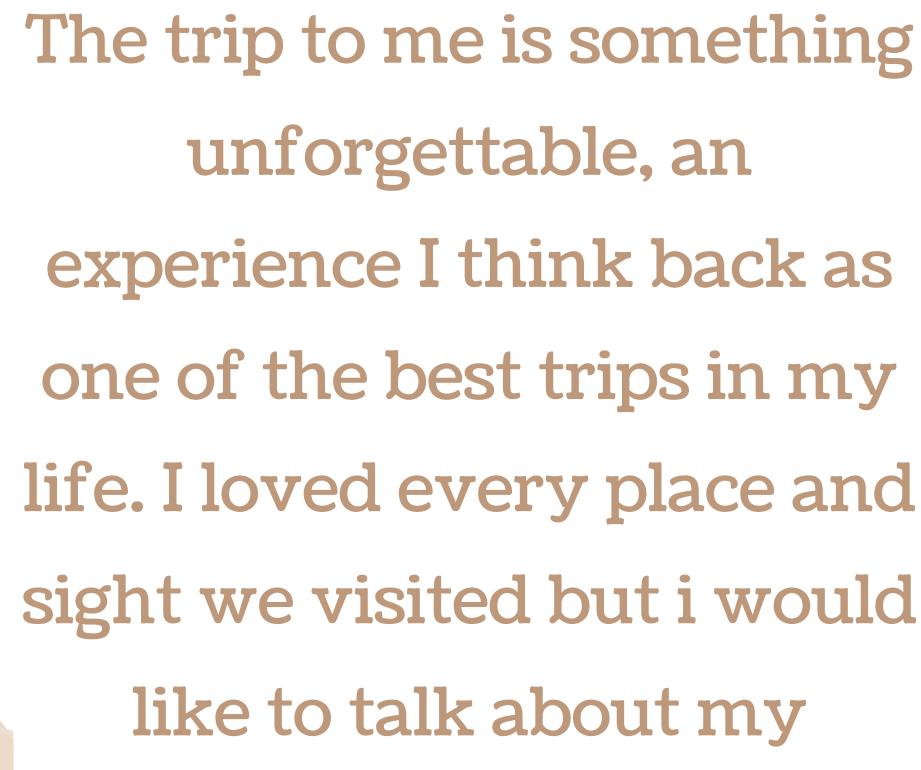
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## no.3 - Natural History Museum

- Museum was two years ago and I remember
  - the moment I stepped inside and saw the
- skeleton of a whale. In that moment I knew I
  - was going to love the museum and I was
  - right. This year I thought it wouldn't have
  - the same effect on me like it had the first
    - time but it sure did. I even showed my
- friends my favorite part which is the crystal

### The first time I visited the Natural History

## no.2 - Trafalgar Square

- Trafalgar Square is located in the
  - heart of London and it has a
- vibrant hub of culture and history
- what made me fall in love with it.
  - The fountains and the art
  - installations create a lively
- atmosphere. I love how busy the
- square is, and how people look up

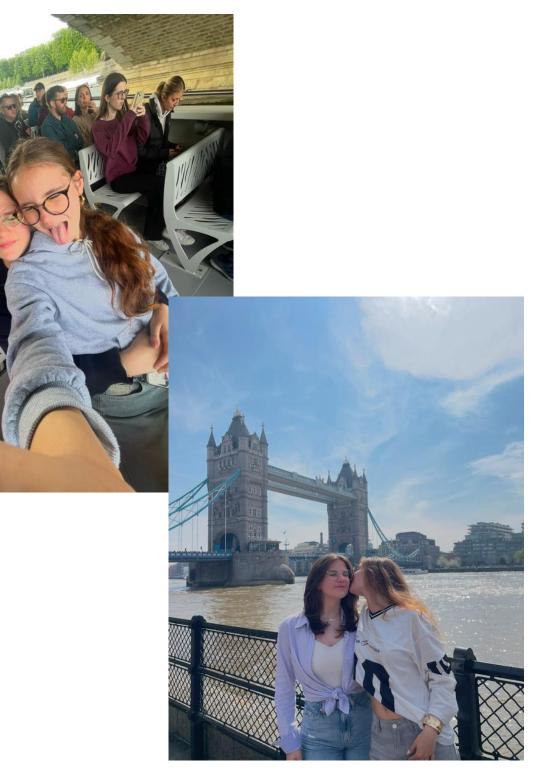
## no.l - Globe Theatre

- Visiting Shakespeare's Globe was
  - an absolutely enchanting
  - experience. Stepping into that
    - iconic circular space felt like
- travelling back in time. Our guide
- made the experience even better
- with her fun personality and silly

### stories.

If I had the chance to go back I wouldn't hesitate. Overall I had a great time and had an opportunity to see more of the world. I appreciate every moment I got to spend there with my friends.





# Thank you for your attention!



The iconic landmark of London, the Telephone Booth, also known as the kiosk has gone a long way from the first model to as we know it today.

> There are several designs of our well appreciated icon. The most widely known one would be the K6, which is part of the historic London scenery, as we can all picture it besides the Big Ben.

### The models

**Over the years there wer**e several models, these were: The K1 (Kiosk No.1) **The KX100** The K2 (Kiosk No.2) The KX100 PLUS The K3 (Kiosk No.3) The K4 (Kiosk No.4) The K5 (Kiosk No.5) The K6 (Kiosk No.6) The K7 (Kiosk No.7) The K8 (Kiosk No.8)

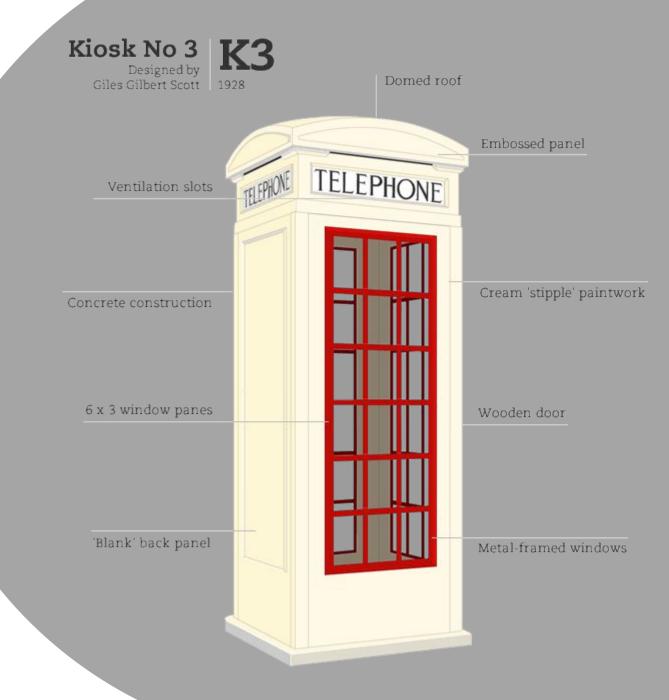
Introduced in 1921 the K1 (Kiosk No. 1) was the first thelephone booth. This was possible because The Post Office had taken over almost all of the country's telephone network in 1912, although some local authorities refused to give permission for the K1. Even though it was the first design, the K1 was not the fundation of the familiar red telephone booths. The Kiosk featured an Open Always sign along with red window bars. And creme coloured sides, with a three-panel back. As for today there are 14 K1 boxes that have remained throughout the years. Seven of these are in museums.



The design which was the result of a competetion became the landmark of London. It was first made to replace the K1 kiosks. The first plans for the booths were disappointing, finally in 1924 Sir Giles Gilbert Scott submitted the winning design. First the wooden prototipes were put in public service, later the final models were made in cast iron and it was offically in service from 1926. The K2 is also the fundation of the iconic telephone booths as we know them today.



Introduced in 1929, the K3 was also designed by Giles Gilbert Scott. It had a similar design to the K2 but it was made of reinforced concrete, making the kiosk conciderably cheaper (the K2 cost £35 and the K3 was only £13 per koisk), as it was intended for nationwide use. Due to the use of concrete the telephone box wasn't as rich in details, reducing the cost of manufacturing even more. Although the concrete weathered easily, 12 000 of them were introduced but only one remained, wich can be found in the London Zoo.



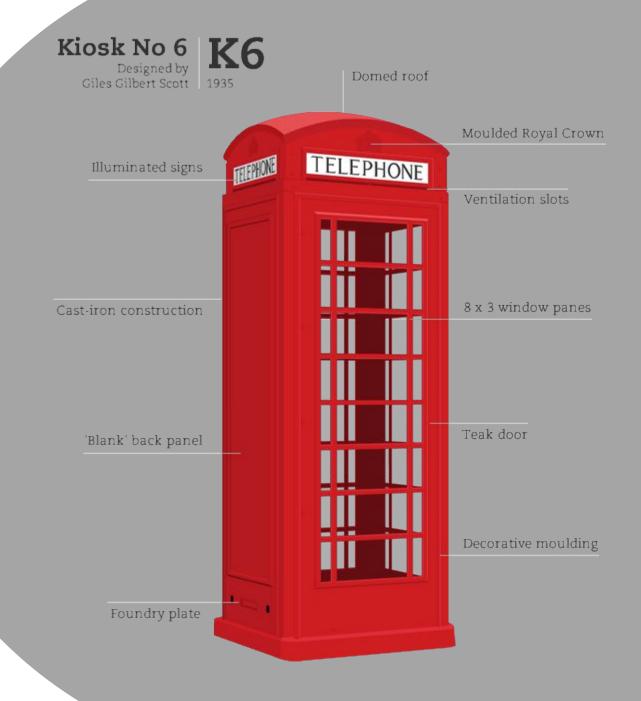
**Designed by the Post Office Engineering Department it was a mix** of a post box machine and a telephone booth. The sole purpose of the K4 was to be compact as it could serve multiple tasks. The design was based of the K2 with the additional box stamp. The box was considerably bigger than its counterparts, although still smaller than the K2, it was made of cast iron, and only a single batch of it was produced. This was likely due to the design flaw that made the stamp box unusable after rain because the stamps stuck to each other, and the machine and the telephone couldn't be used at the same time due to the operating noise of the stamp machine.



Made of pre-manufactured metal-faced plywood, the K5 was designed to be taken apart, and to be reasambled, but the final kiosk might have been made of concrete. The booth itself had a rectangular footprint with collums on its side the back panel fas blank, the other three sides had windows divided into two collums and two rows, the kiosk was intended to be painted a white or cream colour, and the door would've had a red gloss finish. The design had carried over many elements of the K3, mostly being a refined version of it. The K5 never got further than the prototype phase.

Kiosk No 5 Designed by The Post Office 19	<b>X5</b> 33	Domed roof	
Illuminated signs	TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE	Plain pediment
Simple construction			2 x 2 window panes
'Blank' back panel			Plain detailing

**Recognised as the iconic red** telephone box of Britain, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1935. 11,000 of Kiosks have remained, they are the main example of the eight Kiosk types. Made of cast iron bolted together it stands 8 ft tall on a concrete base. Three sides of the Kiosk are glazed, with eight rows of three planes of glass. The clever design of the reeded moulding helps the door opening blend in. Like in the earlier models the back panel was blank. The K6 was the most populous model, and there was also a more vandalism proof mk2 version.



A modern design with materials that are just as revolutionary, the K7 was designed in 1959. Following a modern template the Kiosk was a radical change in the history of telephone boxes that, some say was well needed. As for the design it features 45 degree chamfered corners alongside a rectangular base. The walls were made of clear glass and they had so called "modesty panels" at waist height, mostly to make the user feel a bit more safe. The kiosk also had an interior light making it easy to use in dark. The design eliminated the domed roof and introduced a flat one. The main material was aluminium making it considerably more durable. It was designed by Hugh Neville Conder, but it never fully made it through the prototype phase, only a few were put into service.



It was the final design of The Post Office, as a replacement for the K6. The K8 was not as succesful as anticipated, but some **11,000 examples were installed across** Britain. Despite this the number of surviving kiosks is relatively small. Only 54. Following a more modern template as an attempt to fit into the fast-developing world and to be minimalist whilsth reducing cost, the kiosk was designed to be durable made by bolting together cast-iron panels, standing on a narrow concrete base wich is covered by the kiosk due to that the booth appears to float a few inches abowe the ground. Due to having a simpler design to the, K8 consists of 183 individual parts, compared to the K6 wich is made of 450 components.



In 1985 the freshly privatised British **Telecom announced a £160 million** modernisation scheme for the public telephone network inherited from The General Post Office. The first one to be introduced was the KX100, installed at a rate of 5,000 a year the count quickly reached 137,000 by the year 1999. The design focused on modernity, made of a light-weight frame constructed from aluminium. It was durable, yet stylish (some might argue). The back side is blank as usual and the other three feature an extensive amount of glass with a slim modesty panel. There were also numerous variants of the KX series, such as the KX200, 300 and 400, designed to be easier to clean and maintain, although they didn't have any major changes to them.



### The KX100 +

Following the design of the KX100, but with a little twist the KX100+ essentially stayed the same, leaning towards some more conservational styles, adapting the domed roof of the earlier designs, but still featuring the sleek, and light-weight construction by utilizing aluminium and a stainless-steel frame with anodised aluminium edging. The twist would be the booth which gave access to the internet via a computer built into the booths, of course not all kiosks were little internet cafés like the model to the right, the ones which had phones installed in them were painted red on the areas where the internet kiosks were blue.



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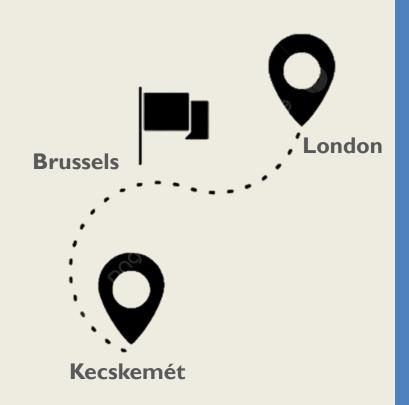


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## **THE JOURNEY THERE**

We left home on Tuesday night. Our first destination was Brussels. The journey took around 18 hours. We spent the first few hours mostly sleeping. When the sun came up, more than half the road was still ahead of us. Along the way, the scenery was beautiful in many places. The last few hours felt really slow, but in the end, we arrived in Brussels and reached our first accommodation.

After a bit of sleep, we continued our journey the next day. Our next destination was London. After a few hours on the bus, we reached the French coast, where the ferry was waiting to take us straight to Great Britain. The ferry ride was very enjoyable. We tried the famous full English breakfast, and of course, we had some time for shopping as well. After landing, we admired the sea from the coast of Dover, then headed to Canterbury.





**BRUSSELS** 





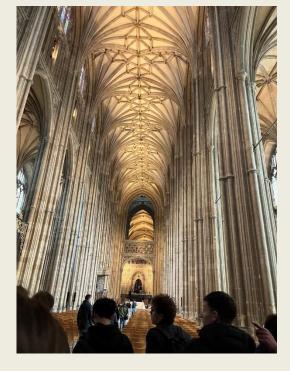
**FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST** 













#### CANTERBURY

We visited the stunning cathedral, and even though I was already really tired, it was a beautiful experience. After the visit, we grabbed a bite to eat, and then had a little time to explore the charming town.

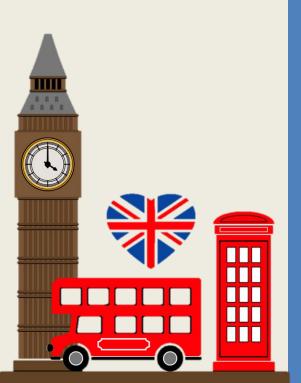
## LONDON

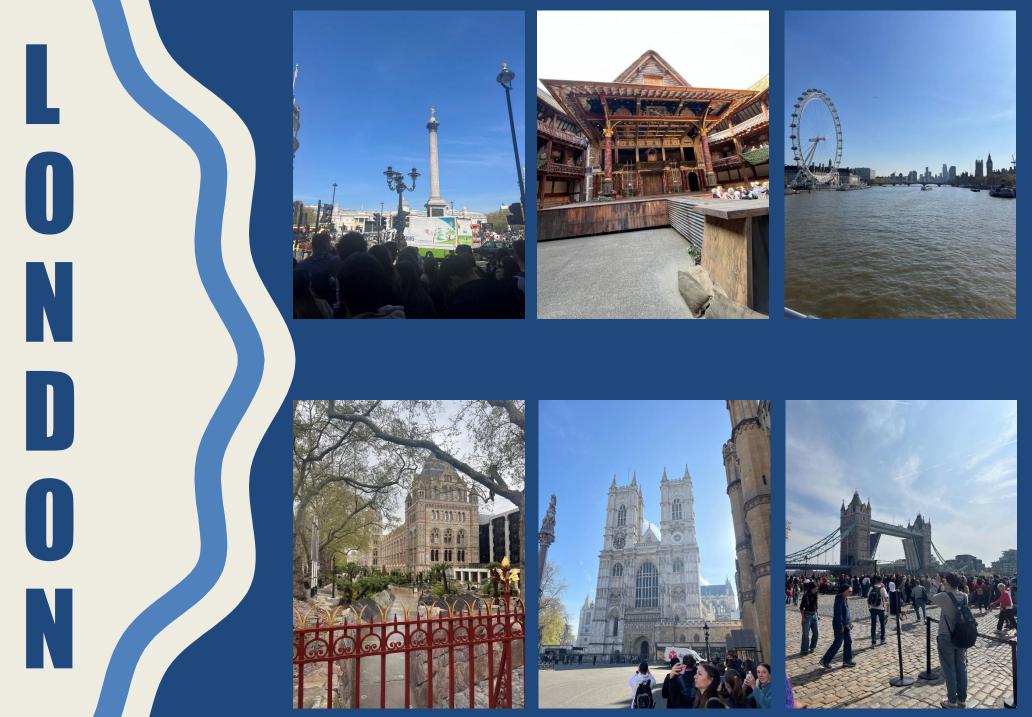
We finally arrived in London, where we met our host families, with whom we stayed for four nights.

I was placed with a wonderful lady. She was very kind and cooked amazingly well. She told us a lot about London and how much she loves this city.

During our few days in London, we visited many amazing places. Of course this meant a lot of walking and traveling, but I didn't mind because we had a wonderful time. We visited Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, and the Big Ben. We went on the London Eye and explored the Globe Theatre. we also saw the Tower of London and the Tower Bridge.

We visited both the British Museum and the Natural History Museum as well.









### **MY FAVORITE: HAMPTON COURT PALACE**

#### A little about the palace

Hampton Court Palace is a beautiful royal palace just outside London. It was once the home of King Henry VIII and famous for its stunning gardens, historic rooms and impressive architecture. Walking through the palace feels like stepping back in time.

We didn't have much time to see everything, so we went inside to look at a few rooms, and then spent the rest of the time outside in the beautiful garden. The palace garden looks a lot like the one at the Palace of Versailles. There were several smaller gardens, and at the back, there was a huge area filled with amazing trees. Many people were sitting on the grass having picnics, and some were exploring the garden in horse-drawn carriages. From the garden, there was a direct view of the River Thames.

I really enjoyed the time I spent there. It was peaceful, the weather was a bit windy, but the sun was shining and it was warm. Even though we spent a few hours there, I felt like I could stay there the whole day.

























#### EDEN-PROJECT AND TINTAGEL

Finally, we visited the Eden Project, which was truly impressive. We also went to the southernmost part of Great Britain, where we saw the ruins of Tintagel Castle but because of the terrible weather, I got back on the bus quite quickly.









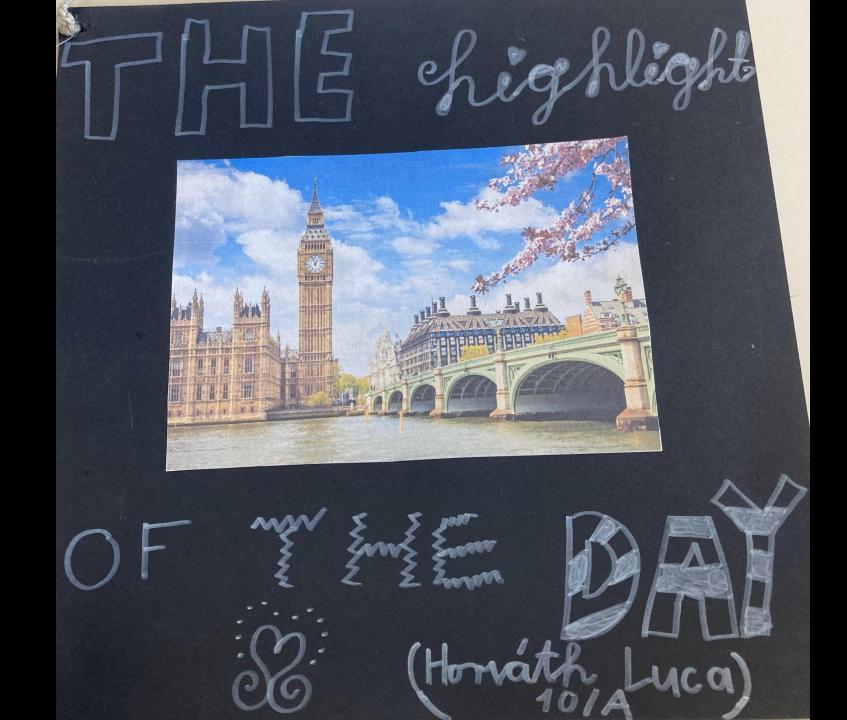
#### THE JOURNEY BACK

On our way back home, we made a small detour and visited Paris for a day. After that, we had the long journey home ahead of us. During the 10 days, we laughed a lot and had a great time. Besides discovering many new places, I also got to meet new people. It was an unforgettable experience.



## THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY

Készítette: Horváth Luca



On the first day of our trips to England We visited the Westminster Abbey. It was a great experience and re could see the Foets Corner vikere many talented poeticules? name was carred into the stones such as Jane Autin or William Blake The Abbey was built by Str. Edward the Confersor in 12.6 9.

Puring the second day of our tour, we visited the London Eye where we got to see the city from a different point of view. Although there was a technical issue (so the big wheel stopped for a few minutes), but I bonestly think it only made the moment more memorable.

LERA DE On the 3rd day we visited Shakespear Globe. The teachers even managed to? get us a quide there. For me she was an old lady who talked to us very passionately about the story of the theatre which was built in 1599 by the Lord Chamberlain's Men. Even II. Elizabeth said visiting the

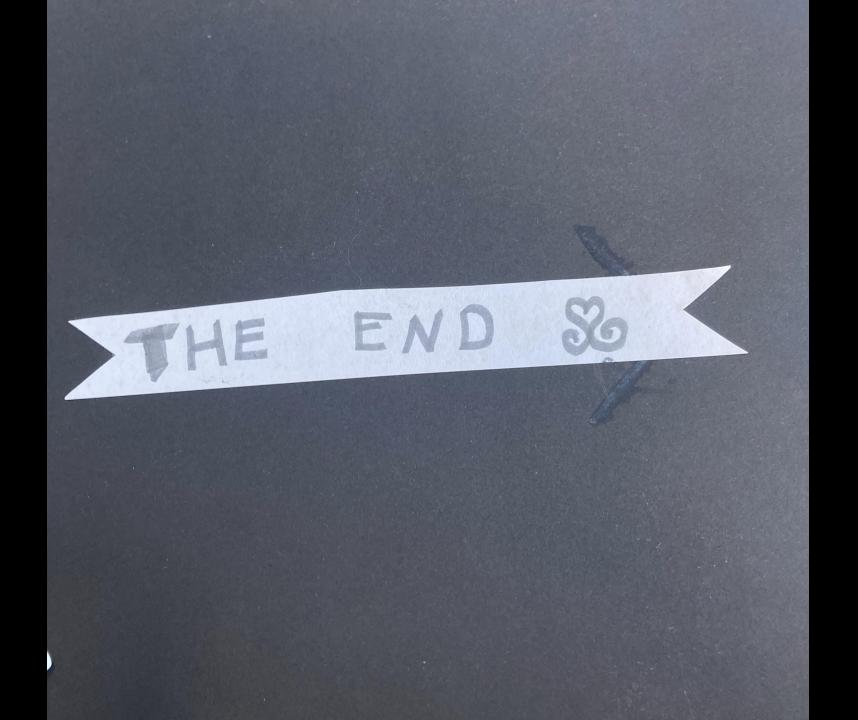
According to me the Hampton Court was the most beautiful part of the journey. I especially liked the garden, but the history of the court was also interesting. It used to be the home of Henry VIII. 1 love the story of Anne Boleyn because e is one of my faroliste b

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# Eden Project

By Ipacs Olívia 9.A

### The structure of my presentation

• During the school trip to England, the Eden Project was the sight that caught my eyes the most. Due to it, in the first section of my presentation I am going to explain why it was the closest to my heart, and in the second one, I am going to write some fun facts about the venue.



### Section 1 - What Eden Project is exactly

- It is two connected domes that creates a fenced area.
- The pentagonal and hexagonal cells evolve biomes.
- It consists of a Mediterranean and a rainforest environment with several plant species and an outdoor botanical garden which contains many wildlife native and plants endemic in Cornwall or in the UK in general.
- It is located in Cornwall, England.
- It is not just a global garden, but an educational charity and social enterprise as well.



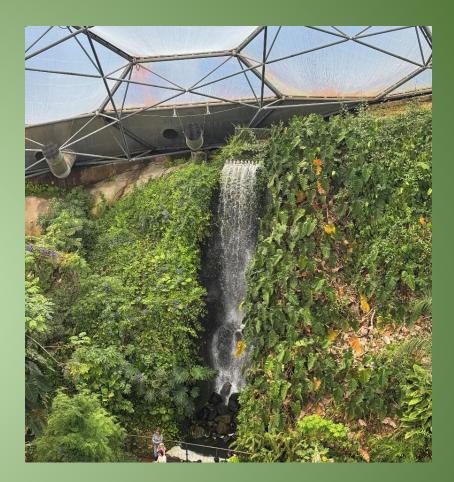
### Section 1 - My thoughts about the place

- I have always liked the scent of plants, how each of them is unique in its own way and how they need to be taken care of.
- When I entered the rainforest biome in Eden Project, I literally just fell in love with the landscape. Everywhere I looked were gorgeous flowers and trees, and many of them were plants I had never heard of before, for instance a Sausage Tree.
- Although there was incredibly hot in there, it was absolutely enjoyable, and one of my favourite sights there was the waterfall, which was quite high, 50 meters.



### Section 2 - Fun facts

- The place provided a location for the BBC series The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy in 1981 and the James Bond film Die Another Day.
- The world's largest indoor rainforest can be found here.
- The temperatures change between 18 and 35°C, and there are over 1000 varieties of plants.
- It is the symbol of regeneration.
- Their mission is to display and encourage positive action to the planet.



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Thank you for your attention!

## Eden Project Irsa Kende 8.A

### Eden Project

- On the 6th day of our trip we visited Eden Project, a giant nature museum in Cornwall
- Eden Project is an artificial nature that represents the feeling of each biome you can visit there
- It spreads in a very big area and has 2 big biomes: a mediterranean and a rainforest one

### Mediterranean Biome

- In the mediteranean biome we could see colorful plants and experience the mediterranean climate of California, South Africa and Western Australia
- The temperature (9–25°C) was low but the humidity was very high there, we sweated a lot
- I was amazed by the way they made the climate and the mood of a mediterranean terrain

### **Rainforest Biome**

- For me rainforest biome was the best because of its beauty, plants and weather
- This biome is a paradise for someone who likes rain, wilds and water very much
- We could experience the weather, the plants and the mood of the rainforests of South-East Asia, West Africa and South America
- We could go up to a floating bridge and get a higher view of the rainforest from above
- Overall this biome was very exciting and I'm sure nobody could spot a difference in a picture between this and a real rainforest

### The Core

There was also a building called The Core where we could watch fascinating exhibitions connected to both life and environment
There are even temporary art exhibitions by renowned artists on the top floor

### Overall

- Eden Project was a very fascinating place, where we could connect to nature in a way we had never been able to
- I can really recommend visiting this place if you're in England
- Sincerely I hope I can go back there once again!

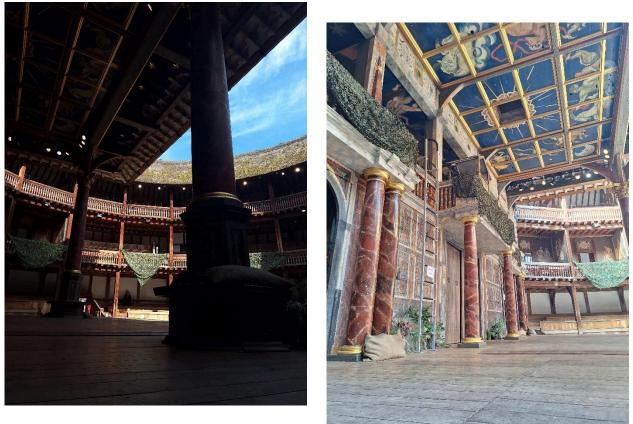
# Thank you for your attention!

### England

It was very hard to decide what to write about because we saw so many beautiful places. Then I remembered that on the bus we were asked what our three favorite locations were. And that is exactly what I am going to write about. My three favorite places.

#### 1. Shakespeare's Globe

I really enjoyed our time at the Globe. I think the theater was very beautiful and also so unique because I have never seen a theater like this. The whole idea to build the Globe was very interesting to me. I really liked how they tried to recreate the original one as much as they could. And I honestly think they did a fascinating job. I also liked the fact that they try to do their performances like they did in the past. We also had an amazing guide and he did a very great job. He told us so many interesting things. I only wish that we could have seen one of their performances.



#### 2. Eden Project

I did not really know what to expect from the Eden Project and if I am being honest I did not even know what it was before they told us. However it became

one of my favorite places. Out of the two buildings we went into the rainforest one first. I actually liked this one better because I have never been to a place with these kinds of plants. There were many with descriptions so we could also learn about them. It was so pretty with all the big trees around us. Me and my friends also went up to a lookout point where we could see the place from above. It was beautiful but also kind of scary because it was quite high up. Then we went to the Mediterranean one. It was also very great. In this one there were very pretty colorful flowers. To be honest the only bad thing I could say is how hot it was in



#### 3. Hampton Court Palace

The place I liked the most was definitely

both of them. However that day the weather outside was a little colder so this way it was still bearable.



Hampton Court. When we first went through the beautiful gates I already knew that I was going to love this place. We got some maps and audio guides too. When we were inside I could listen to the audio and I learnt a lot of interesting things about the palace and also Henry VIII. I remember we first went into the kitchen. It was huge and we could even see some old recipes. We also saw

beautiful paintings down the corridors. I think my favorite place inside was this very pretty staircase with paintings all over the wall. After some time we went outside. The place had a garden in the front too, however these ones in the



back of the building were just breathtaking. I think there were at least four different types of gardens. There was one with big trees and a very beautiful fountain. I also loved the colorful flowers, especially the tulips. At one point we found the labyrinth so we went inside. I thought it would be easier to find our way out of it but it was actually a little hard. After we got out we just wandered around in the gardens because we still had some time left. I also liked that one of my favorite shows, Bridgerton, was filmed here. I absolutely loved Hampton Court, it was beautiful and so interesting.



Kakuszi Lili 9.A



### Brief history and famous places

- Tintagel is famous for its castle, which although now is only a ruin but still a popular tourist destination. Tintagel is an arthurian place, beacuse in the legends, King Arthur lived in a castle that used to be where this fort was.
- The village is also famous for its 14th century building, which throughout history served as a manor and a post office, now being owned by the National Trust

### Why I chose this

• The town was nice but my favorite landmark was the mountanious, rocky coast. Even though it was raining cats and dogs and the wind was blowing so heavily it broke my umbrella, the hike we did is one of the best memories I brought home. We played with the wind, let go and made it hold us. Even though the sky was gray, the horizon and the sea were gorgeous. I really enjoyed trying to stay still while walking. Then we went down to the beach. The smell of sea hit us on the stairs. On the shore there were rocks getting hit by the waves. And then there was this stunning cave, that almost felt magical, so spacious, so calm. Ah, what a memory!





### King Arthur and me



Fighting with the rain

### The cave



### The beach (video)

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# Thank You for your attention!

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#### Trip to England

#### April 9.

We set off at 11 PM (April 8.) from the school after everyone put their bags and suitcases into the trunk and said goodbye to their parents. The seats were given, so everyone had to sit where they got placed and it wasn't problem that different pairs wanted to sit on the same place. Me and my friend Levi agreed, that everytime we stop at a gas station or at a programme, we swap seats. Well, unfortunately I managed to sit next to the aisle when I got on the bus, so in the first hour I couldn't sleep, because I had no place to put my head in a comfortable position (even though I brought a neck pillow and a normal pillow on the bus). But somehow I fell asleep when we reached Budapest. Two hours later we stopped in Mosonmagyaróvár (We usually stopped for 20-30 minutes. It seems long, but trust me, sometimes it felt very short.), so I sat next to the window and it was much comfortable. I slept better this time, but after we stopped in Austria at about 5 AM, I couldn't sleep anymore. I only slept 4 and a half hours and I was very tired, so after we crossed the German border, I tried to admire the landscape. Germany is so big, that it seemed like an eternity to go through it. The most exiting part was the Frankfurt Airport, which we went through. We saw the terminal, hangars, luxury hotels and huge planes parking or landing every minute. After lots of hours spent travelling, we finally crossed the Belgian border and arrived to Brussels. Our accomodation was a nice Ibis Budget hotel next to the Brussels Airport. Every room had three beds and fortunately I shared a room with two of my classmates. After we arrived, everyone got a paper bag with an apple, two sandwiches, a bar of muesli, a carton (Yes a carton!) of water and a bag of Haribo. I went outside to Facetime with my friends and my family, while I watched the beautiful sunset. The room was quite small and the only thing I didn't like about it, was the shower, because it was next to the double bed and it only had a glass door. No privacy. Nevermind, I could finally go to bed and sleep normally after a very tiring and long day.





The sunset in Brussels

#### <u>April 10</u>

Remember, I wrote I could finally sleep well? I slept well, but it would have been better, if I could sleep more. The reason is that we set off at 5 Am to reach our ferry. I sat next to the aisle (again), but this time I slept way more better. After two hours we crossed the border of France and we headed to the port of Calais. There we had to get off the bus, because we had to go through the French and British passport controls. After that we went back on the bus and waited until we could go on the ferry. We parked on the ferry and went upstairs to deck 7. There, me and my friends went immediately to a restaurant, to eat breakfast. I ordered a typical British breeakfast with a cup of coffee. Fortunately our tour guide gave everyone a paper card which you could pay for your meal with. Personally I didn't like the breakfast, atleast the coffee was good. Of course we sat next to a huge window with a view of the English channel during breakfast, but the weather was rainy so we barely saw anything out of it. After breakfast we discovered the duty free stores and we went outside to the open deck. One and a half hour later, when we reached the British coasts, we got surrounded by a lot of noisy seagulls. After minutes of waiting, we could finally go back on the bus and leave the ferry. This was my fourth time in the Uk. The port we arrived to was Dover. After we exited the port we went to the beach. We had a short free time there, because we were going to Canterbury. When we arrived there, we went on a little sightseeing walk. I loved the city. It was a beautiful, cute town. Especially the oldtown. We saw the Canterbury Cathedral, inside and outside, which was huge and beautiful. After that we had four hours of freetime in the city. Me and my friends were hungry, so we tried the traditional Fish&Chips. To be honest, it wasnt bad, but I expected more than an oily fish with fries for fifteen pounds. I could literally eat two menus in McDonalds for that price. Nevermind, we mostly spent our time walking in the oldtown. I bought an icecream, because the weather was warm. In the afternoon, we left the city and headed to London. We got into a traffic jam there, but time past fast. After some travelling in the area of Greater London, I realised how huge is that Metropolis. When we arrived to the meeting point, we waited for our host. She was an old, indian lady. It took a lot of time to put all the transit bags, bags and suitcases into her small VW Golf, but we somehow managed to do it. Her house was a normal British house. The rooms were nice and clean. Our dinner was tomato penne pasta. She was very strict. She didn't like when we laughed near her, we couldn't be late and we had to be quiet after 9 PM. I had a very big problem. I got an Eu to Uk output from one of my friend in Hungary, but when I wanted to charge my electric

divices, I realised its not a Uk output. So me and my roommate shared the same socket. Fortunately, I had a distributor. After I showered, I changed into pajamas and I could finally go to bed.



Some photos of the day

#### <u>April 11</u>

I don't know how, but I slept really good that night. Well, I'm a good sleeper, but in an unfamiliar environment, thats not really true for me. Our breakfast were very simple. Two toasts, butter, jam and a chosen drink. I asked for a cup of coffee, but it more tasted like the coffee I used to drink at primary school breakfast. I changed into usual clothes and packed my bag for the day. Before we left the house the lady gave us sandwiches, fruit, water and a bag of chips. We arrived to the meeting point at 7:45 AM. After everyone got on the bus, we headed into the city center, which took an hour. Our first stop was the Westminster abbey, which made my jaw dropped. We saw famous people's grave, like Isaac Newton's, William Shakespear's and George Friedrich Handel's. Also lots of queens' and kings' grave. We went on a little sightseeing walk next. We saw the Big Ben, which I really liked. We went through the Withehall, the political area of London. Our next stop was Trafalgar square. I thought its very crowded, so I was happy about it when I didn't see thousands of tourists. We had a two hour free time there, so after lots of persuasion, me and my friends went to the Buckingham Palace. We didn't spend much time there, because we were hungry. So we went to a modern, arabic restaurant. I ordered a basket of chicken wings with fries and two sauces. It was really good. The arabic style of spices made it something special. Our free time was over, so we rushed back to Trafalgar square. After everyone got back, we headed to London Eye. We crossed the river Thames for the first time in London. We didn't waited much time in the queue, which surprised me. We spent 45 minutes on the ferris wheel, because we had a technical problem so it stopped. The view was amazing, but the sun shined so strong I couldn't make good pictures up there. The ride seemed very short for me, but it was fun. Next we stopped at Picadilly Circus, where we also had two hours of free time. Me and my friends went to the biggest bookstore I've ever been in. It was eight story tall. My friends went to the manga section, I went to the sports section. After the bookstore we went to a sports store, which was also eight story tall. I found some cool jerseys and football boots there. After our free time passed we went back to the meeting point. The lady cooked sausage and mashed potatoes for dinner. It was okay. I took a shower after dinner, changed into pajamas and went to bed.



Some photos of the first day in London

#### April 12

When I woke up, I knew that, this day is special. Probably, because it was my father's birthsday. So I made an important goal for the day: to buy something for him. So after breakfast, I brushed my teeth, got dressed, made my bed and packed my bag for the day. The lady drove us to the meeting point and we went on the bus. When everyone arrived we finally headed to the city center as usual. Our first stop was a small stop. We took a look at the beautiful Saint Paul's Cathedral. After that quick stop we crossed the river Thames on a specific bridge and we went to the Globe Theater, which is famous for Shakespeare. We learned about that in literature classes earlier this school year. It was interesting, cold and smelly. Our next stop was my favourite in London: the Tower of London and the Tower Bridge. We only had two hours of free time here so we had to be quick. Me and my friends went to the Crown Jewels first. After that, we visited the White Tower which I really liked. We quickly took some photos of the ravens. We went to the Battlements afterward where the view of the Tower Bridge was really nice. We wanted to go on the bridge so we went downstars where we met our teachers. They had a problem with a raven, which was strange. But we continued our tour to the bridge with Mr. Badó this time. At the exit of the Tower, we saw a big ferry going

under the bridge, whilst it was opened. To got on the bridge was easy and we maybe spent a little too much time there, because the free time was over and we were late on the other side of the bridge with lots of tourists. Atleast we were with a teacher. The next programme was The British Museum where we only had an hour. I didn't see much in that hour, but I tried so. Of course the Rosette stone was the most famous one, but I really liked the money section and the Reading room. After that, we went shopping to Oxford street. I knew this is a perfect time to buy something for my dad. Well we went to a mall where I looked for a gift everywhere. I even find some unpayable stuff like Fernando Alonoso's Formula-1 car from 2016, or Zinadine Zidane's and Thierry Henry's France National World Cup winner jersey signed by them. So I just buyed a bar of chocolate. After shopping we headed back to the meeting point. The lady took us home and told us that by religious reasons we have to eat vegetarian food in the remaning days. So our dinner was rice with vegetables, which was terrible in my opinion. After dinner I did the usual night routine and went to bed.



Some photos of the second day in London

#### April 13

This was the last full day in London. It is just sad to think about. Our morning routine was the same as usual. After we got ready, the lady took us to the meeting point and we got on the bus. Our plan was to visit Greenwich, but it was on the other side of the city, so we went to Henry VIII's palace, Hampton Court. There we got our tickets and had two hours of free time to explore the place. My friend wanted audio guide, so I had to wait them get one. We first went to the kitchens which were interesting. Then we visited Henry VIII's apartment. Afterwards we did a quick walk in the beautiful gardens. We even tried the labyrinth, where I got lost. In the last minutes we took a look at the river Thames. After everyone arrived, we got on the bus and did a sightseeing tour. After we saw everything, we couldn't in the past two days, we went shopping again in a mall called Harrods. It was very expensive and I didn't buy anything. Than we went to the Natural History Museum, which was free, like the British Museum. We had another two hours of free time, so we had to be quick. Me and my friends went to see the dinosaur section first. Than we visited the mammal section and afterwards we went to the vulcanic section. These are we had time for. Unfortunately, our day ended here and we went back to the meeting point. We were very unlucky, because the lady was late and we had to wait her. That was the last time we went home, but I could sit on the front seat in the car. On the way home, the lady stopped to fill her car with gas. The dinner was the same as the first: tomato pasta. Atleast in the last two days, the lady give us ice cream, which was a kind act from her. The night routine was a little bit different, because this time I had to pack my suitcase and my transitbag too.



Some photos of the last day in London

#### April 14

Boring to say, but this morning was the same as the others. I woke up, got dressed, had breakfast and brushed my teeth. I got ready quickly which made me feel positive. Well sitting on the front seat felt like heaven after we somehow managed to put everyone's suitcases, transitbags and bags into the car. After we arrived to the meeting point, we put our luggage to the trunk and get ready to leave London. We said goodbye to the lady and thanked her accomodation. After everyone arrived, we started our journey to Cornwall. We travelled four hours, when we finally left the motorway and stopped at a gas station. Well, we stopped once earlier this day, but I didn't bought anything there, so I was happy that I could finally eat something, even though it was just a croissant. It felt like an eternity to arrive to our destination, but five hours after leaving London we finally did. It was the Eden Project in South Cornwall. Sadly the weather was rainy but the most interesting parts are indoors. We had two hours of free time again. So I went to the bigger dome first with my friends, which was the rainforest biome. The weather inside was much warmer. I really liked this biome, because of how interesting and beautiful it was. We could even see some geckos and birds. My favourite part was the waterfall and the giant bamboos. The smaller dome was the Mediterranean biome. It

wasn't so warm and wet, but I liked it. There we could see some different types of flowers and cactuses. After the free time was over, everyone went back to the bus and we headed to Newquay where our next accomodation was. Newquay is a small town on the North coasts of Cornwall. Our hotel was close to the Celtic sea. I shared a room with my friend Levi and with Máté, Csongor and Géza from 11.A. (later Géza moved to another room with permission). Our room had five beds wich made it small and hard to move between them. Atleast the bathroom was separated. Me and my friends went to a store to buy food and drink for ourselves. The dinner was very delicious: sausages with mashed potatoes. We even got dessert after dinner, which was brownie with ice cream. After dinner, I showered, changed into pajamas and went to bed.



Some photos of Eden Project

#### April 15

I couldn't sleep well, because the seagulls were very loud and annoying next to my window. It would have been great if I could sleep better, because we had an adventurous day. After breakfast, I got ready for the day. Our first programme was Tintagel Castle. Maybe I didn't dressed appropriately for the weather, because we only walked five minutes from the bus park, but my shoes were full of water. It made me frustrated. After everyone got a ticket we got some free time (I can't remember, but definitely more then two hours). Me and my friends were going very slow and the weather just got worse and worse. The wind blew very fast and the cherry on the top was the rain. I could literally lay in the air. We saw giant wawes coming from the Celtic sea. There was a statue, which people can't recognize. Most of them think its King Arthur. We went close to the edge of the cliffs, which was dangerous, because of the slipperv surface and the hard wind (sometimes it just blew me some meters away). After we left the castle, we went to see a beautiful beach. We found a huge cave there. Half an hour before we left Tintagel, I went back to the bus to dry and just take a nap. After everyone arrived, we headed to Saint Michael's Mount. We stopped once while we traveled. This was the first time I ate fast food during this trip. After hours of traveling we arrived to Saint Michael's Mount. It was optinial to leave the bus (because of the terrible weather conditions). Many students who came back said its not worth watching it. I was patient and waited until the weather got better. Than I grabbed my umbrella, ran to a photo spot, took some pictures and ran back. Well, my umbrella broke, because of the wind. After this short stop, we went to Land's End, the westernmost point of England. The weather was much better there and it definitely worth to got off the bus (this was also an optional programme). I really liked this place. After this small programme we headed back to the hotel. It was a pleasure to take a hot shower after this day. After I showered, I changed into pajamas and went to the cafeteria. The dinner was delicious again: chicken wings with french fries. The staff was very kind, because when I asked for another round, they actually brought me one. We also had dessert, but I don't know what it was. Going to bed after this long day, felt like heaven.



Some photos of Cornwall

#### April 16

Basically we travelled all day. After breakfast, I got ready fast, because I had to pack my suitcase. After I collected all the stuff my roommates left in the room, I ran down to the bus as quick as I could, because I was late. Atleast I wasn't the last one. So we left the city later then we wanted to. I spent most of my time listening to music and just watching the landscape. We crossed the whole country with only one stop. At the port of Dover we had to get off the bus again to check our passports. After everyone got back on the bus we went to the gates of the ferry company. Our tour guide give us meal cards again. The workers told us that we just missed the ferry and we have to wait for the next one. The "next one" left one and a half hour later. There we went to the bigger restaurant immediately. I chose Fish&Chips for dinner. It was actually better than the one I ate in Canterbury. I was sad about leaving the duty free shop, playing arcade games or just enjoying the sunset. After we arrived to Calais we went back to the bus and left the ferry. We still had to travel a lot, because our accomodation was next to Paris. We arrived there after 1 AM. So after I collected my transitbag I took a fast shower and went to bed.

#### <u>April 17</u>

Fortunately we could sleep a lot, because we left the hotel at 10 Am. Our first stop was in front of the Eiffel tower. We took lots of photos there. There were many annoying scammers and dealers who tried to sell their stuff to us. Our second stop was the Dome of les Invalides. It was very beautiful and we could even see Napoleon's grave. After that we did a sightseeing tour. We went through the Champs-élysées, which was my favourite part. Afterwards we stopped at the Notre Dame and we had two hours of free time. Me and my friends wanted to try french pancakes so we bought some. I really liked it. After that we just walked around the city. Later we went to a souvenir shop, but I didn't buy anything. After our free time was over, we went to a port. There everyone got a ticket to a boat tour on the river Seine. When the gates opened I ran for a good seat and I found our perfect spot with my friends: the second row on the front. Unfortunately there was a big family in front of us and they couldn't stop making photos. Than some annoying and loud children came out from nowhere just to disturb my peaceful boat trip. Nevermind, the view was fantastic from there. After the boat tour we got on the bus. We left Paris and we headed to our last hotel. We arrived late again so I showered as quickly as possible and I went to bed. By the way, the room was the same as the last one. Really small room with few lights and a very small bathroom. Atleast it was separated from the room.



Some photos of Paris

#### April 18

The last day of the trip came so fast. Nevermind, after I packed, I left the hotel room. When everyone got ready we left Metz and headed back to Kecskemét. It didn't take long to reach the German border, but unfortunately the police checked the bus there and we lost half an hour. This time we weren't going on the same motorways and it felt much faster to go through Germany. There was a quiz, which I won with my friend, Levi. In Austria we stopped for a longer time so me and my friend had Kfc there. This was the second and last time I ate fast food (I know some students who ate fast food almost everyday, so I am proud of that.). But we had to be quick. After lots of hours spent by traveling, we crossed the Hungarian border. We stopped in Szigetszentmiklós and our tour guide (and one of the driver) said goodbye and left us. It didn't take much time to get to Kecskemét from there. At around 2 AM (April 19.) we arrived to the school. Basically this is where the trip ends.

#### **Postscript**

I want to thank you for reading this long diary. (And excuse me if the quality of the pictures is terrible. I could only send them to myself through Gmail. Also apologies for the easy language I used here and the mistakes I made.) I want to thank the teachers, that they took care of us. I want to thank Mrs. Máthé that she organised this awesome trip. I want to thank our tour guide, Andris that he showed us the most exciting sights, told us interesting stories, tried to entertain us when we were bored and the lots of chocolate I got after answering most of his questions (hahaha). And last but not least, I want to thank my parents that they let me leave my country for ten days (even though this wasn't the first time I did that).

Have a nice day! Vencel Kondorosi 10.B

#### **ART & ENGLAND**

Korcsog Liliána 9.A

#### WRITERS



In England appreciating their writers in various ways is an important part of their culture. For instance, this quote in the picture ("... a very old house bulging out over the road ... leaning forward, trying to see who was passing on the narrow pavement below ...") by Charles Dickens only shows how there are endless ways of expressing your gratitude and love towards a writer.

One of the biggest gestures made for a writer was definitely building the Globe Theater for William Shakespeare. The Globe Theater we visited was only a reconstruction, however as a person having read Shakespeare already, I felt a bit closer to him now that I saw where his plays were performed. Personally, the Globe Theater was my favourite place that we had seen in London.





Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey is known because famous authors are buried there for instance, one of England's biggest writers Charles Dickens. Furthermore, there are other popular writers who were commemorated, for example William Shakespeare and Jane Austen. The monuments were really beautiful, although you had to be careful where you stepped, since you could have easily stepped on somebody's grave.

#### **ART & ENGLAND**

**EXHIBITIONS** 



The National Gallery located in Trafalgar Square has many famous paintings. For instance, the painting called Sunflower by Van Gogh is exhibited here. It was incredible to see this painting in person, since Van Gogh is one of my favourite artists.

In the British Museum we could see some important objects. For instance, the Rosetta Stone. This was a significant discovery, since with this stone historians could start decoding the hieroglyphs. I especially liked this museum because you had access to information about numerous historical periods.





The Natural History Museum is for people who are interested in biology and geography. It was one of the most unique exhibitions that we had visited, since there were some extraordinary decorations in the museum. For example, the escalator where you could see a glowing planet, or the earthquake-simulator.

#### **Report from the trip to England**

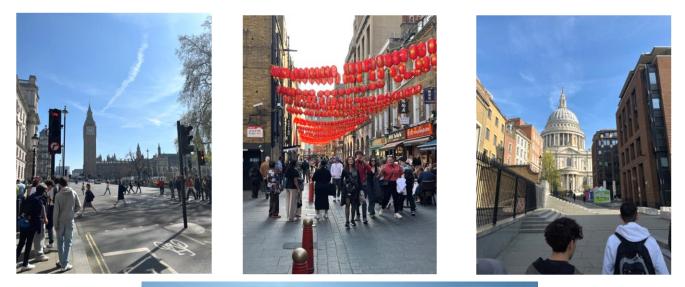
In April 2025, I was lucky enough to join the school on a trip to England, including France. The most memorable thing about the trip, apart from the many experiences and sights, was the atmosphere of the two countries, which I would like to describe now.

First of all I would like to mention the crossing to the British Isles, we made our way up there in the early hours of the morning, seeing the coast of England for the first time was really amazing. On the way home we managed to catch just the right sunset, I think the picture speaks for itself here.



#### **England:**

We spent more time here so I can describe it in more detail. I can talk about two main parts, firstly the city of London where we stayed for 3 nights and on the western part of the island, in Newquay we stayed for 2 nights. In London the weather was unseasonably sunny all the time, the city was really charming. Personally, I am always fascinated by the crowdedness of big cities and this was no different here. There was something particularly pleasant about the city, with breathtaking historic buildings everywhere, lots of parks and cheerful, polite people.





But on the Celtic coast we had the typical English weather, it was raining and windy all day, I can't say I loved it, but there was something special about it, you don't get that in Hungary. But fortunately the scenery here made up for it, I think. The sound of the seagulls, the wind and the waves were an extraordinary experience.



#### **France:**

At the end of our trip, we tried to squeeze some of the sights of Paris into a day, which I think we did, also a new and unfamiliar atmosphere, as special to me as England and yet with a completely different feel. For me the city felt freer and there were plenty of street vendors everywhere. There was certainly no shortage of historical features and breathtaking buildings.



All in all, I'm very happy to have been able to go to such far away and unknown places and to have had such experiences, I think these are the really valuable things in life.



# Hey there!

You probably don't remember me because it's been 2 years since our trip to Ireland.

A lot of things happened since then, but now I'm here to fill you in on the details of my trip to England.

If you're interested, stay tuned and enjoy this little presentation.

Love,



First of all, I'd like to give a short summary about what you are going to see in the next few slides.

I'll introduce the TOP 5 programmes for me. It was a hard decision to make but this isn't the only thing I'm going to show you.

After that, I'll take you along and together, we'll relive my favorite day.

And last but not least, I'm going to present what this journey has given me.



# THE BIG BEN

For some reason when it comes to London, the first monument I think of is the Big Ben.

Here are some interesting facts about it:

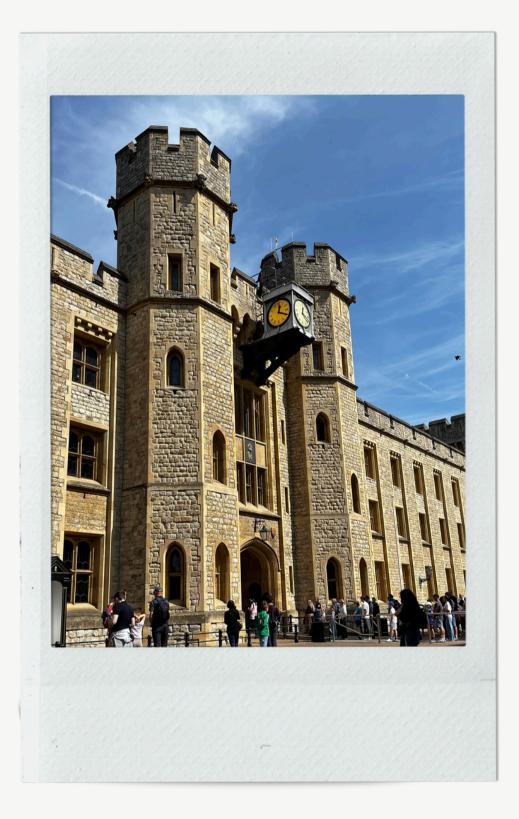
- Big Ben is the name of the bell which is in the tower clock of the parliament building
- the weight of the bell is I3.5 tons
- the characteristic melody of the bell ringing, the Westminster chime, is known all over the world





# TOWER OF LONDON

- it is a historic citadel and castle
- it has served variously as an armoury, a treasury, a menagerie, the home of the Royal Mint, a public record office and the home of the Crown Jewels of England
- if the English resorted to torture methods, the Tower served as the venue for these
- it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- during our visit, I went to see the Crown Jewels and I also went to the Tower Bridge



# TOWER OF LONDON

It was truly a unique experience, especially because it was kind of shocking to see the jewelry with which they are crowned to this day.

When it comes to historical buildings, I'm always truly amazed by them because for me, it's really hard to imagine how were they capable of building these without cranes and other construction equipment.

However, if you decide to visit London, you shouldn't miss these two attractions.



# THE GLOBE THEATRE

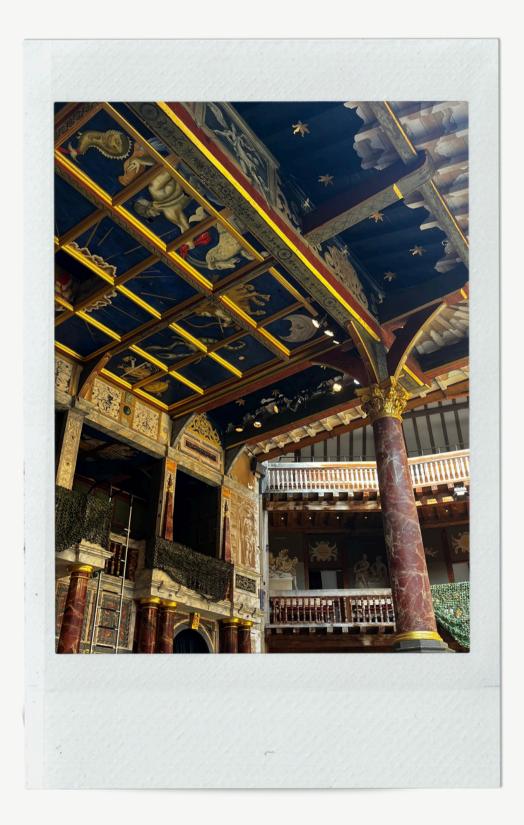
- the theatre is associated with William Shakespeare
- it was rebuilt several times
- the one we can visit today is not in the original site
- Queen Elizabeth also attended some of Shakespeare's plays
- it was built (for the first time) during her reing
- seating capacity is up to 3000 spectators



## THE GLOBE THEATRE

I really enjoyed this programme because we had studied Shakespeare in literature shortly before the trip, so it was even more interesting for me to hear the history of the theatre.

Also our tour guide was a really nice and funny woman, who told the story with a lot of empathy and although I was afraid at the beginning that it would only be a concentrated history lesson, the whole presentation was very enjoyable.



# HAMPTON COURT PALACE

- Grade I listed royal palace
- building of the palace began in I5I4, it was the home of Henry VIII.
- it has several magnificent gardens
- the palace has been used as a location for filming film and television shows,
  e.g. Cinderella, Mamma Mia: Here we go Again! and Bridgerton
- the palace also holds a Guinness World Record - the Great Vine, thought to be the oldest (and largest) in the world, planted in I768



## HAMPTON COURT PALACE

During our visit here, I explored most of the palace, I went to see the Great Vine and I also spent a lot of time outside because the weather was really nice and there are plenty of gardens to choose from.

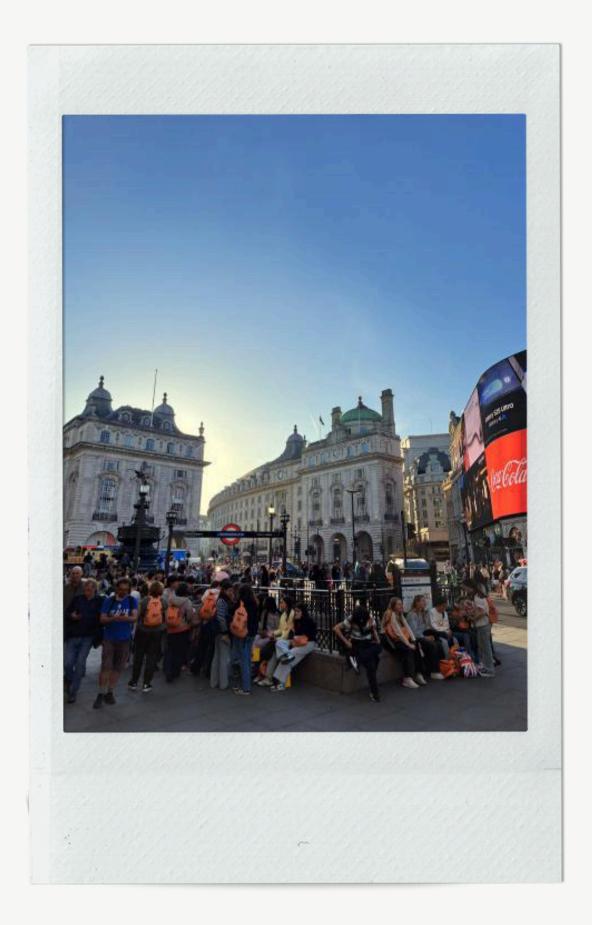
I also went into the maze and luckily I found my way out of it.

There were loads of beautiful flowers and we also saw a cute squirell and small ducks on our way back to the meeting point.



# PICCADILLY CIRCUS

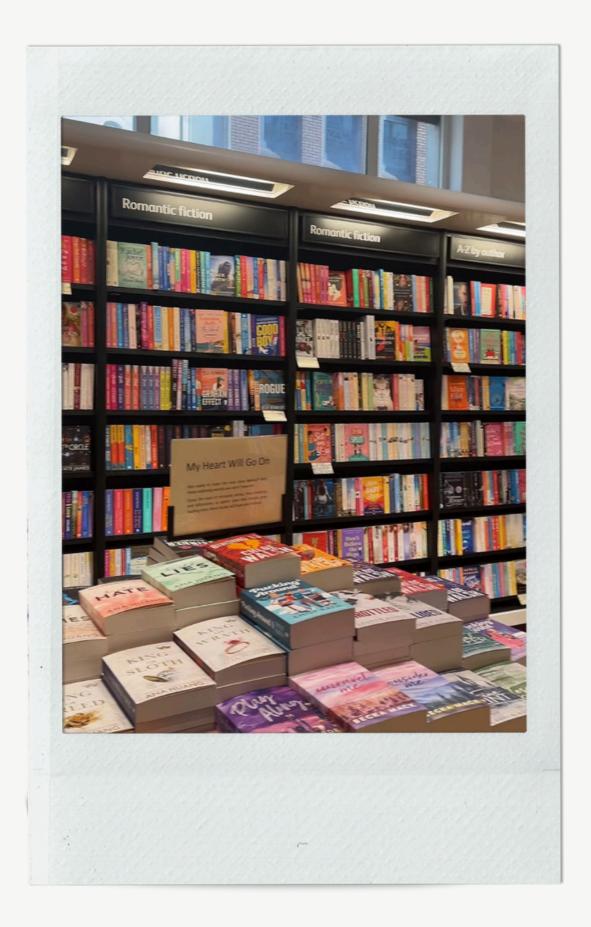
- it is a famous road junction and public space
- it was built in I8I9
- close to major shopping and entertainment areas
- you can find Europe's largest bookstore here



## PICCADILLY CIRCUS

For me personally, the bookstore was the major interest here, so I spent all of my free time there.

I only wanted to buy one book, but it ended up being nine - no comment on that. :)

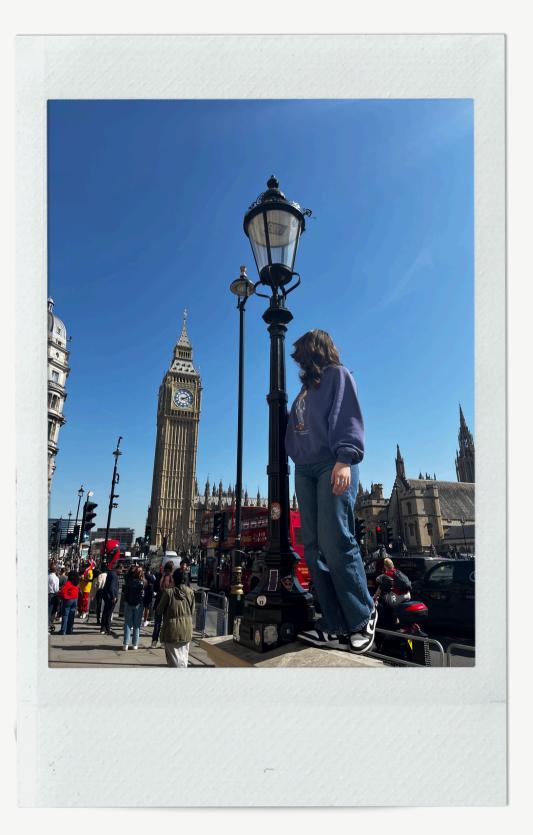


# MY FAVOURITE DAY - II<sup>th</sup> APRIL

And here comes my written daily vlog... We started off our day at 6.30 am. The night before, we arrived to the hosting families my roommates for the next 5 nights were Carmen, Gréti and Petra.

After getting ready, we went downstairs, had breakfast and of course huge cup of coffee. After that, our hoster, Jasmine walked us to the meeting point and we said goodbye for the rest of the day.

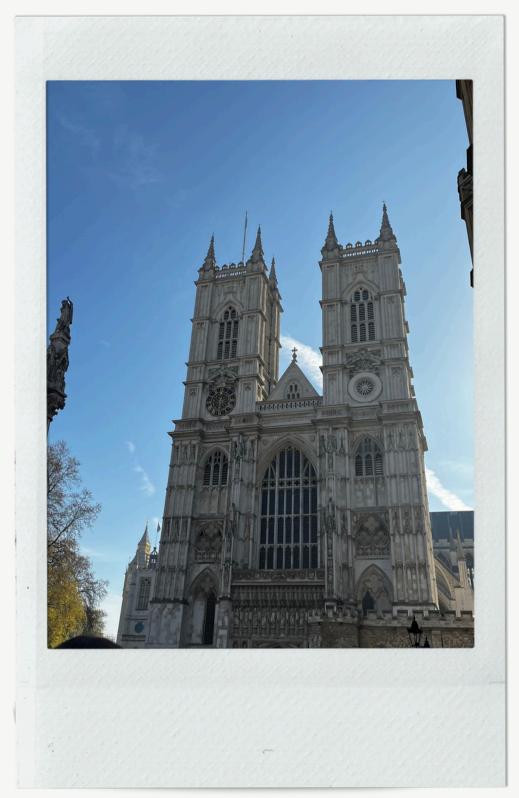
It was an hour to get to the city centre, so we had plenty of time to admire the view on our first day in London.



# MY FAVOURITE DAY - II<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Our first stop was Westminster Abbey. We spent around I.5 hours here and I think it was a fair time for explore the cathedral. It is the location of the coronations, it also has a corner called, the Poets' corner where you can commemorate of the famous English writers and poets. The audio guide was very informative and the cathedral is definitely worths a visit.

After Westminster, we took a long walk and visited some of the sites on foot e.g. IO Downing Street, the prime minister's residence and in the end we ended up at Trafalgar Square.



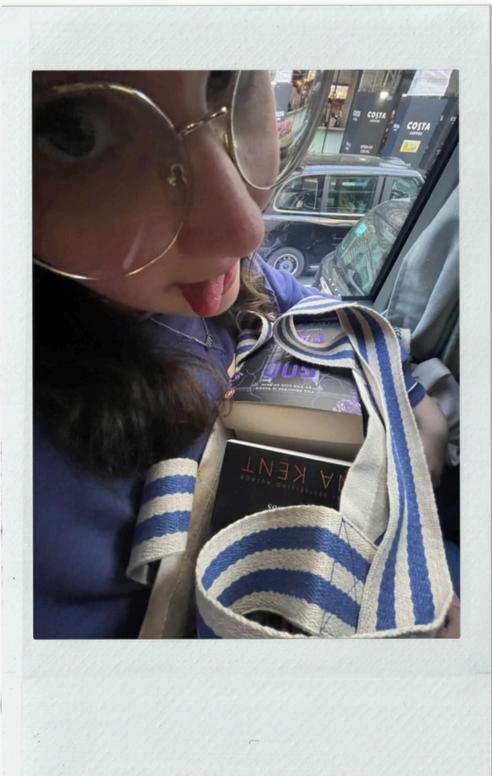
MY FAVOURITE DAY - II<sup>th</sup> APRIL This was our first meeting point of the day, so we had about 2 hours of free time here. I was searching for a book, so we went into the first Waterstones I found, but unfortunately they were out of stock. The, we had lunch at Five Guys and after that, we went back to the Big Ben and took some pictures there. After the free time, the next programme was the London Eye. If you want to see London's famous monuments from above, you should definitely go for a ride which takes about 25 minutes. When we were up there, the ferris wheel had some technical problems, so we spent 40 minutes enjoying the view.



### MY FAVOURITE DAY - II<sup>th</sup> APRIL Our last stop of the day was the already mentioned Piccadilly Circus. It was a lovely one hour in Europe's biggest bookstore and luckily I found the book I was searching for, amoung another 8 books.

There was nothing else left for that day, so we hopped on the bus and went back to our hosting families. We had dinner and all of us facetimed their parents.

The reason I chose this day as my favourite one, is that over the years London became my favourite city. On this day we had the chance to get to know it better and spending time here after two years felt amazing.



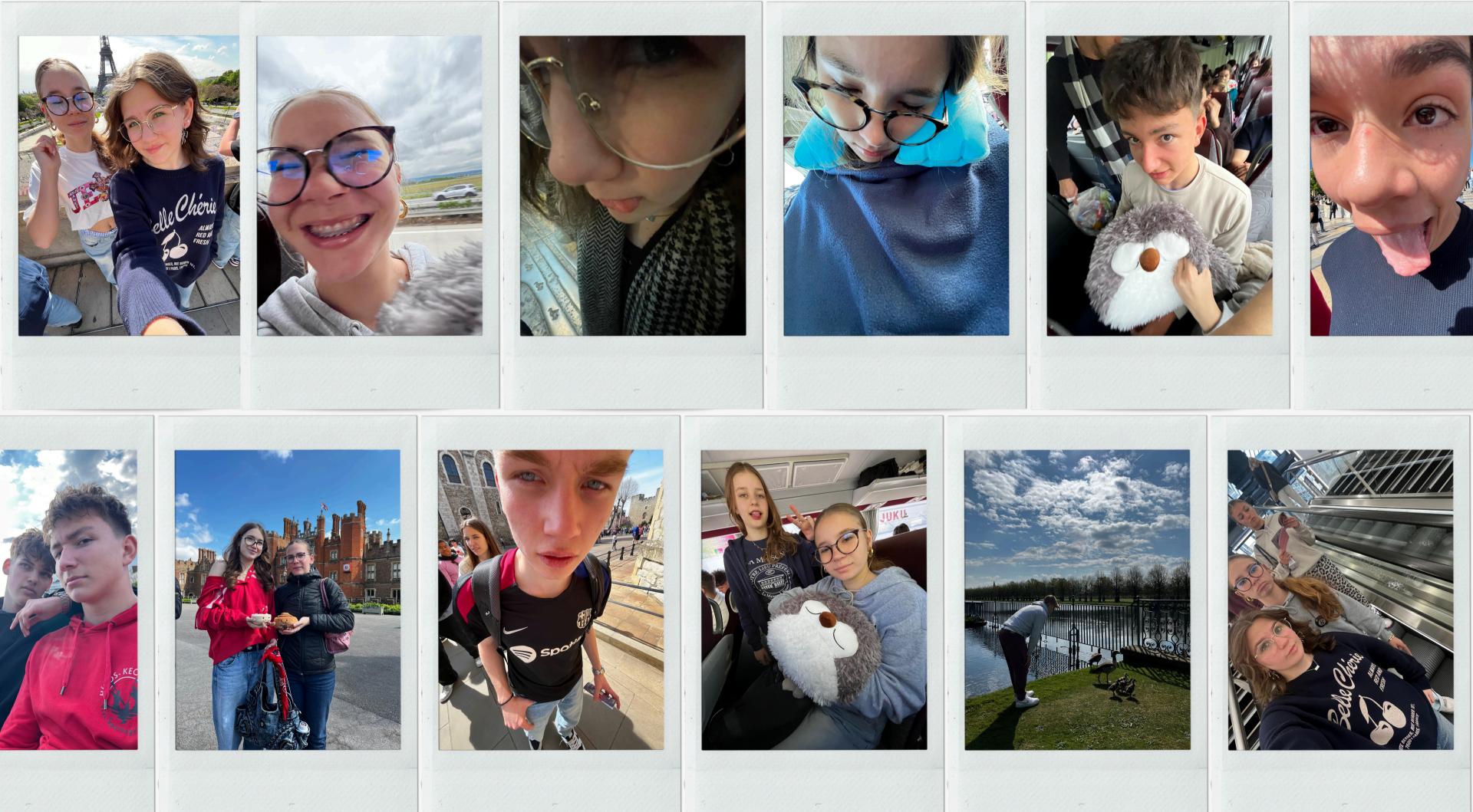
Slowly we're coming to the end of the presentation, so let's see the things that had happened to me during the trip that I'm gratfeul for.



- I made new friends and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to get to know these people
- lots of unforgettable memories
- loads of disadvantageus pictures of my friends and you're in the fortunate position of seeing some of these (of course everyone agreed to this)
- my adaptability has improved
- it was a great opportunity to improve my social skills too

• I could experience a completely new worldview And this last point is incredibly important for me: I could recharge after all the negative Hungarian mentality.

Before I show you the mentioned funny pictures, I think it's time to express my gratitude to everyone who worked to make this trip unforgettable, so thank you very much!



Thank you for your attention, hope you liked the presentation as much as I liked the trip! <3





The questions of this kahoot are in connection with our school trip to England.

It includes several questions about the several cities, towns and sights we saw and visited during our trip.

This Kahoot was made by: Lázár Benedek and Szabó-Győrfy Csongor 10.A.

We hope you will get a high score and enjoy the game.

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#### Lazics Tivadar 10.A

#### My Trip to England

During our school trip to England, one of the best parts for me was staying with a family. They were extremely kind and welcoming. We were talking a lot in the evenings, and their children were really funny – they made us laugh all the time. What I especially liked was that they had several adorable dogs. I love animals, so spending time with them made me feel at home.

Another highlight of the trip was our visit to the Eden Project. It's a huge botanical garden with enormous glass domes. The plants inside were amazing, and I enjoyed walking around and seeing species I had never seen before. One of the most exciting – and challenging – part was climbing to the top of one of the biomes. It was very hot and humid up there, and we were all sweating, but the view absolutely worthed it. I've attached a photo I took from up there – you can see how beautiful and green everything was.

Overall, this trip was unforgettable. I had fun, learned new things, and got to practice my English in real-life situations.





### Our journey in London

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#### What am I going to write about?

For my English project I chose to do a presentation about my 3 favourite places that we visited in London. I can't tell which one of these was my number one favourite, because I liked them all equally (Every picture is mine, except for the ones about Piccadilly Circuit).

#### **Piccadilly Circuit**

It took my breath away at first sight, but I think I would have been more amazed by it, if we could see the theaters and cinemas.On the side of the buildings there were the famous big commercial neon signs. An interesting fact about them is that Coca Cola had its own billboard since 1954. Another famous landmark is the fountain with the Eros statue in the centre of the square. I loved it so much, because there were less people than usual.

We visited Waterstones, which is a five-storey book store and the largest in Europe. I have never seen this many books in one place in my entire life. There were all different kinds of books from old Shakespeare's dramas to the latest published books.







Statue of Eros

Waterstones





Anne Boleyn



Henry VIII

#### Hampton Court

loved it so much, because of the stunning castle and the park with the tulips. We were really excited about Henry VIII's apartments, it was interesting to take a look into what he did in his everyday life. I believe that he is the best-known king in the whole of English history. I mostly care about his wife, Anne Boleyn, in my opinion she was a really mysterious historical figure. She even acted unbelievably calm before her execution and even praised Henry for being such a good person, which is quite ironic.





We walked around the garden, listened to the singing birds and we even saw a squirrel and a few swans. To my surprise we noticed some actors, who were dressed up as people from the 16th century. There was a man dressed up as an explorer, he came to us and said that he was going to Antarctica for an expedition.





#### The national gallery

This place was not among the programmes, but we managed to take a look at the inside of it. It was very risky, because we got in fifteen minutes before the meeting time. Fortunately we were able to see some beautiful pictures and the famous Sunflowers painting by Vincent Van Gogh. My other favourite besides the Sunflowers was The execution of Lady Jane Grey. She reigned after the death of Edward VI for only nine days, because Mary Tudor claimed the throne and she had to be executed. I could have spent more time there, but unfortunately we had to go.





#### My favourite city London

I was fascinated by London. I really adored the whole atmosphere of the city, British people were very nice so I had a really positive experience there. My favourite thing about the city was its cleanliness. I especially loved the old fashioned-buildings and even the skyscrapers. All in all, I love London and maybe one day I will move there.







### Thank you for your attention!





### FILMING LOCATIONS WE HAVE VISITED

To begin with, I have always loved films. I enjoy great dialogs, excellent acting, clever director's solutions and the beauty of the film in general. In many cases the background of a scene can add more to the plot than any discussion between characters.

During this school trip I had the chance to witness some meaningful and breathtaking filming locations in England.

#### WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Westminster Abbey takes a Britain's history by being the coronations, royal weddings provided held. It has are coronations since royal former monarchs and consorts including Elizabeth I, Mary I, Anne of Cleves are buried in Scientists like Sir Isaac Stephen Hawking and Charles buried here also.

I was fascinated by the the abbey and how every was designed with such care.I it is still a religious point in the



great place in place where and burials setting for all 1066.Many of England Henry VII and the abbey. Newton, Darwin are

greatness of corner of it also loved that city and not



just one of the landmarks. There is a prayer every hour in the abbey and I had the opportunity to join in, it had a big impact on me.

Beside being an important place in the history of England Westminster Abbey appears in many films and in some series as well. Scarlet Overkill's coronation is held at Westminster Abbey in *Minions(2015)*. There are several scenes featuring the abbey in the animation movie. Joey and Chandler in *Friends* season 4 episode 23 go sightseeing in London before Ross' wedding and the abbey is the first stop in their tour.

#### St. Paul's Cathedral

The cathedral was designed by Sir Christopher Wren between 1675 and 1710

after it was destroyed in the Great It gave place to many cultural the funerals of Lord Nelson and Churchill and the wedding of then Charles and Diana Spencer.

Although we didn't go inside,only it was mesmerising.

St. Paul's Cathedral appears in Sherlock Holmes (2009), Love Mission Impossible: Fallout It's latter the most. Ethan Hunt (Tom being followed into the cathedral chasing August Walker (Henry runs up to the cupola from where



Fire of 1666. events from Winston Prince

the outside of

films like *Actually*, and shown in the Cruise) is while he is Cavill). He the famous

rooftop chasing starts. In the film we get an insight of the beautiful St. Paul's Cathedral.

### THE TOWER of LONDON AND THE TOWER BRIDGE



The Tower of London was built by William the Conqueror so it's been a part of England's history for almost a thousand years. It's home to the unique Yeoman Warders since the Tudor period and to the famous ravens. The ravens are famous for being the pillar of the kingdom. It is said if the ravens leave the Tower, then the kingdom will fall. Many were imprisoned in the Tower such as Princess Elizabeth, later Elizabeth I, and executed like Anne Boleyn.

For me The Tower of London was a special experience because apart from the tourists I felt like I travelled back in time. I felt like I was walking there in the Middle Ages. The originally chocolate brown coloured Tower Bridge was painted to its current appearance in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

I walked from one side to the other and got the chance to see the bascules up too. It is one of London's most famous landmarks and I was looking forward to visiting it.

Both the Tower of London and Tower Bridge appear in many films but

nowadays the most memorable is Spiderman:

*Far From Home (2019).* Peter Parker (Tom Holland) goes to London as the last stop in the school trip he's on and the final battle happens on and around Tower Bridge. His friends while being attacked hide in the Tower of London.

#### HAMPTON COURT

Hampton Court is famous for being the



residence of Henry VIII. He used it to demonstrate power and wealth. All six of his wives visited Hampton Court. Sadly, his

third queen died here while giving birth to Henry's son, later Edwar VI. Catherine Howard, Henry's fifth wife was arrested here for adultery and treason. Later George I built an impressive suite of rooms for his son, later George II and his wife. After George II succeeded his father, Hampton Court was only used as a royal residence for around 10 years. Later it was occupied by some aristocrats

but in the Victorian era Queen Victoria opened it for the public to visit.

For me, personally, the palace was breathtaking. It was enormous and full of history. I especially liked the huge garden full of tulips.

Hampton Court appears in several Tv shows and films. The most famous of these

are My Lady Jane Grey, Bridgerton, Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story, Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (2011) Pirates of the Caribbean: Stranger Tides (2011).





and *On*  Sherlock Holmes is invited by Professor Moriarty to visit him at his college. The college quad we see in the film is the Inner Courtyard of the palace. Hampton Court's Privy Garden is used as well in the film as 'Jardin des Tuileries' where Moriarty likes to feed pigeons. The garden appears in some Bridgerton episodes as the queen's private garden.

I am grateful for this trip and for the opportunity to see all these spectacular sights and to experience a whole different culture.

Lukács Luca 11.B.

### My top 5

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### The project of our school trip to England

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### Some "fun" facts

- I liked the trip
- About 5125 km travelled on the bus (I calculated it on Google Maps)
- We were in 2 of the most visited countries and cities in Europe
- 5 language areas and 6 countries crossed
- Average 12382 steps a day (transition days included)
- The host aunt was very nice
  - + Although we had two types of diner (chicken burger and mirelite pizza with spaghetti) and the not nutritious sandwiches (now I know where it came from)

### The biggest disappointment

Oxford Street and fish and chips

Oxford Street: • High expectations • Lots of people • Same stores • High prices

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### The biggest surprise

Shakespeare's Globe

Heard about it for the first time
It was great, but I will talk more about it later

### 5<sup>th</sup> favourite

#### Tintagel Castle

Worst weather condition
Beautiful landscape
We went to a great bakery/cafe there
Great Arthur statue



#### Shakespeare's Globe

One of the best tour guide I have ever met
 When I first read about it, I didn't think it was that exciting
 Beautiful building with great surroundings

## 3<sup>rd</sup> favourite

The most beautiful garden I have ever seen
Sadly, I didn't have my phone with me
My favourite part was The Privy Garden

Hampton Court

## 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite

Science Museum

We didn't spend much time there
Although we were only able to see two levels and three exhibitions, I loved it
Seeing a slice of fuselage, the model of Apollo-11, one of the first steam locomotives, and a very interesting Lotus bicycle, just amazing
After that we had to rush to a Burger King

#### 1<sup>st</sup> favourite

#### Eden Project

This is placed in a beautiful setting
My favourite part was the tropical biome, although it was quite warm and very humid, it had beautiful plants
We arrived there after a long bus ride, it was great to walk there
Sadly, there was an ice-cream station, and it closed just at the moment when I arrived there

## Things I also liked...

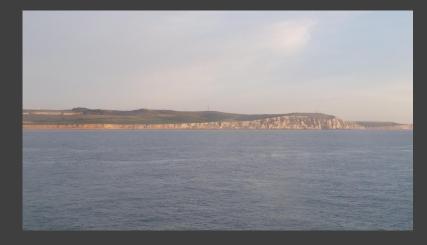


View in Newquay

Landscape in Cornwall, in Belgium and in Germany







Ferriage and the English Channel

...Paris was also beautiful

## The End

#### Dear Anna,

It's been a long time since we last talked, and I wanted to update you on what's happening with me lately. I've just come back home from a 10 day long school trip in England, and it would be a very long letter if I told you everything about it, so I only want to talk about the place I liked the most during our stay.

On our fourth day we went to visit Hampton Court Palace, which is located in Richmond, a small town near London. The palace is one of King Henry VIII's main primary residences and it's known for its Tudor architecture, extensive gardens, and the famous Hampton Court maze. When we first went in, we got headphones for the audio guide and a phone-like device where we could choose which room's history we wanted to listen to. The first room we went to was called "The Great Hall", which was used for royal gatherings, then we saw the King's and Queen's Apartments, which were the royal living quarters, the next room was the "Chapel Royal", used for religious services. In the "State Room", which was used for formal court events, we could sit down at the negotiating table and listen to a trial. There was also a grand staircase with stunning paintings on the wall which was called "The Great Staircase". My personal favourite place in the palace, which I found the most interesting is called "The Haunted Gallery" which is known for the ghost of Catherine Howard, Henry VIII's fifth wife, who was executed and there is a legend that at night we can still hear her screams. The palace's most famous room is probably its kitchen, which consisted of several rooms, and was used to prepare the meal served to the royal family and their guests.

My absolute favourite part of the tour was the palace's enormous garden with the maze from where we could hardly find our way out, with the kitchen garden, the great fountain garden and the privy garden. There are plenty of different beautiful flowers, big fountains there and it's just really impressive and fascinating.

In summary, we had a great time there and next time I'm travelling to London I'm sure I will go back to the palace, and if I travel with my family, I will certainly show it to them. Let me know if you want me to tell you more about the trip, I'd gladly do that. I'll attach some pictures below, which I took of the building and of course the stunning garden.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Janka



1. The kitchen



4. The great hall















On our trip to England this spring, we certainly visited tons of places as we were there for about 10 days, but for me, the best part of it was Hampton Court Palace without a doubt.

On the 5th day, we traveled southwest of London to get to the royal residence of Henry VIII, and there, I would say, the garden was the one that captured me the most. Sure, we went inside first, where we looked around and found many detailed paintings done in the Baroque style. We even visited Henry VIII's chamber, which had an incredibly high ceiling that gave the room a very royal and spacious feel. However, after the 50th room, since they were mostly similar in concept, we decided to check out the garden as well and headed to the maze, in which we honestly couldn't find the center. After we made our way out, we took a walk among the plants, because it had this wide green area that created a peaceful atmosphere. The reason why I enjoyed that garden so much was that it wasn't overcrowded, and I could wander around without bumping into someone every five seconds.

Frankly, the whole Privy Garden was as big as a park, yet still, sadly, we didn't manage to explore all of it due to the limited time we had there, but I must say that it is something I definitely would have visited if I had been in London outside of school.

Pusztai Balázs 11/A



#### England

We visited many famous sights in London, but the one that stood out to me the most was the Natural History Museum. I didn't expect the museum to be this interesting. All the exhibitions were informative and some even had interactive options, which made the experience even more engaging. Unfortunately, we couldn't find the earthquake simulator, which I heard is really good.

Although I highlighted the Natural History Museum as the "most impressive" of them all, honestly I could only write similarly positive things about the rest of the sights. Other places that I liked a bit more than the others were Canterbury, Oxford Street (sadly we were only there for like an hour) and Hampton Court. I especially enjoyed that we got some free time every day, during which we could explore the city, try local foods, take pictures or just relax in a park with our friends.

Staying with host families for a couple of days was something that I had been looking forward to, and although it wasn't exactly how I imagined it, it wasn't bad at all. Our host was very kind and helpful. The food could have been a bit better (especially the sandwiches she gave us for lunch), but overall it was a really special experience.

Although it wasn't my first time in London, the trip still had lots of new things to offer and it was a truly memorable experience for me. I would love to go back one day.

Pusztai Bálint 11/A



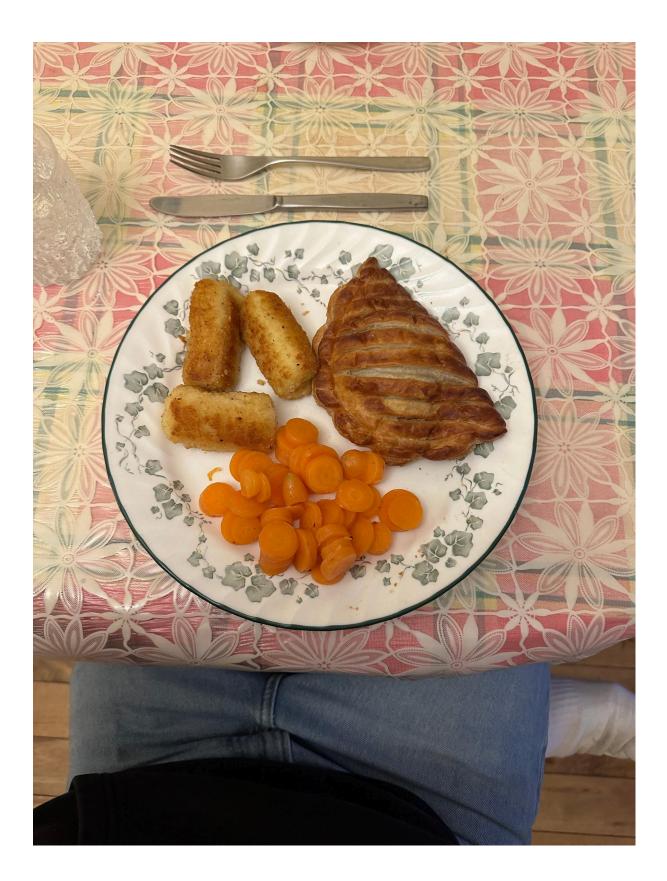
#### England

Before we went to the families our tour guide said that we might face some culture shocks. He gave us some advice that he recommended to keep while we are with the families such as always eating the food that they prepare for us or at least try it out.

When we arrived at our family a cute old lady welcomed us. We were quite shocked at how different the structure of the house is compared to a house in Hungary. It was a double decker house but it still felt tiny. The stair to the first floor was really narrow. We really had to pay attention to not fall. She shared with us that she is from India originally but she came to London when she was a little girl. She made us some special Indian food and also some English food as well. At the dinner table she always shared some new information about herself which also made us feel more comfortable there. For breakfast she always made us a typical English breakfast which was toast bread with jelly and cereal.

With all this we could have an insight about how the average English people live their life and what they do in their day to day life. Not just that but we could get an insight into some Indian cultural things such as their religion. Sadly, we could only stay there for a couple of days but if I had the chance to go back there, I would love to go.

Sárkány Boldizsár 11/A





# MY FAVOURITE DAY IN LONDON

Recently, I took part in an 11-day long journey with my secondary school. We visited Cornwall, Canterbury, Paris but our main destination was London, which I would like to give this little presentation about.

## Westminster Abbey

The first attraction we saw was Westminster Abbey. This is the place where kings and queens were crowned like King Charles III. The building was really beautiful both outside and inside. We got an autoguide, which told us everything about every room, statue, etc.





## **Trafalgar Square**

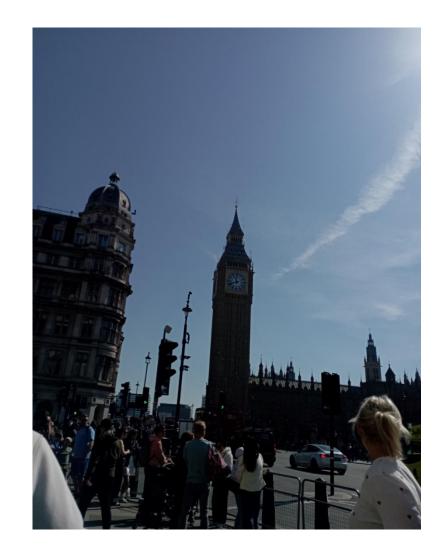
After the abbey, we went to an amazing square, named Trafalgar Square. We went there on foot from the abbey, so we saw other attractions (Downing Street, where the Prime Minister lives, and the changing of the guard). In the square we saw a man who was painting the square. The National Gallery Museum is located there, and we can see a fascinating fountain in the middle of the square.





## **Elizabeth Tower**

We got free time and our first destination was the Clock Tower, whose name is Elizabeth Tower, which was named after the previous queen, Queen Elizabeth II. It is thought that its name is Big Ben but it is a mistake. Big Ben is the name of the bell.

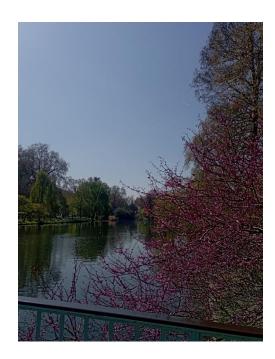


## St. James Park

Then, we visited St. James Park. It was weird because there were many men who were lying topless in the sun because it was a hot day (I guess, it was maximum 25 C). We ate our food, which we received from the families. Then we met a lot of ducks and swans.



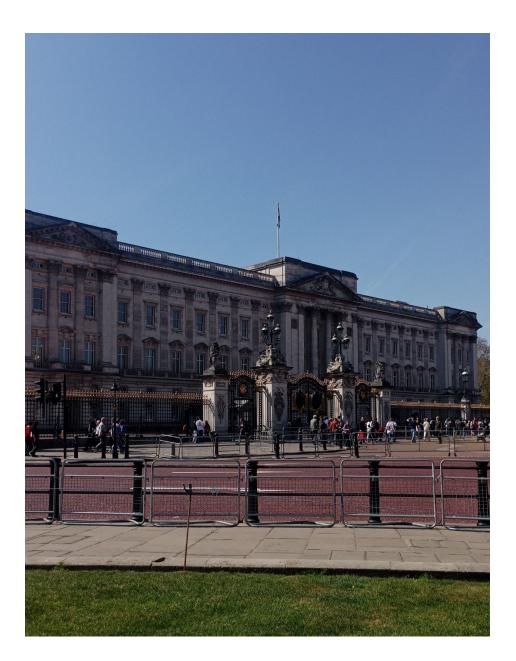






## **Buckingham Palace**

There was the Buckingham Palace next to the St. James Park. I have always wanted to see it in person. Seeing it with my own eyes was the best feeling ever.



## London Eye

After the palace we visited the London Eye, but I was too afraid of it so I stayed on the ground with one of my friends. We saw a dancing Deadpool with a Hello Kitty bag.



## China Town

Finally, we visited the China Town. It was really beautiful and unique because of the lanterns. We ate ice cream, it was matcha and vanilla flavored and the ice cream cone was shaped like a fish.





## Thank you for your attention. Solymosi Petra 10.B

## My Time in England

My time in England was wonderful and also very eventful. Probably the most memorable moment during the trip was visiting Cornwall, the westernmost part of England.

We started our journey from London at around 9 a.m. and we travelled almost six hours to visit the Eden Project. I consider it to be the best programme of the trip, the tropical rainforest really fascinated me, I had never thought that such high humidity could be that hard to bear.



We started our next day at Tintagel Castle. The weather there was terrible, it was raining and the winds were so strong that I wasn't able to walk in a straight line, it almost blew my phone out of my hands while I was taking a photo. Despite these weather conditions, I enjoyed my time there, it felt so authentic (thanks to the windstorm), I will never forget that. Of course, I was soaked in water, but luckily, after some trouble, I managed to dry up in the bus.

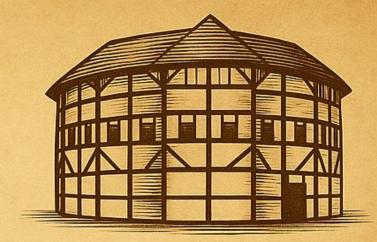


Then we stopped at Saint Michael's Mount for a quick break. It was supposed to be the best part of our day, but we couldn't explore it due to the extreme weather conditions. We finished our day at the Land's End, the westernmost point of England. Fortunately, the rain stopped when we hopped off the bus there, but the winds were even stronger. Most of the students didn't leave the bus, because they were still wet and exhausted. My friend took a photo of me clinging to the 'Land's End' sign. My raincoat's hood was almost torn away by the wind as you can see in the picture.



My days couldn't have been spent better in England, and the experiences and memories I gained during the trip won't be forgotten. The photos will certainly help me remember...

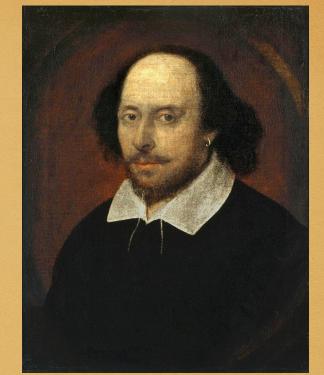




## Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre

## Who Was William Shakespeare?

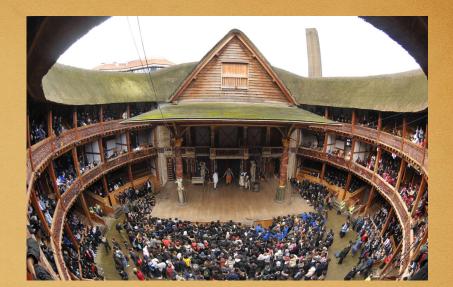
- William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- He is one of the most important writers in English literature.
- Shakespeare wrote 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and many poems.
- His works explore themes like love, power, jealousy, and fate.
- Some of his most famous plays are Hamlet, Macbeth, and Romeo and Juliet.
- His writing is still studied and performed all over the world.







#### **The Globe Theatre**

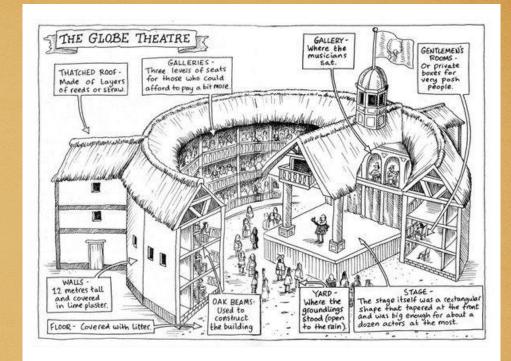


- The Globe Theatre is a famous open-air theatre in London.
- It was originally built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men.
- The theatre was destroyed by fire in 1613 during a performance.
- It was rebuilt in 1614 and closed later by the Puritans.
- The modern Globe Theatre opened in 1997, near the original location.
- It is a faithful reconstruction of the original building, made of wood with a thatched roof.



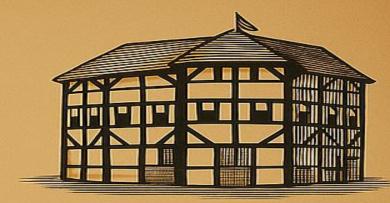
## What Makes the Globe Special?

- The Globe Theatre is unique because of its historical design and atmosphere.
- It has no roof over the central yard, and the stage is surrounded by the audience.
- Actors perform without microphones and rely on voice projection.
- You can watch a play while standing in the yard like people did in the 1600s.
- The building feels like a time machine that takes you back to Shakespeare's era.

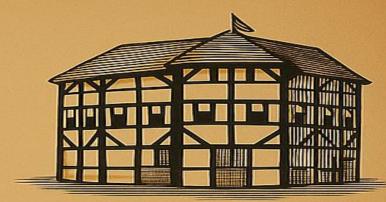


## **Our Visit to the Globe**

- During our London trip, we had the chance to visit the Globe Theatre.
- The outside of the theatre was already impressive, with its white walls and wooden beams.
- Inside, the open roof and round structure made it feel very different from modern theatres.
- We took part in a guided tour and learned about how the theatre worked in Shakespeare's time.
- The guide told us fascinating stories about how actors performed and how audiences reacted.
- It was amazing to stand on the same kind of stage where Shakespeare's plays were first performed.
- I found the whole experience really exciting and unforgettable.
- The Globe was definitely one of the best parts of the entire trip to London.



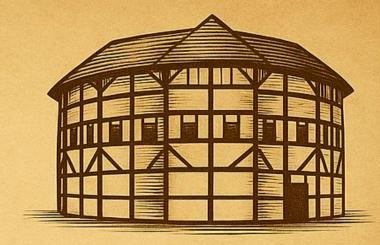
### What I Learned



- Visiting the Globe Theatre helped me understand why Shakespeare is still important today.
- I learned about the history of theatre and how performances were done 400 years ago.
- It was interesting to see how different theatre was back then compared to today.
- The experience made me appreciate Shakespeare's work even more.
- I also realized how powerful live performance can be in telling stories.
- This visit made me more interested in literature, history, and drama.







## **Thank You!**

Thank you for watching my presentation! I hope you enjoyed learning about the Globe Theatre and Shakespeare.

Szabó Zalán 10/B

Dear Digital Diary,

I apologise for being quiet for a long time, I am having the time of my life (again) in London, England. I cannot bear the fact that it is not my first time in this magnificent city, still, it makes me want to come back and spend more valuable time. I love it here.

Although it's not that hard for us to have fun during our visit. Our teachers are making sure we see everything we need to, to be educated well enough. While everyone independently discovers London in their free time. I say this is an enormous win-win situation, don't you think, future me?

Now back to the plan, because I would like to remember every second of this trip when I'm older and wish to be seventeen again with my friends and my boyfriend in England.

On the second day of our trip, we arrived at our host families. I was extremely relieved when Jasmin, our hostess, a twenty-four-year-old Indian girl, picked us up and showed us to our temporary home. Her house is a traditional English home, with the staircase directly facing the door. They have their kitchen, living room, and the exit to the garden downstairs; the other rooms, like bathrooms and bedrooms, are all upstairs on the second and third floors. The four of us (Carmen, Adel, Petra and I) got a room on the third floor with a bathroom. We had a warm dinner and went to bed after a yap session. We weren't able to fall asleep immediately because of the excitement rushing through us.

The next day was Friday. We started our visit with the spectacular Westminster Abbey. The Abbey is a Royal Peculiar; it belongs to the monarch of the country, and it is not part of a diocese. It has still been providing the setting for royal coronations since 1066. The ceremony is performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the king or queen swears an oath to uphold the law and the church. They anoint with holy oil and crown formally. Couples of the Royal family tend their Big Day here, also we found the coronation chair in the Abbey. There are so many more interesting facts, though for me, the interior design was the most breathtaking view. With the finely crafted details and coloured glass windows, it made sense why this is one of the most royal places for the British. Another highlight for me from this day was the London Eye. I am sure you remember being on it for the first wasn't that good, but this time the memory holds a pretty good place in my heart. I loved the view of London from above two years ago as well. The unlikeness was the people I spent that time with in the sky. I truly love my friends.

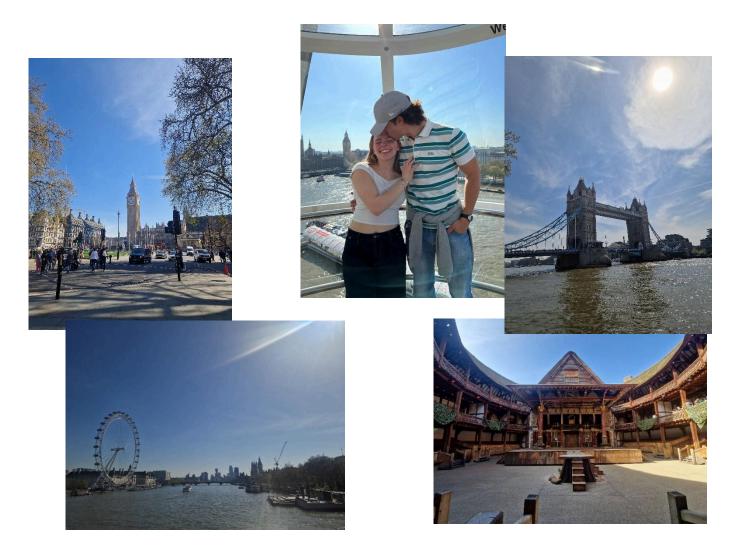
On Saturday, I had the chance to see Shakespeare's Globe. We had an extremely nice lady as our tour guide. She flooded us with interesting facts about the captivating Globe Theatre. Also, we had time to visit The Tower, which is the home of the Crown Jewels. I think it is quite a surprising statement that the ravens are the guardians of the medieval building. During this period, we went our separate ways to discover the large area, including Tower Bridge, where I got one of my favourite pictures of me and my boyfriend, thanks to Carmen. To be honest, I completely lost my sense of time this day as well. We finished Saturday by going to Oxford Street. Trust me when I say I haven't seen a street as crowded as Oxford Street was. There are a lot of tourists in London who come to shop here, that's for sure. I'm not going to lie, I could also spend more than a whole day going in and out of different stores on this street.

Our last day in London began with Hampton Court Palace. My inner Bridgerton fan side was more than excited to see the rooms and court where some scenes of my all time favourite series were filmed. The palace and its garden areas are gorgeous and enormous. I'm sorry we couldn't see the whole place, but at least I have something to come back to. After that, we returned to the city centre to get a glimpse of Harrods, London's luxury department store. I have never been in one before. I didn't buy anything, other than food and drinks, but it was fun roaming between the different floors. Our final destination in London was the Natural History Museum and the Science Museum. Not to brag, but I am proud of my boyfriend and me for visiting both of these masterpieces in our short time. I am still likely to choose to spend more time in the Natural History Museum. That just caught my attention more.

Well, I think that's it for now, our next days take place outside the city. I'm already missing London.

Take care, I will check in in a couple of days!

PS: Here are some of the best photos I took during these days.





#### My Trip to England

My trip to England was quite an extraordinary experience, with the days spent in Cornwall, the westernmost point of the British Isles, being the most memorable.

Our first day was mostly spent traveling and visiting the highly praised Eden Project, which didn't captivate me nearly as much as it did everyone else. Tintagel, on the other hand, immersed me like no other site in England had. From the picturesque fields I saw from the bus, it was clear this part of England was something special. The weather, often disliked by many, felt strangely authentic to me. The wind blew so fiercely it made the seagulls struggle to fly and the trees grow at a 45-degree angle.

Even in such chaotic weather, we managed to make our way up to the castle, and across a narrow bridge, we reached the most inspiring statue I've ever seen, honoring the legend of the mighty King Arthur. The only downside to these extreme weather conditions was that, due to the excruciating wind, the rain was falling horizontally, making it impossible to avoid getting soaked. It was a relief when we finished our tour and entered a small hut offering hot drinks. Although I was completely soaking wet, I had never enjoyed a hot chocolate more than I did that day.

Hopping back onto the bus, we made a quick restroom stop at St Michael's Mount before heading to our final location: the westernmost point of England. At Land's End, I couldn't even take a decent photo, my phone would have been ripped from my hands if I had dared to try. The wind there was even more unbearable than at Tintagel Castle. However, one of my friends insisted I take a picture of him, saying he wouldn't be getting any farther west anytime soon. Eventually, I gave in...



This was the only photo I took that day, but the memories of it will live on in my mind, sharper than any picture a camera could capture.

#### Test your knowledge

Did you know these fun facts about our trip to England? If you want to find out click the link below!

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#### **My Favorite Memories from England**

On April 8th (Day 1), we gathered in front of Bányai at 10:00 p.m., and departed at 10:30 p.m. Our journey took us from Hungary through Austria and Germany to Belgium. We



spent our first night in Brussels. The next day, we left early in the morning for France, heading to Calais, from where we could reach the British Isles by ferry.

On April 10th (Day 3), we arrived in Dover around 10:00 a.m. and headed straight to

Canterbury Cathedral. There was a lot to see, but what impressed me the most were the ornate stained glass windows and the intricate ceiling. After that, we spent four nights (from Day 3 to Day 6) with our host family. Mrs. Yeo made our room feel very homey, and the meals she prepared were simple but tasty.



On April 11th (Day 4), we had some free time, and we took a walk to Green Park. Everything

was peaceful there—despite the crowds, you could still hear the birds singing. If I lived nearby, I'm sure I'd go there often. Around

3:30 p.m., we were lucky enough to take a ride on the London Eye. I had a bit trouble at first because of my fear of heights, but by the end, I felt quite comfortable in the cabin.



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Another highlight for me



was Hampton Court Palace, which we visited on April 13th. The interior of the palace was interesting, but I was truly amazed by what I saw outside. I really liked the labyrinth, and it was lovely to see the harmony of the plants. I had a similar feeling to what I experienced in Green Park, only with even fewer people around.

On April 14th (Day 7), we visited the Eden Project in Cornwall. This was especially fascinating to me because it showcased the plant world from a completely different perspective.

We returned home with lot of great experiences, thanks to our kind tour guide, our accompanying teachers, the bus drivers, all the fellow students, and a very well-organized trip.

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My 3 favourite memories of our recent trip to the UK:

a, Tintagel Castle: Although it was raining cats and dogs while we were there,



the castle made it into my top 3, because the rain itself is not a bad thing, and I found it funny that our feet were pushed in all kinds of directions, everytime we took a

step. In addition to that the water didn't obstruct our



view of the Celtic Sea, hence we were able to take a whole series of photos of the sea and of Gallos, the bronze sculpture which is popularly called the "King Arthur statue".



b, Shakespeare's Globe / Globe Theatre: This was one of the most memorable





experiences of the whole trip, because our tour guide was hilarious. He was telling jokes left and the and right, knowledge he had of Shakespeare's plays was fascinating. Also, the theatre was gorgeous, and the stage background and were breathtakingly beautiful - the ceiling above the stage was

painted to look like the sky, and had a "hole" which characters like angels come from. The Globe is an open-air theatre with a





circular design and a yard where audience members



can stand (also known as "the groundlings").

c, Hampton Court Palace: This beautiful baroque building used to be the home of Henry VIII. Inside



of the palace there is a lovely kitchen area with a

fireplace and herbs, a fountain and a chapel which was closed due

to a service being in progress. Outside we saw



another fountain (larger than the first) with cute little ducks swimming in it, pretty and colourful flowers, gorgeous statues and the Maze. The



Maze was planted as part of the gardens of William III and Mary II in the late 17th century. This makes it over 300 years old. It was originally part of the Wilderness, which was a formal garden of high





hedges where courtiers could wander and get enjoyably lost; therefore, it was not as wild as the name suggests.

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#### Cornwall

On our trip we saw a lot of great sights, such as museums, cathedrals, castles, etc., but my favourite was the countryside of England, and what we have seen in Cornwall. The area is famous for its marshy areas, long and varied coastline, and mild climate. In its name the corn refers to the Celts, who lived there, and the wall to its geographical shape. The region lies at the south-western end of England, where we departed from London on the sixth day of the trip.

After the bus ride our first stop was at the Eden project. That is a park, where they have built two biomes with different climates. One with a tropical climate and one with a Mediterranean environment. I really liked the artificial rainforest, as it was very different from the weather here in Hungary, and as a European you rarely get to experience it. Another thing I liked about it was that you could see not only plants, but also small animals, such as different birds and insects.



The next day we visited the castle of Tintagel, one of the most famous castles in the country for its relationship with King Arthur. It has a history going back hundreds of years. At some time between the fifth and seventh centuries, there was a settlement on the site. Later the Earl of Cornwall had a castle built there in the thirteenth century. Sadly, today you can only find the ruins of it. The weather was very windy and rainy when we were there. There were grey clouds and huge waves everywhere. It was a unique sight. I'm sure not everyone liked the trip, because we got wet, but I didn't mind that so much. Beyond the ruins, at the end of a high, rocky beach, was a copper statue of King Arthur. That's where the wind blew the hardest. If somebody had leaned forward a little against the wind with their arms outstretched, they wouldn't have fallen because the wind would have held them. After visiting the ruins, my classmate and I went down to the beach, where we could admire the waves from closer. We also found a big cave there, which we went into. It was dark inside, but light filtered in from the other end.



Shortly afterwards, we got on the bus and made our way to St. Michael's Mount. That is a castle on an island that



can only be approached at low tide, when it becomes a peninsula. Unfortunately, we couldn't see it up close because of the bad weather, but with sunshine it would have been a beautiful sight.

Our last stop in Cornwall was Land's End. It is the most westerly point in England. By the time we got there it wasn't raining so much, only the wind was blowing. You could see huge rocky beaches in all directions, with big waves. There was even a small island with a lighthouse in the distance. It was a beautiful spectacle. I was surprised, when I noticed, how many souvenirs there were. There was also a café and a civilised toilet. After that, we quickly went back to the hostel, soaking wet.

My opinion of Cornwall is that it is a region of unique beauty, which impressed me. I enjoyed the two days we spent there, and if we hadn't had a tied program, I would have stayed a little longer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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#### ENGLAND THROUGH HENRY VIII'S EYES: DISCOVERING HIS WORLD THROUGH OUR TRAVELS

8 things in our trip that are somehow connected to Henry the VIII Vén Anna 9/A

#### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The project's idea started to form in my head as I was walking through the halls of Hampton Court. It amazed me how well history is preserved and how vivid Henry VIII's story felt. I wanted to share that feeling with others—but not just through one location. Along with some historical facts I definitely wanted to include, I shared my personal experiences as well, what I felt, saw, thought.

#### 1) CANTERBURY: PRESERVING HISTORY

Henry VIII never lived in Canterbury, but his religious reforms strongly affected the city. We visited Canterbury Cathedral, and inside, we stood in front of the altar which marks the spot where Thomas Becket was killed. Henry later ordered the destruction of Becket's shrine. It was deeply powerful to see how history shaped the place and its people. The town felt so alive-people were smiling, the streets were busy, and honestly, I could imagine living here one day.



#### 2) LONDON: HOW IS THE KING CONNECTED TO THE CITY OVERALL?

Henry VIII's connection to London runs deep-the city gave place to executions and weddings. His presence and decisions completely reshaped the city in so many ways. There are numerous significant places associated with him, and luckily, we had the chance to explore some of them. I wanted to see London ever since I was little, and I am super glad that I had the opportunity to do so.



3)WESTMINSTER ABBEY:WHERE STORIES START AND END

Henry the VIII's coronation happened here in 1509, alongside his first wife, Catherine of Aragon. Some of his children are buried there, such as Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. As someone who loves literature, standing by the memorials of Shakespeare, Jane Austen, and the Brontë sisters was unforgettable.











#### 4)SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE: AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE THE KING WOULD'VE ENJOYED

The King is connected to the Globe in a unique way. Shakespeare's play, Henry VIII, is based on the King's life. It is notable since it has more stage directions than any of his other plays. A 1613 performance of the play caused the theatre to burn down. Hearing such stories and visiting the Globe was truly fascinating, I enjoyed every moment of it.



#### 5) TOWER OF LONDON: SIGNIFICANT CONNECTIONS

Henry the VIII is strongly connected to the Tower in several important ways. It became a symbol of his cruelty and power by giving place for such executions as Anne Boleyn's and Catherine Howard's, his two wives. Exploring the Tower was an extraordinary experience to me, reading about its history, and, of course, seeing the crown jewels was truly an unbelievable feeling.

#### 6)CORNWALL: UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

The King only has indirect connections to Cornwall. His first ever living son, named Henry was a Duke of Cornwall. However, he only lived for 52 days. His death led to major changes in the King's marriages and the Church. Cornwall wasn't necessarily a place I enjoyed that much due to the heavy raining. However, the view from the ocean shore was truly magnificent.



#### 7) HAMPTON COURT: HISTORY IN THE HALLS

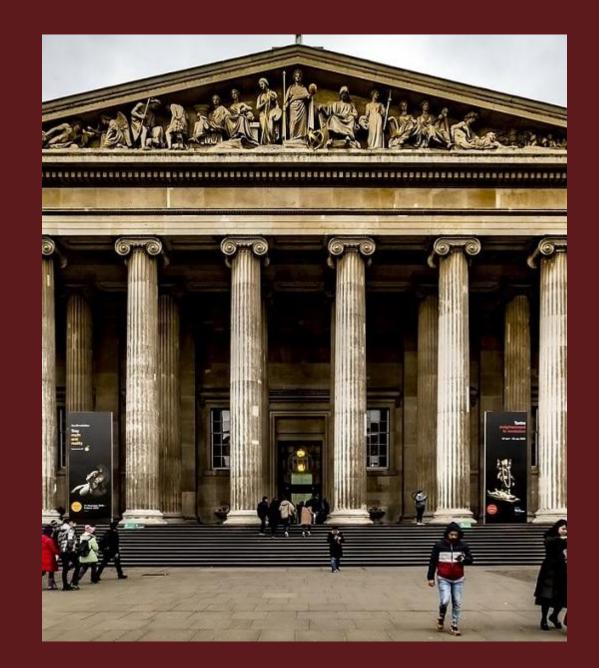
Hampton Court with its beautiful halls and luxurious kitchens was surely one of the favourite places of the King. Also, many of his wives such as Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard lived there. I have never thought that the palace will amaze me this much, but after listening to the audio guide and walking through the halls, I can confidently say that Hampton Court was my absolute favourite place to visit.





#### 8) BRITISH MUSEUM: A GLIMPSE INTO EVERYTHING

Since the British Museum is not primarily focused on British royal history, only a few things can be dedicated to Henry the VIII, such as his astrolabe, boxes, and coins. I only saw a few coins displayed, since we were rushing through the museum to see as many things as possible. Moreover, seeing the Rosetta Stone was truly staggering, along with many more ancient remains. Visiting the British Museum has been on my bucket list for a very long time, and I would definitely like to come back one day to see and read everything.



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# My 5 most memorable places from the tour

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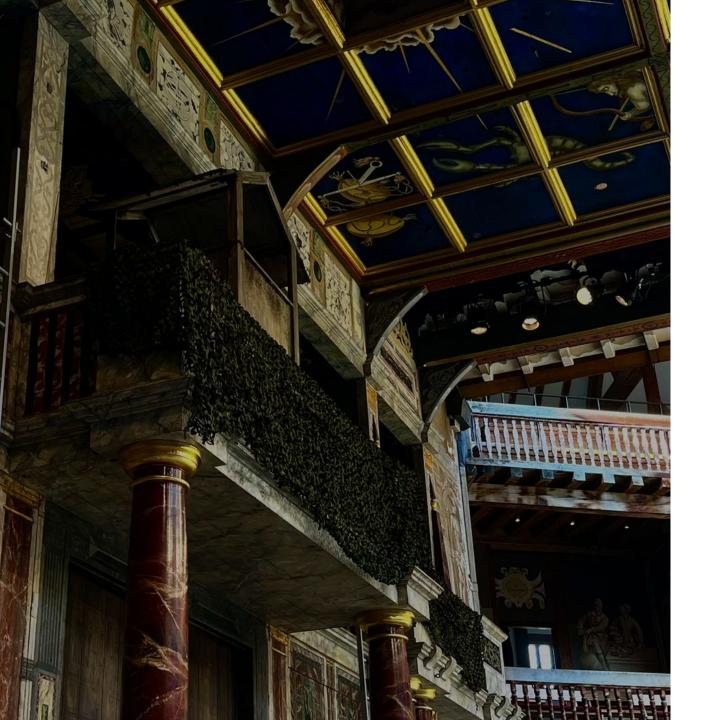




ONE OF THE FEW REASONS THAT I CHOSE THIS PLACE TO BE MY FIFTH WAS THAT THIS WAS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE EVER OF ENGLAND AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER IT. ALSO THIS LITTLE TOWN WITH ITS ARCHITECTURE CAN EASILY MESMERISE ME. THE SCULPTURES ARE ALSO REALLY OUTSTANDING, I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THIS.

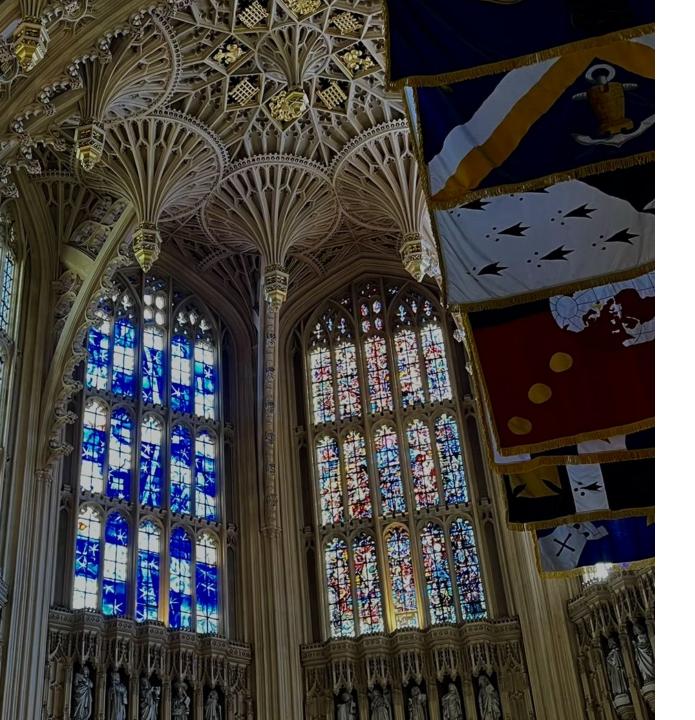






This is not higher up my list because it's not really the theatre is the main part of it but the pure beauty of it and the stories that come with it. I think that the idea is amazing that stands behind the whole thing and the way they made it happen is truly wonderful.





Westminster Abbey is a piece of history in the middle of London. The fact that there are dozens of kings, queens, priests and anonymous heroes resting in peace is mindblowing. When i was walking through the place I couldn't even listen to the audio guide I was so lost in the beauty of the walls and everything that surrounded me. The pure beauty is why it's here

## 2 The London Eye

I think this is one of the most interesting sights of London, and the reason is that from this place you can see almost all of London. It has always been on my wish list that one day I could go one circle in it. I really can't say any much more about it, it's the view that speaks for itself.



### 1: The British Nuseum

The British Museum, the biggest, the most wonderful, the fullest with excitement, the fullest with monuments, the fullest with secrets. This place is the definition of adventure. This is the first on my list because it was a one of a lifetime experience going in there for the first time, it was like entering into another universe or some like. It was enormous, it was clean, it was everything I wasn't expecting. If someone goes to London and asks me what they should go and see, this will be one of the places I will say.



#### Natural History Museum

We went to London on a school trip, where we could visit several museums. One of my favorite ones was The Natural History Museum. It exhibits over 80 million different items. The visitors can find five categories: botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology and zoology.

I visited it with my four great friends, with whom I spent almost all the time on this trip. The museum was enormous from the outside. There was a fascinating garden with a skeleton of a

giant dinosaur and a beautiful lake. Luckily we had a sunny day, so we could enjoy ourselves outside. When we entered, an enormous whale skeleton was waiting for us. I had never seen such a huge creature like that before. All of us wanted to see the dinosaur zone the most, but first we went to the mammals section because one of my friends wanted to see that too. When we finished it we went to see the dinosaurs. When we entered we saw so many



skeletons and bones, it was breathtaking to see these 250-66 million-year-old dinosaur fossils. There was an interesting fact that I read there: this was the first museum in the world to show dinosaur fossils in the late 19th century. We spent barely half an hour in this hall. When we read and saw everything we continued our journey on the first and then on the second floor. It was exciting too. I really enjoyed the earthquake room where we experienced how dangerous an earthquake is. Overall this was the best museum I have ever seen.

The journey was amazing, and I hope that I can return with my family. I will definitely show them the Natural History Museum.

Zima Péter 9.A

We spent the first day travelling mostly our destination was Brussels. We left school at 11:00 p.m. on the 8th of April. On the way, we passed through some of the important most cities in Germany and finally arrived in the capital of Belgium. We stayed there for only one night, because the next day we crossed to the British Isles by ferry.





Our first stop in England was Canterbury, where we visited the famous cathedral, which is around 1400 years old. It felt like stepping into another century. During our free time of more than three hours, we tried real English fish and chips — which didn't disappoint — and walked through the lovely, cobbled streets of the city, enjoying its historical atmosphere. In the evening, we met our host families in London.

We stayed with a kind elderly Indian lady, who works as an administrator at the BBC. She is responsible for making sure the office runs smoothly every day.

On our second day, we finally explored the centre of London, which everyone had been looking forward to. We stayed in the capital for three days. Our first stop was Westminster Abbey, known for royal weddings and coronations. We had a full tour of the building. Then we walked around the government district, saw the buildings, and continued to Trafalgar Square. During our free time (about 1.5 to 2 hours), we visited Buckingham Palace, had our snack in St. James's Park, and went to Covent Garden. To end the day, we enjoyed the view from the London Eye, looking over this city of nearly 9 million people.

On our third day, we visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the Tower of London, the British Museum, and Oxford Street. When we got off the bus, we could admire the size of St. Paul's Cathedral for a moment before walking across the Thames to the Globe, where we had one of the best



tour guides. The Crown Jewels in the Tower amazed everyone — it was hard to believe what we were seeing. Unfortunately, we didn't have much time in the British Museum, but we still learned a lot about the world's history and cultures. In Oxford Street, we had free time to buy souvenirs and explore.



Our last day in London showed us the typical British weather changing and surprising. We visited Hampton Court, where we had some trouble reading the map, but we still saw everything we planned. After that, we had free time for shopping. We found our way through the maze-like Harrods and visited smaller shops nearby. Then came an afternoon of museums. Everyone could choose their favourite one. We chose the Natural History and Science Museums. Both were amazing, but we spent the most time in the Natural History Museum.

On the sixth day, we travelled about six hours south to Cornwall. Our main visit there was to the Eden Project, where we saw plants and climates from all around the world, created in large

biomes. It was really impressive to see new or unfamiliar species up close. In the evening, we walked to the beach before dinner.

On the seventh day, we hiked to Tintagel Castle. The weather was not kind to us — most of our trousers got completely wet — but we didn't let that stop us from seeing King Arthur's statue. The rest of the day was mostly spent on the bus, so we could dry off. We also visited St. Michael's Mount and Land's End, the westernmost point of mainland Britain.





The next day was a long travel day again, but this time to Paris, the world's most visited tourist destination and the capital of France.

In Édith Piaf's hometown, we only stayed for one day, but it was very special. We explored the city on foot and by boat on the River Seine. We felt the energy of Paris and of course saw the world-famous Eiffel Tower. We also visited Napoleon's tomb, Notre Dame, and had a short walk through the Latin Quarter.

We returned to the hotel late in the evening, and everyone was eager to get into their bed. This trip will stay in my memory not only because of the amazing places we saw, but also because of the great atmosphere throughout. Our group experienced everything together, with good energy and teamwork, which made the journey even more

meaningful. I hope future trips will bring similar experiences, and that other students will return home with as many unforgettable memories as I have now.