

## Homestay der Jahrgangsstufe 8 in Worthing, England

44 Schülerinnen und Schüler der 8. Klassen machten sich Anfang Juli 2016 auf, um mit ihren drei Lehrerinnen Frau Kern, Frau Miller und Frau Vierthaler einen Einblick in "the British way of life" zu bekommen.

Doch bevor sie endlich von ihren Gastfamilien in Empfang genommen werden konnten, galt es eine 14-stündige Anreise zu überstehen. Zum Glück zeigte sich schon auf der Fähre, dass die Fahrt unter einem guten Stern stand. Die White Cliffs of Dover erstrahlten im Sonnenschein und boten einen freundlichen Empfang.

*Nachfolgend berichten einige Teilnehmerinnen von ihren persönlichen Eindrücken des Homestays.*



On **Monday** 4th July, Hanna and I were taken to our meeting point at 7:30am. We met the others there and walked to school together. In school I had lessons with Mrs. Rugg. We learned the names of different houses and streets. We also played some games. After that we went to a park where we had lunch and fed the birds. We stayed for half an hour. Then our teachers gave us a quiz about Worthing and we started it in groups of 4. After my group had finished the quiz we visited Worthing Pier. There we met some of the other students and collected beautiful stones. That was fun!

When our free time was over, our bus driver drove us to Highdown gardens. It was really beautiful and we saw many pretty flowers. We also had to explain some strange words. Finally we went back to the meeting point, where our host families picked us up. At the family's, Hanna and I had dinner and went to bed after we had talked with the host mother.

Leonie R.



On **Tuesday** we went to the Seven Sisters. Those are seven big chalk cliffs. That's why they are called Seven Sisters. Now there are actually eight, but at the time they were named there were just seven cliffs. They are located directly next to the sea and in front of the sea there is a stone beach. The Seven Sisters are also called "suicide cliffs" because they are a popular place to commit suicide. But luckily we didn't see any. When we walked along the cliffs, some of us rolled down a hill because there was just soft grass and no stones. Finally, we ended up near Eastbourne. We really liked the trip because the view was fantastic and the weather was also really good.

Ana K., Lilia R., Ann-Cathrin G.





On **Wednesday** we got up very early because we went to London. The trip took us two and a half hours, so we could sleep on the bus. When we arrived in London, we took the underground to Westminster and went to the London Eye. That's a very big wheel where you get a fantastic view of London. Before we went on the London Eye, we watched a short 4D film about it. That was very funny because we got wet! After that, we went to the top of the wheel. Everybody was very excited and took photos. At the top of the London Eye, you have the absolutely best view of whole London! Later we visited Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. These sights are so impressive. In the afternoon we walked to the Millennium Bridge. On the ground, there was bubble gum, which was painted. For lunch we went to a great market, where we could buy food from many cultures, but we just ate the traditional food of England: Fish & Chips. Delicious! Then we went across the Tower Bridge. That's a very big bridge which opens for big ships. Before we went back to our host families in Worthing, we had some free time in Covent Garden. There we went shopping. That was fun! All in all it was a very nice and impressive day!

Emma W. + Olivia B.





### Thursday

After our English lessons in the morning we went to Arundel. Arundel is a little town near Worthing. Already on the way, we saw the interesting, mysterious and big castle.

When we finally arrived at Arundel Castle, we had to answer some castle quiz questions. We looked at all the rooms, the big tower, called the Keep, the library with sooo many books and the beautiful gardens and answered all the questions. That was so interesting and exciting.

In the afternoon we had free time in Arundel. We went to a very little cafe and had a typical British cream tea.



Sophie G. + Sarah M.





On **Friday** after the morning lessons, we travelled to Brighton by bus. Brighton is a very big city, so we were really excited.

First we went to a railway station. There was the oldest electric railway in the world. It was very small and cute. We all sat down and the train set off. It drove very slowly, so we could leave the doors open. That was fun! Then we arrived at "Brighton Pier", which is a very big and famous amusement park. There were many little shops, where you could buy food and jewelry or ride on roller coasters. After walking around the pier we went through the city in groups and answered questions about Brighton. That was really interesting and exciting, because we didn't know the city. The quiz took us one and a half hours. When we finished it, we had free time. We could go shopping, eat and drink something or just relax with our friends. That was fun! Later we went back to the bus to drive back to Worthing, where our host families were already waiting for us. Well, it was a wonderful day, we learned a lot about Brighton. But the day was also long and very stressful, so all of us were a bit tired.

We can only say: If you ever go to England, you have to visit Brighton!



Hannah L. + Teresa B.



On **Saturday**, our last day in England, we went to London again. First we drove with the bus to

Greenwich. There we had a fantastic view of the whole city. Then we walked down to the Thames and had some free time to eat something. After that we went on a boat tour into the city centre. We could see the Tower Bridge, London Eye, Big Ben, the Gherkin... .When we arrived at the boat station we could choose if we wanted go to Buckingham Palace or to Harrod's, a big and very expensive shopping mall. Then we took the underground to the Oxford Street. In groups we went shopping and had very much fun. After that our bus took us back to Germany. We had an amazing time in England.

Ilona A. + Meike K.

