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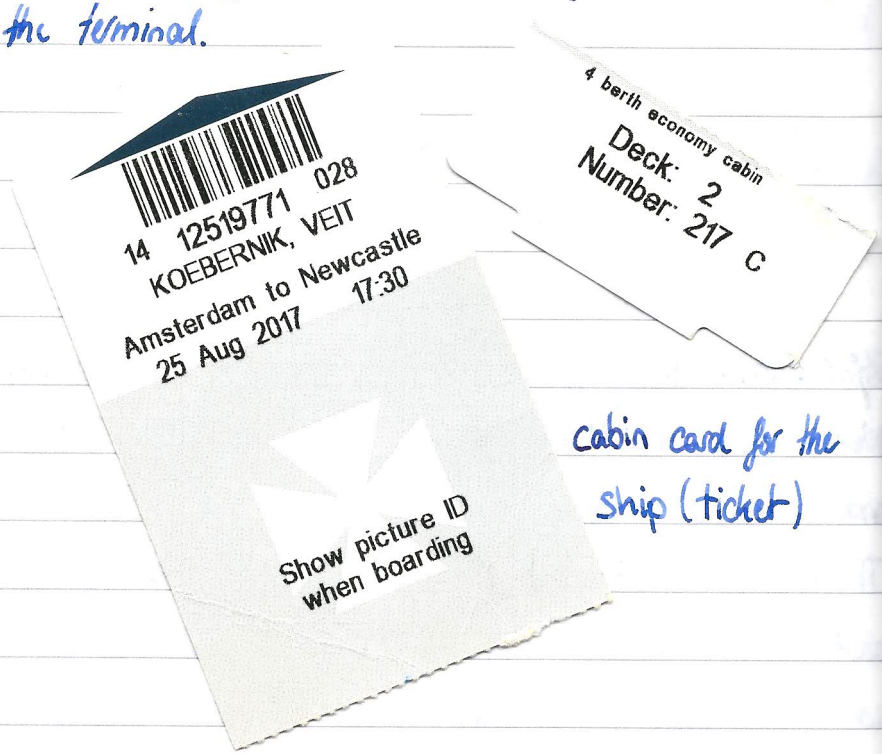
Day One - Friday, 25.09.2017

On Friday I had to get up at 4am. It's the earliest time I ever had to stand up. After breakfast we drove through the beautiful Magdeburg to my school in the Apollostraße. After arriving there, I realised, that not many school mates were there already (yet). More and more students arrived and we started to wait. After around five minutes later our bus driver arrived with the bus in front of us. First of all, our luggage was loaded into the bus. After that, I said goodbye to my mother. We had to form a row and we should show our identity cards or our passports (e). Then we got on the Bus. It was very hectic so that we didn't had (hadn't had) any time to choose a seat. I (sat) sit next to Julius. The only boy from my class. Our seats were behind Lisa's and Anna's and in front of Phine's and Belena's seats. We started our tour and left Magdeburg. We drove over the A2 heading for Amsterdam. On the way, Julius and I started to talk about several (topics) themes and we had breakfast.

Our coach

After some hours of driving we reached the border of the Netherlands. The Netherlands got many and wide fields and meadows and (these are) in general (they are) a flat country. The highest mountain has a height of 2000 meters. Julius and I haven't talked so much anymore, because we wanted to view the Netherlands. After a very long time we've reached Amsterdam. I'm sad that we haven't seen so much of Amsterdam, but some architectural masterpieces are much prettier than some german cities. The drive through Amsterdam felt like an eternity. It's because it's such a big city. The biggest airport of Europe is located there. Behind Amsterdam (there) was the

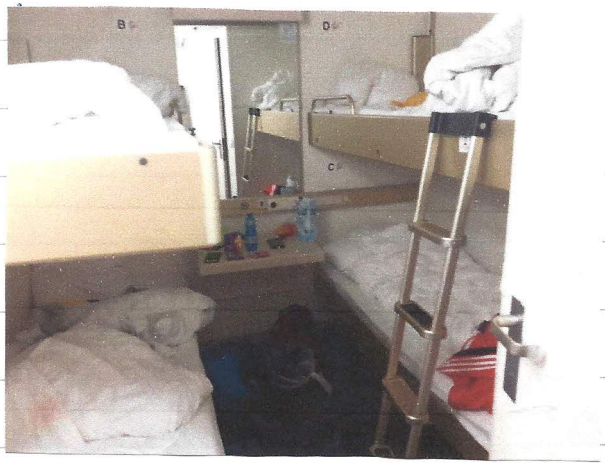
small port Ijmuiden. We had to get our tickets from the terminal.



cabin card for the ship (ticket)

Our luggage was loaded on the ship with the bus. We had to show our identity cards to the customs officials and after that we had to wait for the boarding. When I was on the ship the first I've done was looking for my cabin. I had to share it with Benjamin, Lennart

and Alex. The cabin was very small. But the baddest (worst) was that there only were two plug sockets. We haven't got dinner on the ship. In the evening I played with friends (the card games "UNO" and "Rommé") and we just talked. At 9:30 pm everybody went on (to) their room. I brushed my teeth and went to bed. Falling asleep wasn't the difficultest (most difficult) thing after this exciting day.



our cabin

Day Two - Saturday, 26.08.2017

The next day I had to get up early, than I showered and brushed my teeth. After that I went to the restaurant to have breakfast. I scanned my card and took delicious things from the buffet. On our table for four persons at the end sit there 7 persons. Than I walked downstairs to my cabin to pack my suitcase. Now I walked back upstairs to my group.

view from the ship

Landscape of Newcastle

When I looked out of the window I saw the wonderful and breathtaking landscape of England and Newcastle. After leaving the ship we had to go through the border control. The queue was very long. After a long time, and after showing our identity card, we could wait in the waiting hall until the bus driver arrived with the bus. The first unfamiliar thing was the left-hand driving. Everything was on the wrong side. We got on the bus and drove in the direction of the Scottish border. After some time we arrived at the border and took pictures. Then we drove through the beautiful Scottish landscape.

We saw many sheep on the meadows. Our first stop in Scotland was in a small city where we ate haggis rolls. Haggis is made of entrails of sheep. It is a delicacy in Scotland. We continued in direction of Edinburgh. On the ride Mr Mallon told us about clans. Every Scottish family is a member of a clan. The family has to consist of at least three persons. The boss of the clan is the "Chief" under him in the hierarchy is the "Chiefs Son" and under him are the "Clans Men". The clans are highly supervised and every clan got it's own color and own tartan pattern. After a while we arrived at Edinburgh and got a Sightseeing tour in the own bus. Edinburgh was or is divided into two pieces named "Old Time" and "New Time". In the "New Time" are private parks for the inhabitants. The dirty sandstone buildings were cleaned except the monuments, because the chemicals would destroy them. The "Old Time" was dirty, because

festival in Edinburgh

there were no sanitary facilities. Rich people moved from the "Old Time" into the "New Time" and the poor people moved from the villages and fields into the "Old Time" to work in the city. The national lemonade of Scotland is IRN BRU and the national drink is whiskey. Bowling is very popular in Scotland. After the sightseeing tour we made a stop at the parliament and we also got an hour of free time which passed very fast. Then we got on the bus and drove to a car park near Stirling where we met our host father for the first time. We were picked up in a Vauxhall Corsa from our host father. Vauxhall is the English name for "Opel" because after World War II the British people don't

wanted to build and buy german cars. So they renamed Opel to Vauxhall. A Vauxhall Corsa is a very small car so we had to carry (put) one traveling bag on our laps. When we arrived we saw our host mother for the first time. We carried our luggage upstairs in(down) rooms. sgn With me in my host family (there) were Julius, Lennart and Alex. Julius and I stayed in one room and Alex and Lennart stayed in one Room. The rooms weren't very large, but we got beds, a TV - which we haven't used - and a table. That's all we need. We went downstairs (to) in the living room and got a tree- ? piece menu. The appetizer was a potato soup, the main dish was goulash with mashed potatoes and the dessert was vanilla ice cream with strawberries. The meal was very delicious. We sit on the couch and talked with our host mother (for) are two hours (about several topics.) Alex wasn't very interested in talking and went upstairs. Julius, Lennart and I talked with her the

whole time about cultural differences, things in Germany and other things. After talking and watching TV we went to the bathroom and brushed our teeth. Then we sit down in the room of Alex and Lennart, talked and played with our mobile phones. Then we walked to our room, plugged in the charging cables for our mobile phones and went to bed.

Day Three - Sunday, 27.09.2017

On Sunday we had to get up early. Then we decided who showes first and we got breakfast. It was very variegated. We got porcakes with choclate bites, porcakes without choclate bites, toast, several jams and porfaits like peanut butter or Nutella. After breakfast, we went by car back to the car park. On the ride we drove through many small villages and our host father told us, that all the students go to one school which is in the city. When we arrived at the car park we had to wait a bit for the bus to arrive. He finally arrived, we got in and drove into the Highlands. The landscape of Scotland and the Highlands is very wonderfull and very impressive. The distillery wasn't very big but very interesting. The tour guide told us how they make the Whiskey and (trough) which processes it is going through. The smell was very special and characteristic for Whiskey. Sometimes I haven't understood the guide because of his Scottish accent. At the end

they promised us a tasting but only the teachers were of full age so we got IRN BRU in small glasses. In the distillery there (also) was the world's biggest whiskey bottle.

me and the world's biggest whiskey bottle

That was very impressive. After our visit in the distillery we went to a lake. The word "lake" is called (in Scotland) "loch". The loch we went to was "loch Katrine". The way to the loch was equal to a jungle. Everywhere were big trees with vines on them. After a long time over twisting roads we arrived at this wonderful place. The nature around the loch was very impressive. It was surrounded by

small mountains. There was a bridge on which we walked to take a better view on the loch. Then we went around it and saw between some mountains a waterfall. It was very beautiful. After that we returned to the bus and drove to a city named Alexandria. We arrived at an Outlet and saw, that there was nothing we were interested in, because there only were things and clothes for older people. So the most of us sit for the whole hour on the wall and waited that we continue our ride. After boring 45 minutes we started our ride back to our home town where we stopped at a very large Supermarket.

Loch Katrine

All of us went shopping and bought many stuff but especially things we don't have in Germany like british sweets. After this little shopping stop we continued our drive back to the car park, where our host father picked us up. At home our host mother had made the dinner already. First we got an appetizer, the main dish were noodles with cheese-cream sauce and the dessert was pudding. After that we went upstairs and talked about the day, then we brushed our teeth and went to bed.

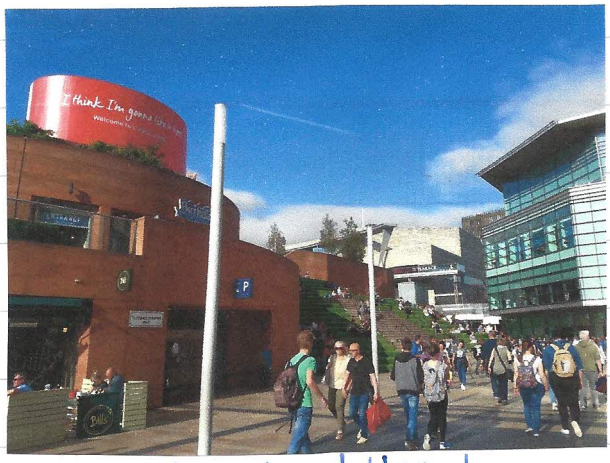
Day Four – Monday, 28.08.2017

The next day we had to get up earlier than the day before and again we got a very variegated breakfast with different types of pancakes, toast and parfaits. Then we had to shower and packed our suitcases. After that we said goodbye to our host mother and we went by car back to the bus. There we also said goodbye to our host father. Our host family was very nice to us and made an effort to give us a nice time. Then we loaded our luggage into the bus and we started our trip to Liverpool. It was a very long trip through the beautiful nature of Scotland. After a while we arrived at a small village which is called Gretna Green. It's famous for the marriages. Many minor people came there to marry, because it was legal to marry in Scotland no matter if you are full age or not. We rested there and looked at the smithy. There also was a restaurant and a souvenir shop. After the stop in Gretna Green, we continued our ride to Liverpool, and after a while, we arrived there. We drove

to the hotel and checked in. We had to pick a meal which we wanted to eat for dinner. After that he brought our luggage to our room and went back to the bus. When I first saw Liverpool, it wasn't a beautiful city, but when we drove to the centre and to the football stadium of the FC Liverpool I changed my opinion. I only saw the stadium from outside but it was very pretty

stadium of the FC Liverpool

Then we walked into the Fan-Shop, but I'm not intercoted in football so I haven't took a look. After that, we drove to the centre of Liverpool and we got about 3 hours of free time. But first we made a group picture and walked to the bar in which the Beatles (have) performed. Then I went shopping with Tobias, Elisa, Zelena and Julius but most of the shops closed early because of the bank holiday. We walked to a local funfair and we had a ride on with a carousel. Then we walked back to the centre and sit down on stairs with artificial turf.



the centre of Liverpool

After a short while we went back to the bus and drove back to the hotel. We arrived and directly ate dinner. We only got a small amount of noodles and tomato sauce. Then we went to our rooms. Julius and I watched a BBC documentation documentary until we were totally tired, brushed our teeth and fell asleep.

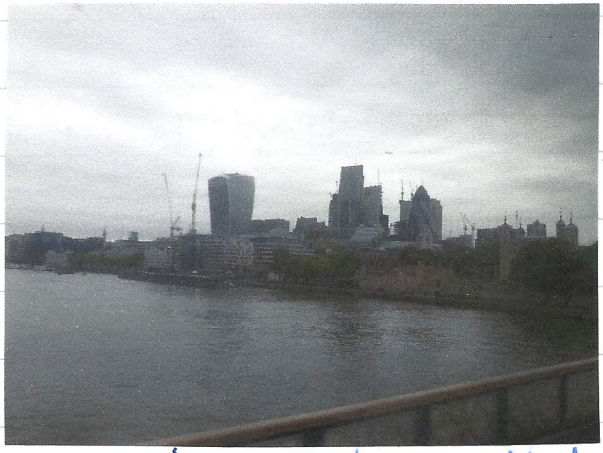
Day Five - Tuesday, 29.08.2017

The next morning we were awoken because somebody knocked on our door. It was Elisa who asked why we weren't having breakfast. Julius and I overslept! Our alarm clock was set for 6:30am but we haven't heard it. It was 8:10am when she knocked on the door. First me, then Julius showered and we ran downstairs to the breakfast room. We greeted the teachers and we only ate a slice of toast without anything. It wasn't very delicious. After that we ran upstairs again, packed our suitcases and brought it downstairs to the bus. We all met in the lobby to check out, and then Julius and I realised, that we forgot our key card in the room. The woman at the reception told us, that it doesn't matter. After this hectic morning we got on the bus and started our tour to (the) Conwy Castle in Wales. It's located on the north coast of Wales at the Irish Sea. Wales got 3 million inhabitants and an area of 20,700 km². That means 149 inhabitants per km². The highest mountain is

the Snowden with a height of 1000m. The capital is Cardiff and the spoken languages are English and Welsh. When we arrived our bus driver tried to drive under a bridge, but the bridge was too small so we had to park on another parking lot. Then we could explore the castle on our own. It was very impressive. We saw many towers on which we walked to get a better view over the castle. The most exciting of the castle were the jail towers in which the prisoners had to stay.

Conwy Castle

After visiting the castle we walked to a restaurant and ordered fish and chips. About 15 minutes later we got our meal containing a fried fish and fries. It was the first time I ate fish and chips and it was very delicious. Later we walked back to the car park and started our ride to London. In the bus I've talked with Julius about several things and what both of us had experienced, played with Belena and Phine "UNO" and I just watched the landscape. After a long time we arrived in London. It's such a beautiful city. The architecture overwhelmed me.



View on some skyscrapers of London

We arrived at a parking lot next to a supermarket. We took our luggage and our new host mother picked us up. We drove for about 20 minutes through London to get to our "new home". It was a flat in the borough "Lewisham" which is located in the south-east of London. When we arrived we carried our luggage to our rooms and went to the living room to eat dinner. We got peas, fried fish and curly fries which were very delicious. After dinner we gave (Barbara), our host mother, our presents and went back to our rooms. Then we cleared up who showers first and went to our rooms to sleep.

Day Six - Wednesday, 30.08.2017

We woke up around 6:30am and started with brushing our teeth. Then we walked into the living room to eat breakfast which Barbara has prepared. Everyone of us got two slices of toast and orange juice. I only ate one slice of bread with butter, because there only were jams and I don't wanted jams. (didn't want) After breakfast we took our lunch-packages and got ready for driving to the parking lot. We started and were (we) after about 20 minutes at the supermarket. Our bus arrived.

We took a seat and started to the centre of London. There a tour guide got on the bus and we started the personal sightseeing tour in the our bus. Now, I'll tell something what I've learned on the tour. The first what everybody of us saw were the red busses. The old busses with a platform at the end weren't used anymore, because an American guy was hurt by during hopping on the bus and sued the city of London when he was back in America. He won the process and the city had to replace the old busses with new busses.

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The next was the Tower Bridge which isn't as old as it seems. It was made older to match with the Tower which was built in 1097. The "Old Fish Market" isn't a fish market anymore. Now there (take place) events like premieres or fashion parades. London is a celtic settlement. The Roman fought against them and won. Then they left England but came back later and founded London. The Roman / Latin romanian / Latin name of London is "Londinium". In 1666 there was the big fire of London, from the 2nd till the 5th of September, when 80% of London were destroyed. At the Skyscrapers / are reflective installed, because things melted in the streets of London because of the sunlight which was bundled by the windows. The river Thames is a tidal river which means that the water level is sinking and rising. To control the pigeons they use eagles which hunt the pigeons and bring them to employees? which collect them. If the Queen isn't in the Buckingham Palace, than the Royal Flag is hoisted, but if the "Royal Standard"

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Queen is in the Buckingham Palace, than the Union Jack is hoisted.

Buckingham Palace

Westminster Abbey with Big Ben

London has 8.6 million inhabitants and 14 million inhabitants in the metropolitan area. The Westminster Abbey opened in 1066. After the sightseeing tour we drove to the Windsor Castle. We were security-checked like at the airport. It took a while, but then we got our audio-guides and could explore the Castle. It was very impressive to see how it was built and how big it is. After the Windsor Castle, I bought a post card and stamps.

ticket for the Windsor Castle

We drove ~~with~~ by (the) bus to the designer outlet in London which is located ~~in~~ at the Wembley Park next to the Wembley Stadium. There we shopped and had fun looking for new clothes. After that, we returned to the car park but were stuck in the Rush Hour. The Rush Hour is a time period in which many people try to get home and everywhere is traffic jam. After one and a half hour we arrived at the car park where our host mother picked us up. When we arrived at home we ate dinner. The dish was Spaghetti with tomato sauce. After this day full of new experiences, I had a shower and slept.

Day Seven - Thursday, 31.08.2017

On Thursday we had to get up early. Again I first brushed my teeth and then I walked into the living room to eat breakfast. Like Wednesday I only ate a slice of toast with butter. Then we started our drive to the car park. We were half an hour too early. After half an hours full of waiting and chatting, our bus arrived and we got on the bus. We drove to Beachy Head that are chalk cliffs which are 162m high and 8,6km long. It took over 2 hours to get there by the bike. When we arrived, the sun shone and we took very nice pictures. After a while it started to drizzle. That wasn't so nice. After hiking on the cliffs we got on the bus again and drove to a city named Brighton. Brighton is famous for it's language schools and as a resort for people from London. Brighton was very beautiful. The beach and the pier. The pier was a funfair with carrousels at the end so you got the feeling like you would fly over the water. It also got something like a casino.

Pictures
of
Beachy Head

Brighton Pier

Brighton

After visiting the pier I walked with Elisa and Tobias along the beach and we saw a shopping mall. We went to it, but we haven't found (didn't find) the entrance so we walked through the parking garage. When we entered the mall it was very large and impressive. There were many shops. We walked through the mall and went into many shops to see new things we haven't got in Germany. After visiting the shops we went to the food court to have lunch. We went to McDonalds. The british McDonalds got other food than the German one. So I tried new things. The best thing I've ever tasted in a McDonalds was the "Berry Burst Iced Fruit Smoothie" It was so delicious. We went back with our food to the beach to eat there. We met Sarah and Leonie there and took places (a seat?) to eat. Sarah sit on a chair which you had to rent so the owner of the chair ran to us and asked if we want to pay for it. Sarah said "no" and we walked away back to the

centre of Brighton. After the free time we walked back to the meeting point where our bus picked us up. We drove back to the car park in London. The drive took about 2 hours. After arriving, our host mother picked us up and after 20 minutes, we ate dinner in the flat. We got fries with english beans, patties and english sausages. It wasn't very delicious. After dinner we talked (in our room) about our days and played with our mobile phones. After that Julius and I walked to our room and skyped half an hour with Norris. Then I had a shower, brushed my teeth and went to bed.

Day Eight - Friday, 01.09.2017

I woke up at 6:30am and brushed my teeth. Than I walked into the living room with the other three. We ate our toast. At the table I realised, that it was the last day in Great Britain. After breakfast I packed my suitcase and we loaded our luggage into the car of Barbara. Then we started our drive to the car park for the last time. When we arrived we said goodbye to Barbara with a hug. We greeted everybody and Mr Falk told us, that we aren't driving with the Bus to the centre, but we get by Overground (to the centre). We walked to the station. It took about 15 minutes. At the station we got our tickets - with them we could drive with the public transport. We got on the train. They were very clean and pretty. Not like in Germany where every train is dirty. They also got a statistic on the screen about how many people are in which part of the train. We arrived at a station next to the river Thames and we walked to the Shakespeare's

Globe theatre. When we arrived we had to wait for about 30 minutes. Then we walked into it and we first were security-checked. Everybody of us got a red "Security Checked" sticker for our backpack.

Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition

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Travelcard of London

We walked through a hallway and went into a room with a free into it. It was like a balcony and you could look down on a Stage, which was in a big black room with signs with information about Shakespeare (on them). We walked to the left, through a hallway with showcases in it. In these showcases there were original items from Shakespeare. We went through the hallway and looked at everything. After the hallway there were stairs which connected the hallway with the big black room. We waited in front of the Stage for our tour guide. After around 5 minutes, our tour guide picked us up and we started our tour. He told us that the actual Globe Theatre is a copy of the original one, because it burned down. We went into it and he told us many interesting facts about Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre. After the tour we got 4 hours of free time. We searched the Underground station and walked through London

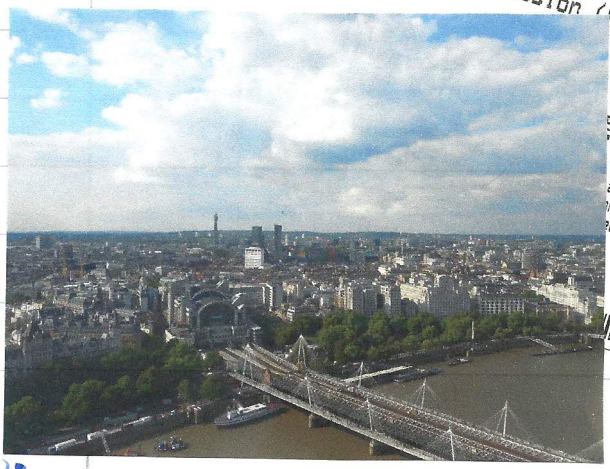
with Google Maps to find the station. We walked under a bridge to a street market. It was very beautiful

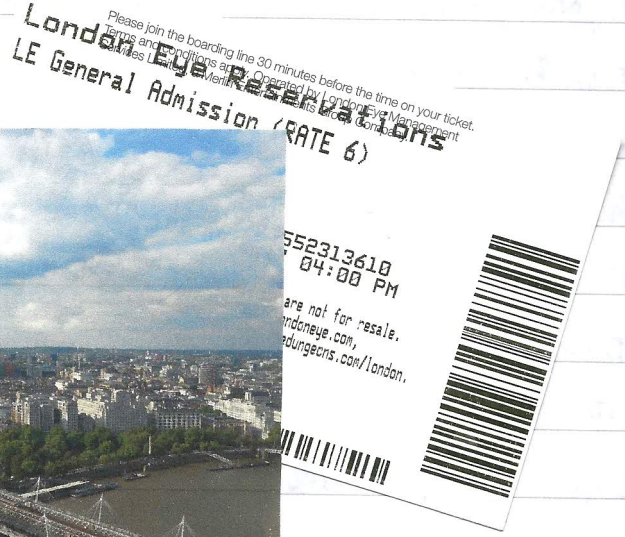
Streetmarket in London

Finally we found the station and went by tube to Oxford Street. The famous shopping street. We walked down the street and visited many shops. For lunch we went to McDonalds and I could drink the last time this ultra-delicious smoothie. Then I bought a small telephone box as a souvenir. After that we realised, that 4,5 hours aren't so much time so we had to hurry up. We only got 20 minutes to get from Oxford Circus to the London Eye. We ran through

the streets and the people looked at us like we were bankrobbers. At the end we were 10 minutes too late but not the last who arrived. Then we queued and we were security checked. After that we walked into the cabin. The view over this beautiful city was very impressive. I realized, that London is a really big city. The horizon wasn't the end of the city. Very nice. After our fantastic visit of the London Eye we all walked back to the tube station to get by tube to the O_2-Arena.

London Eye





London Underground

Tube map

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When we arrived, it was the last toilet stop. Then we made some pictures and walked to our bus. We started our tour back home. We left London and drove to Folkstone where the "Eurotunnel" is located. When we arrived, we had to wait for about 30 minutes. Then we got on the bus and the whole bus drove into the train. The train was very big. After the train has started, we got off the bus and sit down on the road in the train where we've talked. Mr Mallon said, that the person would win is winning which makes a picture of a fish through the window. Everyone of us has checked it that there was is a concrete wall. Everyone except Lisa. She tried to make a photo. It took about 15 minutes until she realised it. Very funny. We left the train in France. It was very late already and I got tired. I spoke with Julia, Belena and Phine until Mr Falk switched on the TV and we've watched a Shakespeare movie. It wasn't

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very interesting. We drove through France, Belgium and the Netherlands. In Belgium we stopped at a gas station. The prices for food were very high. After this last stop I fell asleep in the Netherlands. I woke up the next morning when the bus was near Hanover. The last 1,5 hours I talked with friends and played with my mobile phone. After this adventurous trip we arrived in front of our school around 9 am. I said hello to my mother and hugged her. Then I took my luggage and said goodbye to everybody. Then we drove back home and I told my mum everything about this very exciting trip.

Personal Conclusion

For me the Great Britain excursion was an unforgettable experience. I liked the contact with the English language in the daily routine like buying stuff in shops or talking with the host families. I saw the beautiful, breathtaking side of Great Britain like Loch Katrine or Conwy Castle. I want to come back.