

A Memorable Language Week in Sunny England: Exploring Language and Culture

From May 21 to 28, many students from 7A, 7B and 7C went on language week to England, more precisely to Exeter. Accompanied by Prof. Wurzwallner, Hinum and Anzengruber, we had a unique week in the beautiful city Exeter. The week was filled with language learning, exploring culture, great excursions, and lots of fun.

On Sunday, May 21, 2023, our wonderful journey began. We met early in the morning at the airport and landed at Heathrow in the early afternoon. From there, we took a four-hour bus ride to Exeter, where our host families had already been waiting for us. Upon arrival at the host family, we were greeted with a cup of British tea. Afterwards, we unpacked and explored everything. The next day, we went straight to the language school, where we had classes from 9 am to 12:30 pm every day. We improved our English through games, group tasks, and speaking exercises. In the afternoon, we explored the city of Exeter with our guide, Harry, who shared many interesting facts with us. On Tuesday, right after language school, we got on the bus and headed to Sidmouth, a beautiful small town on the Jurassic Coast. We explored the town and some even went swimming in the sea. On Wednesday, we had a project assignment where we had to interview locals on a specific topic in small groups. The people there were very open and polite, which made everything much easier. On Thursday, after our daily English lessons, we went to Dartmoor, a national park. We encountered cows and horses there and went for long walks. On Friday, we had our last day at the language school, which we enjoyed very much. After that, we had the afternoon free. Some went shopping or played football that day. Others bought train tickets and went to Exmouth to sunbathe and swim at the beach. On Saturday, we took a day trip to Tintagel and visited a ruin there. It was a beautiful ending to the week. On Sunday, we said goodbye to our host families and headed to the airport. After a four-hour bus ride, we boarded the plane and flew back to Vienna.

As mentioned before, we spent the entire week with host families. We were accommodated in pairs or groups of three with a host family. The families were very different. Some had children, some did not. Some were old, some were young. Some had many pets, some had none. Throughout the week, our host families provided us with good food, and we had a pleasant stay there. They tried to show us as much culture as possible and were always available for us when we needed something.

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One of the most beautiful days on the language week was Friday when we were allowed to plan our own afternoon activity. Everyone could do whatever they felt like doing. Additionally, it's always interesting to see how well you can navigate in foreign cities, and so we were able to have that experience as well. Overall, though, every single activity was great, and it was an enjoyable week.

Overall, it can be said that this week was one of the highlights of the school year. It wasn't just the beautiful, sunny weather that made this week perfect, but also the activities, host families, and the great relationship among all the students and teachers.