

Comenius Project

Drama

Wednesday 3rd March 2010

At 8.30am five excited but nervous students arrived at Broughton Hall with their suitcases packed, ready to depart on their five day trip to Germany. With the minibus loaded, the first leg of the journey had begun – destination Manchester airport.



Before we knew it Kirstie Brizell, Emma Gorman, Emma Ley, Dolly Loftus, Lucie Morgan, Miss Martin, Mr Mangan and Mrs S Fielding had landed at Hannover airport.

Ready and waiting to meet us was Klaus and Dieter two teachers from the Gymnasium Groß Ilsede, the school where the activities were scheduled to take place. After a short drive to the teacher's accommodation, the students were introduced to their host families. With nervous smiles the students waved as they drove away to their homes for the next five days.

Thursday 4th March 2010

After an early breakfast students and teachers from 4 different countries met at the Gymnasium Groß Ilsede where we were officially welcomed by the head and treated to a tour of the school. It was very interesting to see a different school and discuss the similarities and differences between our school and schools in not only Germany, but Spain and Estonia too.



By 10am it was time to walk to the Blauerhaus, a huge building which had once housed a big fan that helped to extract iron from iron ore. This was the location of all of the rehearsals and ultimately the final performance.

On arrival at the Blauerhause the drama activities began, the students not all of which were experienced performers were all enthusiastic to participate in the days activities. The purpose of the activities was to encourage students to mix in multinational teams and trust the people they were working with.



After a morning of drama tasks it was time for lunch and then a trip to the local town, museum and chocolate factory. These activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Friday 5th March 2010

Hot off the press the local Peine newspapers carried news of the final performance scheduled for 4pm on Saturday. The rehearsals for the performance began in earnest today, the performers now aware of the importance of putting on a good show.



By the end of the day a number of performance pieces had evolved including group performances from multinational teams of students.

Saturday 6th March 2010

Performance day dawns and overnight almost 10cm of snow had landed, but the show must go on, we made our way to the Blaurhause and met the students, they had until 1 pm to perfect their performance, the group had bonded well and they were excited to show what they could do. By lunch the performance was ready and the snow had cleared. The audience began to arrive at 3.30pm this was when the atmosphere changed; the students still excited became nervous too.



However there was no need, the performance was perfectly executed, after the event the students were elated, they wanted to do it all again. The celebration continued back at the school were certificates and red roses were issued to all staff and students, the end of a successful trip was near and so were the tears. During five short days the students had made friends and enjoyed experiences which they will keep with them for life.

Sunday 7th March

The final day, again we were up and out early, all staff and students from the three visiting schools were at the airport. First we waved off our Estonian friends and later our Spanish friends, then we were left. After storing our bags we took a train to Hannover and were treated to a wonderful tour of the city by Klaus the music teacher from the Gymnasium Groß Ilsede before returning to the airport for the final part of the trip the journey home.

