

Stormont House School Matters



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Our vision

Achievement for all in a unique world-class school

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Year 10 Experience Boulogne-Sur-Mer



Our Year 10's returned from their residential journey to Boulogne-Sur-Mer on Friday 6 July, tired but happy - they had enjoyed a packed trip full of a variety of different activities. On Monday 2 July, the group went by Eurotunnel train to France, once they had arrived they set about exploring the town and beach front. Some of the students even dipped their toes into the ice cold sea.

The next morning the students experienced a French supermarket called E.Leclerc where they all purchased items and practised their French. The afternoon was spent at 'Nausicaä', one of the biggest aquariums in the world, students were able to see sharks and seals, and they were able to touch all sorts of fish in the touch pool. The students enjoyed the 'Great Ocean Show' which is a picture window which is 5 metres tall and 20 metres long and contains hammerhead sharks, manta rays, stingrays and thousands of other fish. Tuesday evening was spent in Wimereux at a sea front restaurant, some of the students were very brave and tried mussels. Back at the hostel some of the students settled down in front of the TV to watch England play Colombia whilst others relaxed after a very busy day.

Wednesday morning started with a walk into town to experience a traditional French town market. They walked around the market buying souvenirs to take home to their families. The afternoon was spent in the old town of Boulogne walking around the ramparts, followed by a walk down to the beach.

On Thursday morning the students went to Le Touquet to experience the water park 'Aqualud'. They had a wonderful time sliding down water chutes which were called - The Black Hole, Twister, The Grand Canyon and the Magic River. Thursday night found the group back in Boulogne, everyone put on their best outfits and went out for dinner to a restaurant in the old town. The restaurant was called 'La Scala', the students took videos of one another quoting what they had enjoyed most about their journey to France and thanking all of the staff for making the trip so fantastic. Friday morning came around all too soon, and cleaning rooms and packing were the order of the day. Everyone said a fond farewell to Boulogne, on the way back the group stopped in Calais and took a look around the town centre before boarding the train to travel back to the UK.

Ms Elford, Mr Hajdrych, Mr Ramphul, Mr Calvin and Ms Andrysewicz congratulated everyone for being amazing on the journey. Well Done Year 10.

The Apollo Orchestra Experience

All of the Year 8 students at Stormont House have benefited enormously from visits by the Apollo Orchestra over the Summer Term. We have been visited by musicians from the brass, woodwind, string and percussion sections, each brought their own wealth of expertise and communicated their love of their instruments as well as a sense of playing as a group. They explained how their instruments produced sound and how the sounds change and alter. An excellent example of this was a demonstration of how to play the garden hose and funnel. Every student thoroughly embraced the experience of working with the orchestra. The Apollo musicians really enjoy visiting Stormont House as the students respond amazingly. In the percussion work shop students were fascinated to see and use instruments made from "junk plastic". The final session was from the conductor of the orchestra, all the students used a baton, and some of the students joined the conductor at the front of the class copying his every movement.

Lula said " It was the most fantastic thing I have ever done. I want to be a conductor. I really do", Lula was seen conducting and copying the conductor's gestures throughout the whole concert at the Hackney Empire. The concert at Hackney Empire was the culmination of all of the five visits at Stormont. The orchestra played music by Brahms and Mendelssohn to an audience of 1,250 children, teachers and parents who all listened intently to the live full symphony orchestra. Ms Cross has already organised for the orchestra to visit Stormont House next year. Well Done Year 8.



Independent Travel Training Success

This term Ms Clements has successfully trained four students to become independent travellers, Conor (Yr 10), Lesny (Yr 10), Chardonnay (Yr 9) and Moses (Yr 9). The students have demonstrated the following skills and abilities: road safety and traffic awareness, knowledge of public transport route(s), recognition of landmarks, how to use a Zip Card correctly, competent use of public transport, what to do in an emergency or if the unexpected happens e.g. bus breakdown or being approached by a stranger. Ms Clements will be working with a number of other students until the end of term and into the autumn term to complete their training so that they too can become independent travellers. Well Done.

Visible Learning at Stormont House School

We are working hard in lessons to improve our learning using SOLO Taxonomy. Please ask your child: What new ideas did you talk about in class this week?

I have
no idea

I have 1 idea

I have lots of
ideas

I can apply my
ideas to a piece of
work

I can argue and
prove my ideas

Dates for your Diary

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| Sports Day | Wednesday 18/ 07/18 |
| Reward Outing Day for Year 7-10 | Thursday 19/07/18 |
| Last Day of Summer Term - School closes @ 1.20pm | Friday 20/07/18 |