

Patricia Aufricht aus der Klasse 6e berichtet über ihre Sprachreise nach England in den letzten Sommerferien.

HOLIDAYCAMP: Channel School of English

I want to tell you about my holiday in England. Last summer I went to an English camp in Ilfracombe for two weeks. That's a small town in the south-west of England, in the **county** of Devon. Channel School of English is a school for children from all over the world who want to learn and improve their English.

To get there I flew with my friend Henriette and her two years older brother Poldi to London. The flight was great! Before landing we could see everything of London: The London Eye, Westminster Abbey and the Tower Bridge.

At the airport in London a small bus picked us up and brought us to Ilfracombe. That took a long time – 4 to 5 hours! It was already 10 p.m. when we arrived in our host families.

Host family:

My host family had two children of their own, Grace and Joseph. Grace was very nice, she was 9 years and so small. Most of the time I played with her. Her little brother Joseph was 7 and very small too. Their Parents Marian and Andrew were also very nice.

All host families in Ilfracombe hosted two or three students like me. From 7 to 17 years old you can go there. In my family there were two other students. Dominik was 11 years old and Czech, I didn't like him so much. Domingo was 13 and from Spain. He was nicer. The boys had a room together and I had a smaller one for myself. The students staying in one family are always from different countries. So you have to speak English.

My first day:

On Sunday morning we all had breakfast together. We ate toast with Nutella, honey and jam, and milk with cornflakes. That was so yummy. After breakfast the whole family went to Channel School. It's not a school for English students, it's just for those who want to learn English. A teacher showed us the school building, the big green park and the tennis courts. The rest of the day we stayed at home and played together.

The days in school:

Every morning a small school bus took us to school. On the first day we wrote a test. So the teachers could put us in the right level. My teacher was Abi. She was very young and lovely.

My Timetable:

School started at 9:30. Every day we had three lessons from 9:30 to 12.45. After that we had lunch break. Everybody had a packed lunch from their host families. But I didn't like the sandwiches so much.

In the afternoon we took part in activities. We could choose between discovering Devon, horseback riding, tennis, golf, rugby, adventure sports, surfing, football and street dance. I chose adventure sports. We did a lot of difficult sports like quad biking, abseiling, sand boarding, climbing, adventure swimming and archery. That was a lot of fun except the water was too cold.

At 5 p.m. we returned to our host families and had dinner. Afterwards I often played with Grace, Joseph and the other boys. We often played Wii, but in English of course. Later we could go out for the evening activities. These were for example disco, karaoke, football or volleyball matches. When I arrived back home, Grace and Joseph were already in bed, so I had time to read a little bit.

Once a week all the students made a daytrip together. We went to the BIG Sheep, that's something like the "Oktoberfest" and walked around in the National Park.

About Ilfracombe

With my host family I visited the city centre three times. There I bought presents for my sister and parents. The houses are built in an old Victorian style and the small harbour is beautiful. The Town lies between the sea and the Hillsborough hills.

I liked the school and my host family a lot. I would recommend everybody to go there, because I have the feeling that I can speak better now.

I hope to return one day!!!

THE END

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- **Organisation:** Carl Duisberg Sprachreisen, Hansaring 49, 50670 Köln (www.cdc.de)
- **Cost:** 1140 € for 2 weeks plus 230 € for adventure sports program incl. gear
- **Evaluation of Organisation:** very good
- **Evaluation of host family:** excellent