

## Year 7 Paris trip - July 2019

After a 5.15am start student embarked on the long coach journey to Paris. After a straightforward trip to Dover and ferry crossing to Calais, the driver pulled over on a French road announcing 'we have a problem'... coolant leak. Two hours later we were back on the road and made it to the hotel...just in time for a very late dinner!!

After a 7am breakfast on Tuesday we piled piled back on the newly fixed coach and made



our way into Paris city centre. Traffic wasn't on our side that morning but we eventually made it to our tour guides only an hour late! We walked through the Latin Quarter of Paris, seeing Notre Dame - not looking too bad on the outside following the recent fire - and had a cracking view of the Eiffel Tower from afar. After lunch in the Luxembourg gardens, we travelled to France Miniature - the whole of France as mini buildings. The students enjoyed an afternoon of sun and going on different rides

working up an appetite for dinner at a creperie back in Paris. Dinner was delicious but the students were exhausted!



The next day we went to the Stade de France for a tour around the stadium. We went pitch side, saw the prison (yes, the stadium has a prison!), the changing rooms, the presidential suite and the , warm up room. The students enjoying lining up and coming out of the tunnel out the pitch as if they were the teams! We drove back across the city for a visit to the Louvre and enjoyed seeing the Mona Lisa. We finished the day with an evening up the Eiffel Tower, working up our steps for the day and finishing with a spectacular view.

Thursday was Disneyland! Enough said surely?! Visiting both the studios and the park we all (teachers included) had a great day going on lots of rides...Tower of Terror, Aerosmith, Space Mountain, Indiana Jones, Thunder Mountain... and then spending the rest of our euros on Disney merchandise!



Due to a very busy week, we were all quite grateful to have a quiet day of travelling back to Bristol. Fortunately, no coach drama or ferry drama, we returned 56 very tired but satisfied students to some very eager awaiting parents and carers. A great trip had by all!!

A big thank you to accompany staff for being an excellent team and a big thank you to all the students for being excellent fun

and a joy to take away!

Miss Andrews