Language stay in Broadstairs 2025

Sunday, 19January 2025, 8.30 a.m.: Luckily everyone arrived at the airport on time, even though one student nearly would have waited for more than 24 hours, because he thought we would already fly on Saturday… After a long journey in a comfy coach, we arrived in Broadstairs, and the students met their host families. The days of the first week flew by with a lot of school, some fun events in the evening and an excursion to Canterbury. Especially the puzzles in the common room at Hilderstone College claimed the students' break time.

Some of us had to get along with the lack of heated rooms, slobbering dogs (with the name Dogzilla) and special food routines like potatoes with rice as a main meal, another had a host mum that even made the breakfast cereal from scratch. Despite these differences and sometimes difficulties everyone had a good time with their host families. A special spark was Mrs Ferrari's visit who spent two days with us from Thursday to Saturday. On Saturday, 25January, the whole group went to a finally sunny London City where we spent the day with free time after an extraordinary long walk through the city.

Beside enhancing our English skills and enjoying some funny evening events like playing the djembe or singing karaoke, we also tried to get accustomed to the regional traditions and some spent the nights in the local pubs. Unfortunately, no further explanations of these nights can be given, because we all know 'what happens in Broadstairs stays in Broadstairs'…

On our last day at Hilderstone College and after preparing for their FCE or CAE, using polite and high-level words throughout the two weeks, the students learned some slang words and created funny role plays.

The next morning was a little (for some more than just little) rough, as we spent the last Friday night in a superb pub with remarkably good live music and celebrated a little longer than usual in a club called The Dolphin aka Flipper. But in the end, we all made it back to Zurich safe and sound.

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