

MFL Trip to Northern France, 1st-2nd December 2016



On 1st December 2016 a group of 44 students and 5 members of staff travelled via the Eurotunnel for an overnight stay in northern France. For 15 of the students this was their first visit abroad and excitement was high!

The exemplary behaviour of our students was commented on by both the staff at Chateau d'Ebblinghem and the coach drivers.

Emily Kerrison, Team Leader MFL

Abbie Aleksic, has kindly written up her account of the trip;

All of the students arrived at school at 6:15. Even though we were tired, we were all very excited for the adventure we were about to have! After a few minutes, we set off on our journey. Then after a 4 hour coach drive and 30 minutes in the Eurotunnel, we eventually arrived in France. To begin the amazing adventure, we went to Boulogne, and in groups of at least 4 we went around the town on a treasure hunt! We had to collect multiple pictures of the beautiful town as we went exploring - the experience was incredible! I bought a croissant from a French shop (when we finally got the courage to talk to the man!) and it was delicious! Afterwards, I bought a necklace for my Mum.

After a tiring day walking around Boulogne, we went to a hypermarket called 'Auchan'. I bought some coconut ice cream from a sweet shop; it was absolutely delicious! After that, we had a small coach drive to the Chateau d'Ebblinghem. Then, after settling in to our amazing rooms, we went downstairs to have a 5 Course Meal! When we had eaten all of our food, we had a quiz to complete. Unfortunately, the teachers won, and I was very annoyed! After a very tiring day, we all went to sleep, excited for the day ahead!

At 8:00 in the morning, all of the students went downstairs for a traditional French breakfast. To begin with, we had some chocolat chaud (hot chocolate) with some bread dipped in it. Surprisingly, I enjoyed it more than I had originally thought! Afterwards, I had a pain au chocolat. It was absolutely delicious, and it filled me with enough energy for the fun-packed day ahead!

Once we had packed up all of our things from the chateau, we had a short coach trip to Lille. As we approached the market, excitement overwhelmed me and I couldn't wait to get shopping! The first thing I bought was a beautiful bauble for 9 euros. I had a crepe with Nutella and a baguette with cheese and bacon. C'était bon! After the Christmas market, we went to a chocolate factory. Once I had bought all of the chocolate I wanted, we had a long trip back to England. Overall, the trip was amazing, and I learnt that most of the time it isn't too hard to communicate with people that speak another language. I am so glad that I decided to go on the trip – I can't wait until next time!

Abbie Aleksic, Year 9

