

Year 10 - Boulogne-sur-Mer – Experiencing French Culture

On Monday 4th July Year 10 students embarked on their most ambitious school journey yet. After a long journey including a train trip under the channel the group arrived in the ancient French town of Boulogne-sur-Mer. By the end of the first day the students had played on the beach and swam in the sea! The next morning the students tried out their French buying presents at a French hypermarket, in the afternoon they braved the high tide at windy Wimereux, a seaside town just north of Boulogne to book a restaurant for the Tuesday evening.

The students enjoyed spending Tuesday afternoon at Nausicaa, the biggest aquarium in Europe. They were able to get a true sense of marine exploration and an insight into the riches of the sea and the threats facing marine life. An amazing fact was learnt on the trip that Sea Lions are able to read - who knew! Whilst at the aquarium the group were surprised by a visit from the mentors from Williams Lea who had made a special journey over to France to spend some time with Year 10.

In the evening the group returned to Wimereux with the mentors, the sun and tide were out revealing miles of golden sand. The group enjoyed a leisurely meal with the mentors at a sea front restaurant and then played on the beach, skimming stones and trying to limbo dance as the sun began to set.

On Wednesday Year 10 set out to experience a little French culture by visiting the town market in the centre of Boulogne they experienced the sights and smells of a very traditional French market selling everything from fruit and vegetables to speciality cheeses. The afternoon was spent relaxing in Wimereux, swimming, sunbathing and even a trying a little surfing!

For many of the group Thursday was the highlight of the trip, a day at the water park of Aqualud in the pretty seaside town of LeTouquet. There was so much to do including water slides, spa pools and the wave machine and by the evening everyone was ready for the evening meal back in the medieval walled old town of Boulogne.

By Friday afternoon Year 10 were back at school, bringing memories and the sand of the French coast back to Stormont House School.



Please remember if you would like to sign your child up for the 'Access to Sport' Summer Sports Programme on WEEK 1: MON 25 – THURS 28 JULY / WEEK 2: MON 1 – THURS 4 AUGUST (Daily from 11am to 2pm) you can contact Mrs Napier at school for an application form.

Fun games, skills, competitions and much more!!

Year 8 and the Apollo Orchestra

Miss Cross, Ms Aboagye, Mr Ramphul, Ms Clements and Mr Shaun were all very pleased with Year 8 on their visit to the Apollo Orchestra concert at the Hackney Empire on Wednesday 13th July. The full symphony orchestra was present including violins, violas, cellos, double basses, flutes, piccolos, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, contrabassoons, timpani, trombones, trumpets, French horns and even a triangle.

The visit was part of a project that Year 8 have been undertaking, where they have been learning the sounds and names of musical instruments. Year 8 have been visited on three occasions by the members of the Apollo orchestra. The concert was very varied, beautiful, peaceful and exciting, but serious music. The students heard two movements of Mozart Violin Concerto Number 5 and Brahms's 4th Symphony. A young Polish violinist was the violin soloist. Our students did very well to concentrate for a full hour. During the concert, you could hear a pin drop. Everyone listened so well. The conductor commented on the audience's excellent listening. Everyone enjoyed the concert and were very well behaved they all concentrated really well and asked some great questions afterwards about the instruments that they had seen and heard.



Hackney Schools Instrumental Music Festival 2016 - JJMR

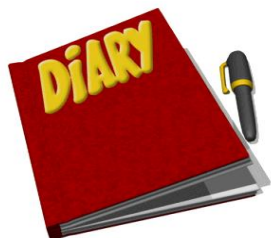
On Wednesday 6 July the Stormont House School band (AKA "JJMR" - Josh, Jorge, Moses and Ryan) performed at this year's Hackney Schools Instrumental Festival at the Round Chapel. They played a piece called 'Mosh' written by Josh (bass) and Moses (drums), the only original composition at the event! It was the culmination of many months of learning, writing, recording and committed practice by the group, who'd been working tirelessly in their lunchtimes towards the event. Speaking after the show Josh said "We played very well...it was beautiful!"

The band is currently in the studio recording 'Mosh' which, along with their other tracks, will shortly be available to the public - watch this space!!

JJMR will of course be taking a well earned break over the summer but will begin working on new material in September.



Dates for your Diary



Summer Term

20/07/16

Reward Outing Day

22/07/16

Last day of term (School closing at 1.15pm)

25 - 28/07/16

Week 1 Access to Sport Programme

01 - 04/08/16

Week 2 Access to Sport Programme

Autumn Term

05/09/16

INSET Day (School is closed to students)