

2016 True Light Joint-School Summer Study Tour to the United Kingdom

To be honest, I had been deeply confused by how to improve my English in the past years until I joined the True Light Joint-School Study Tour to the United Kingdom this summer.

As the only student enrolled from my school, I was just apprehensive about a few matters before the tour started. Can I get along well with other True Light girls or, can I perform well in the lessons? Fortunately, I knew numerous gracious friends from other True Light schools and I got on like a house on fire with some of them. It was really amazing that we could have a gigantic change in our relationships from distant strangers to intimate friends. These friendships were the most precious on my trip!

From my memory, St Paul's Cathedral was the most unforgettable attraction during my trip. The Cathedral is a historical building with the imposing western structure of a church. We climbed up the stairs step by step to reach the top of the Cathedral and saw the magnificent scenery which was beyond description. What impressed me the most was not the view, but the process with which we conquered the fear of heights to reach our goal. This encouraging experience taught me "Nothing ventured, nothing gained".

I would like to thank all the awesome Excel teachers – Sarah, Jade, Zoe, Annie and Jess – who created an environment of enthusiasm for learning and taught us with patience. They always inspired us to think optimistically that girls are always the best and girls can rule the world. I still remember the words they taught, resilience and perseverance. They will always be kept in my mind! Again, thank them for spending an unforgettable summer with us!

Last but not least, I have fantastic memories with my host family, the Williams, a harmonious family that greeted my buddy Candy and me cordially. They were willing to tell us about British culture and their life stories. Although I felt embarrassed and shy on the first day, we became more and more intimate when the days had gone by. We tried a quantity of unusual and entertaining activities such as playing golf, bowling, rowing, etc. together. I was grateful to them for filling my substantial trip with interesting and delightful moments!

Throughout the study tour, I have learnt to be an independent learner and made progress in English. I embraced all aspects of English life and grew in confidence in those 18 days. This tour profoundly ignited my aspiration to learn English and encouraged me to speak more fluently and naturally in the future!

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The first day we met at the airport



My arrival at the top of St Paul's Cathedral



We ultimately overcame the fear!



Rowing with my host family



The first time I tried adventure golf



Enjoying dessert with my host family