

## **SUNDAY, THE 26<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER**

### **London**

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On Sunday my exchange-partner Nicola of course is not in school, so my host family planned a trip to London a few weeks ago.

We had to get up very early, because we had to catch the train. After 2 hours we arrived at the capital of England. First we went on a hop-on and hop-off bus, which made a tour through a big part of the city. We sat on the top of the bus. It was really great. At the tour we saw most of the sights, such as Big Ben, The Parliament, The London Eye, St Paul's Cathedral, Tower Bridge and The Tower of London – to name only some. At Buckingham Palace we got out off the bus and saw a parade of Queen Elizabeth II's guards.

Next we had a little walk to the Rainforest Cafe, where we had lunch. I ate a hamburger and as dessert strawberry jelly topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. After that we went shopping to Abercrombie and Fitch, the only shop in Europe. My exchange partner's parents bought a new hat for me and I took a photo with a guy at the entrance. Then I bought many souvenirs for my nice friends in Germany.

Later we went on a boats tour on the river Thames. So I saw many sights I had already seen on the bus again, but also some new ones. At the end of the day we took the underground to the train station, but before that we took a picture on the platform 9  $\frac{3}{4}$ , known from the Harry Potter movie. At the train station we bought some English sandwiches and magazines for the journey. We arrived at home in Long Eaton very late but it was an awesome day in London.