

Y7 Boulogne Trip 17.7.23 – 20.7.23

Monday 17th July 2023

At 6.00am, I, Mr Fox, Mr Wright, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Hough and 48 Year 7 students left the school car park to travel to Dover to catch a ferry to Calais. We sailed on the Spirit of Britain P&O Ferry and arrived at our hotel, the Moulin aux Draps, around 7.00pm. We met our animateurs, Arshad and Ruby, and had a delicious three course evening meal before going to bed.

Tuesday 18th July 2023

Tuesday began with a traditional French breakfast at the hotel, then we went to the beautiful beach of Boulogne where we all ordered an ice cream (in French of course) from an ice cream shop which had an unbelievable range of different flavours.



Look at all the flavours!!!

After several games of rounders, some sunbathing and a picnic lunch we visited the Snail Farm where we learnt all about the farming of snails for both the food and beauty industries.



Meeting some snails...



Tuesday evening, we enjoyed another wonderful meal at the hotel, followed by a French quiz led by Ruby and Arshad, before bed.

Wednesday 19th July 2023

On Wednesday morning we visited a small French Chocolaterie where we learnt all about the making of French artisanal chocolate and had the opportunity to sample and buy many delicious items. Afterwards, it was our much-anticipated visit to Nausicaa, the largest aquarium in Europe, where we saw stingrays, manta rays and sharks.



Wednesday evening at the hotel was spent playing sports and doing a highly competitive treasure hunt before packing for our return home the following day.

Thursday 20th July 2023

We were packed up and on the coach by 9.00am on Thursday morning and, after stopping at a French hypermarket on the way home, boarded the Spirit of Britain ferry one more time to sail back to Dover at 1.30pm. We finally arrived back at school at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th July, having made some fantastic French memories.

Thank you to all staff who accompanied this visit and to all students for their exemplary conduct and behaviour. This Y7 French trip has been run by Church Stretton School for nearly 30 years and has been a trip which many students' parents fondly remember from their time in school. As we change our Y7 curriculum to Spanish from September 2024, we look forward to offering an annual trip to Spain from July 2024.