

Monday, 26th November 2018

On Monday we had to wake up at 6.40, even though only school started at about 9. This was due to the school bus leaving so early, and our host Kirsten living about half an hour away from school. We then met all the other Erasmus students for the first time and after we all put nametags on, the headteacher Mr. Feagan (I think) came to welcome us.

After this, we answered a questionnaire about the project and then the students showed us around the Peebles High School. At this point we also finished our presentations for Workshop 2 that would take place the following day.

After having lunch in the canteen, we walked around Peebles with a few of the other Erasmus students and the Scottish students showed us a bit of the town, like for example the church.

We then went to Annabelle’s, another Scottish student and spent some time there until we had to leave to go to a Chinese restaurant where we would meet some of the other Erasmus students for dinner.



In the background you can see the church.



Some of the Chinese food we had.

Tuesday, 27th November 2018

On Tuesday we again met up with the other students in the library, and then we worked on the two Workshops. For the first Workshop we split into international groups to discuss the “World of Work”/part-time jobs for students in each country. Here I learned, that students working in part-time jobs is very common in Scotland/Great Britain whilst in basically all of the other countries students more so worked during holidays or in smaller jobs like babysitting.

Then we had to present our work for Workshop 2, as did each country. This was very interesting, as showed all of the differences when it comes to how schools in each country prepare their students for the World of Work.

We then visited the Enterprise Fair in the Assembly Hall.

Afterwards we prepared the questions for the panel discussion the next day and informed ourselves about the companies that would take part in the discussion.

After having lunch in the canteen once again, we had some free time, sadly our host student Kirsten had classes but she was able to arrange for us to go with some of the other students. We took the bus to Galashiels where we bought some snacks and then went to the cinema to watch “The Crimes Of Grindelwald”. We then went back to Peebles, having to take the bus for 45 minutes once more, where our host mom then picked us up.



View over Peebles from PHS.

Wednesday, 28th November 2018

Finally, the day of the panel discussion arrived. Hearing the insights of the businesses was really interesting, and it was very informative to hear what actual qualities they look for in potential employees.

We then had some more free time, so we went to a coffeeshop and then also had lunch in Peebles.

Afterwards we returned to the school and studied for some tests, and then we took the bus home where we watched some TV with Kirsten.

Later that day we met up with some of the other students to eat pizza in Peebles.



Sheep in our “hometown“ of West Linton.



Beautiful rainbow above Peebles.

Thursday, 29th November 2018

On Thursday we met up at the school to take the bus to Edinburgh, where we would spend the whole day. First we visited Edinburgh castle but sadly it was pouring rain that day so after having seen some of the castle we quickly fled to the café.

We then searched our way down to the centre and went shopping in various shops, until we met up with some of the other students for dinner at Hard Rock Café. After this we visited the Christmas market and then our host mom picked us up.



At the Hard Rock Café in Edinburgh.

Friday, 30th November 2018

On our last (full) day we once again met up in the library to work on the brochures in international groups. Because we had some more free time we went to a local café in Peebles with Kirsten and had some beautiful cake (as seen on the picture) and then we had to hurry back to the school so that we wouldn't miss the lesson in traditional Scottish dancing.

We then took the bus home and watched a movie until we had to get ready to leave for the Ceilidh. This was great fun, I loved the dancing and the food there was great too. After the Ceilidh it was time to say goodbye to most of the other students, as we would all fly home the following day.



Practicing for the Ceilidh.