

KA229 'On the move for social inclusion' in Thessaloniki, Greece, from February 16th to 22nd 2020.

And it was time to see us in Greece! After another great early morning, we arrived at Bilbao airport to take the flight that would take us to Thessaloniki via Frankfurt.

On this occasion we traveled a group of 5 2nd year Basic Vocational Training students with two teachers. And after a long journey, we joined our dear friends.



After arriving in the afternoon, the Greek companions picked up the students to take them home and the two teachers spent our first evening visiting Thessaloniki; a great city on the sea.



On the evening walks we could appreciate the greatness of the Greek people.

And already on Monday morning, we all went, students and teachers, to the school of our hosts, the 3 Geniko likio Evosmou. There we received a warm welcome from all the students and teachers and members of the management team.



And after the coffee break, in which we could enjoy Greek delicacies, we visited the school and later we went to the center of Evosmos, where we could visit the post-Vizantine churches of St. Athanasios and Virgin Mary.





After visiting these wonderful works of art, we headed to eat at a traditional Greek tavern.



And after enjoying a delicious typical Greek meal, we each returned to our accommodations to rest a little for the second part of this day, some wonderful walks downtown Thessaloniki enjoying the sunset.



What a lovely city!



Next morning, on Tuesday, Teachers and students met at Cultural Centre of Evosmos, where we enjoyed different presentations of students' tasks such as theatre performances about women's discrimination. Each delegation performed their artistic creations and we all enjoyed the experience.

After lunch, and to complete the day, students performed a volleyball sports activity at the Evosmos sports center.

Time passes very quickly when you are comfortable and in good company; It was already Wednesday, which meant that the week was passing quickly.



Teachers and students met at school to go on a day trip by coach to the archaeological site of Vergina, where we visited Macedonian Tombs and Treasures. After having lunch in a typical restaurant in the town of Edessa, we visited its famous waterfall and enjoyed some quiet walks around the town.





We were already on Thursday and we saw that the end of this fabulous week was coming. There was no time to lose, so we all met again, students and teachers, in Aristotelous square to go on foot to visit the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki and later on the White Tower, an unforgettable experience. Before this, some teachers also visited the Thessaloniki fresh food market.



But what was truly unforgettable was what awaited us in the evening at school: students, parents and teachers at the school prepared a farewell party with typical Greek dishes, typical dance performances and live music in a carnival environment. We had a really great time.

And in this way we already arrived at Friday. We had the last day to enjoy this wonderful city and its people. Once again we all met at Aristotelous square bus stop, where we started a walking tour visiting Byzantine churches, and other important sites of interest at the heart of Thessaloniki. All the

sites we visited were perfectly guided by the Greek students; great job!



After the guided route, we got on the touristic bus to take a cultural tour of the city.



After having lunch in a typical Greek restaurant, in the afternoon we did the last souvenir shopping at the stores on Egnatia and Tzimiski streets.

It was time to pack up before the teachers from all the delegations went to dinner. It was time to say goodbye again, but first of all we could exchange our dancing skills...



**Thank you very much, dear Greek friends,
with all our heart...**

...See you in Penafiel, Portugal!