

## Exchange of Falmer High School and IES de Brión

On April 24, some students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> course came to Brighton. The experience of doing an exchange was prepared since last year. It was an unforgettable thing... the fact that I can be with my friends in the UK and able to learn and try to learn more about the language, learn a little about life there and able to see again the English students.

In the stay there we did many things that were funny and others not so. The activity that I like the most was when we played cricket at Falmer High School. The high school was very big.

The first part of the morning we ran around the Multisport. We played a few games where we had to attend all.

We played the one we had to do two in groups and each group in two rows. The two groups started at the same time throwing a ball that fell to the floor and we had to re-start.

Also they taught us the rules and how to play cricket.

Before going to eat we played a little game involving students and some teachers.

After eating we played a real game in a field of grass.

We had two groups and each played their part in the field.

The day that I don't like a lot I think that is when we went to see Seven Sisters. I think it rained a lot and to get anywhere we had to walk a lot.

When we came to the beach we took a picture of the cliff and we went to eat. It stopped raining when we started to walk, but halfway through it started to rain again. It was windy.

I liked the others days too but not as much as cricket.

The first day when we went to the hotel some English students who lived near there were waiting for us.

When we finished arranging the things of the room, we went to have dinner and most of us ate a hotdog. At the end of the dinner we went to Brighton Pier which was an amusement park that had the front of the hotel which was on the water.

Other days I also felt that much was when we did the picnic and eat the food that the wife of Oscar prepared with so much enthusiasm for us.

That day we ate typical English food and then we played Rounders.

In the first game the students played and at the end of everything that we wanted to play another game and also a teacher participated .

I liked also the day that we went to visit Newhaven Fort. It was a very big fortress and beautiful with a lot of grass and many people. That day we were separated and we saw where they were prisoners of that time, the

jewels of the Queen, some soldiers, horses ..

There was also a day that we went to class in high school.

I was surprised that there were lessons in drama and cooking.

The classes are very different from here . In drama class we did a lot of entertaining games and the teacher was very nice.

In the class of music that we had first we did a dance contest and then we played the piano. They had pianos for all of us

On cooking lesson we prepared a chocolate cake and cleaned the things that we used.

We finally had the computers class but at the end we had Spanish class.

We helped English students to translate some texts.

In our stay at Falmer I think that we were with English students at the same that English people stayed here with Galician people that it didn't participate on the exchange. There was a day that we visited the Royal Pavillion. It was a house decorated on a China way .There was a guide for us who explained the history of the palace and the king who lived there. We understood the woman very well. That day Patricia prepared a circuit on Brighton and around the area where there was a shopping centre.

I liked so much all the activities that we did in Brighton, I think that was educational and it wasn't to speak so much English as we predicted.

Personally I thought that we went to spend more time with the English students and they would be with us for the tours and free time, but they were with us only in some trips.



In March students from Falmer High School came here to Galicia. They arrived one Wednesday. When they arrived our parents were waiting for them and we went to the cafeteria to look for the English people. I think my stay with Mery at home was good. We understand each other well. She did not know any Spanish, but when he left was to know how to thank, how are you? , delicious, etc ... We had a very good time together. In general I think all the students were good. The first day, we visited the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela and did a tour in the historic centre of Santiago. This day, they had a guide who spoke English and we had a guide who spoke Spanish then the group of students English and Galician separated. The day that I like the most was when we visited the coast. We visited Noia and Muros. Even today I think it was longer and more exhausting. We went to the beach and eat there. We visited Baroña Castro where after walking it was possible to get some rest. On that day the mayor of Noia showed to us a little of Noia.

One of the days that I also found it was not so good was when we visited the wall of Lugo. We walked all around the wall. We went two museums to

visit that morning. One had a piece of an old house. After watching a video together it was possible to have some free time.

I think that when they were here there was no day that I do not like.

I liked all and they were very funny although sometimes they were long.

Before they were here I was very excited because I felt as if they had already come. The day that we went I didn't believe until we were on the plane.

Before going I thought we were going to learn much more English than I learned, because I believed that we were going to be almost all day with the English students as when they were here. I learned more English being my English at home and having to talk to her in their language .

I also think that everyone would have learned a lot more if there had been in their houses of England.

There in the UK we always found a Spanish person...

I think my attitude was good but though always tired and wondering how much longer or if it was closed.

About the teacher say that I think that we were very happy with them.

I also have worked a lot, because when we had the free time, they were preparing tours or any visit or something similar.

I think that they worked a lot for us because we have learned and we visited many places.

The Comenius Project believe that it is making an exchange of one school of one country and another one in which you have to do this after making a memory or something similar that shows that you have learned something. I am not very sure.

What I do know for sure is that I would like to repeat the experience.

I haven't much else to say except thank you because this whole experience was so good for us and I think no one never forget it.

