

Business Studies Trip to London- 2009

On Sunday 8th February, a group of 30 Year 13 and 14 Business Studies students departed from Belfast International Airport for a fun-filled, educational three day trip.

After having been delayed for 4 hours (which still didn't dull our mood), we arrived at Stansted Airport looking forward to what was in store that day. First, we went shopping for a few hours on Oxford Street- which wasn't quite long enough for our liking! Although it was meant to be an "educational trip", we would be lying if we said shopping wasn't one of the many highlights of the weekend.

We then headed straight to the London Eye where we hopped into capsules and were greeted with the magnificent skyline of London. With bright lights all around and the glistening waters of the River Thames, we overlooked the famous sights of the city.

As we rushed on, we were treated to a slap-up meal in the Hard Rock Café where we celebrated a fellow student's birthday and admired the engaging displays of rock stars. Just the place to rock the night away!

From Russell Brand look-alikes to the red carpet at the BAFTA's, we really did feel like we were something else!

With an early wake the next morning, we had a long day ahead with a tour of the Houses of Parliament, counting money at the Bank of England and witnessing a world trade at the Metal Exchange.

That night we were treated to a 'safari-like' meal at the Rainforest Café- with monkeys and gorillas hanging from vines above us. Could it get any better? We headed to the West End to see the smash-hit musical Grease; a performance you couldn't help sing along to.

On the last day, we went back in time to the Museum of Brands, Packaging and Advertising. We ended the trip with yet another shopping spree, cramming as many bought items into our suitcases as possible before boarding the plane back to Belfast.

We couldn't have asked for a better weekend!

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