



**QUEENS' SCHOOL**  
*Dare to be a Linguist*

On Friday 9th June it was the turn for Seacole and Attenborough house to visit Boulogne-sur-mer, France! On this occasion, some of our best Year 9 and 10 students joined us as well, being fantastic role models to their younger peers.



The weather was absolutely fantastic for our group! We left Queens' at 5am very sunny crossing: bonjour and after a France! We visited the picturesque old town, shopping centre and a "hands-on" croissant making lesson where students had the chance to really practise their French. Our Seacole and Attenborough students put their French into practice to make and buy delicious French pastries! In the afternoon we really made the beach and enjoyed the long stretch of sand that Boulogne can offer.



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Students enjoyed the charm of the sunny and colourful Boulogne in June! They were also very impressed to see their French come out as well!



It was again a fantastic experience for our Year 7 students, who in the space of a year have already embraced the culture and the language! Well done!



**Daring to be Great by pursuing our values of Scholarship, Tenacity, Altruism and Respect**



Barcelona article:

In June, a group of 24 Year 9's and 10's went to Barcelona for a fantastic cultural and language learning experience. The adventure started on Monday afternoon and went straight to the trendy hostel where we unpacked and explored our accommodation. Everyone was pleased with the games room where we could gather, relax and spend time reflecting on the day. We also loved the roof top where we could admire the incredible views, especially the famous Sagrada Familia cathedral which is quite breath-taking.



On Tuesday, we walked all the way to the Nou Camp stadium for an exciting tour where we got to see the trophy collection and learn more about the epic club. We then made our way back to the centre on the metro so we could see more of the extraordinary and stunning architecture and, of course, do some shopping! After a delicious dinner at the hostel, we went out for our evening walk to the impressive *Passeig de Gràcia* where we met Miss Urbano's friend, Sara, who explained more about Gaudí, the famous architect and showed us the iconic 'fachadas' of *Casa Milà* and *Casa Batlló* as well as the incredible 3D sculptures along the road.



On Wednesday, we started our day with a super fun and energetic flamenco class which everyone enjoyed, especially the boys! From there we made our way to the impressive cathedral *Sagrada Familia* so we could see it close up and take some photos. From there, we travelled to *La Plaza de España* to explore the old *Plaza de Toros* (bullring) which had been converted into a shopping centre with plenty of different shops and restaurants. Yet again, we were delighted by the amazing views from the top of the building before heading back to the hostel for a rest and to get ready for our tapas dinner. The tapas dinner was delicious and everyone really enjoyed tasting all of the different traditional dishes. Billy managed to beat a record by eating 6 of the flan desserts, impressing the other group of American tourists who found the achievement quite "asqueroso" ¡muy bien! great effort! After dinner, we walked to *La Plaza de Catalunya* to see the sunset and feed the pigeons and to really appreciate the charming atmosphere of the city.



On our last day, we got the opportunity to explore and experience the famous street, 'Las Ramblas' and see the amazing art work and street theatre. Despite being hot and tired, one group even made it to the beach and got to play with some Spanish children and practise their Spanish. It was really a fantastic afternoon and the highlight of the trip for many. In the evening, we went for a walk locally to see the bohemian buzzing neighbourhood of Gràcia and we all enjoyed an ice cream in the square reflecting on what a fantastic trip it had been while experiencing the pre-San Juan festivity with fire crackers all around. We all have so many amazing memories and look forward to the next Spanish residential trip in 2024!

As part of our celebrations for European Day of Languages, the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department would like to invite your child to take part in representing a culture of their choice or a culture they associate themselves with. They are invited to dress up, wear an accessory, or paint their face to represent their chosen culture.

We must stress that Football Kits/T-shirts are not permitted to be worn and that this is not a non-uniform day. If your child does not wish to participate, then a full school uniform must be worn.

We do hope your child will partake in this wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the many cultures that exist in Europe today.

The event will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

