

## 3<sup>rd</sup> ELI D

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2004

At last, after a hard period of work, our school-trip started. At 12.00 am we met at Ronchi's airport. After the check in, we went through customs.

After waiting for the boarding call for a short time we finally got on the plane. For many of us it was the first flight and we were frightened but excited.

A different experience was waiting for us and everyone was looking forward to starting this new adventure in another country. After about 2 hours we arrived at Stanstead airport and then we took a coach to Oxford to reach our host families. In the evening we met at Carfax Tower, in the centre of Oxford and went for a first orienteering walk around the town.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2004

At 9.00 am we met at the Aspect School where we were introduced to our teacher, Charles , and we started lessons. The lessons were quite funny but we learnt a lot. At midday we had lunch in the school canteen, then some of us played cards or worked on the computer. In the afternoon we went to the town centre with Ben, the social organizer and visited the Science museum located within the University.

After that we went back home for dinner. At 9.00 p.m. we met in front of the Carfax Tower and then we visited a pub but we were allowed to have only soft drinks!

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

On Tuesday morning we met Ben, our social organiser, at school and went to Christ Church College. We entered a big room with a lot of pictures of former principals hanging on the walls. When we got out, we went through a big garden where there is a clock tower called "Big Tom" which rings 110 times every day at 9 pm (one shot for every student who attended the college when it was built). It was a nice view because the garden was clean and well kept. After the Christ Church tour we went back to school for afternoon lessons.



Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

In the morning at 8.45 we had our English lessons and in the afternoon we went by bus to the Oxford Ice Rink.

We started skating on the ice and that was very exciting. You feel really light when you do that! Someone could skate well but some others had never done it before, so they fell on the cold ice many times and made us laugh. We enjoyed a lot that activity and in the last 15-20 minutes also the teacher came to skate with us!

In the evening most of us went out to meet the others but at the end of this day everybody was happy to go to bed because we were really exhausted!

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March

In the morning we went to the Oxford Story. In this museum we got on a little train and from it we saw the medieval story of Oxford, of its colleges and of the important people who studied there from the 12<sup>th</sup> century to our days.

As usual at midday we went to school to have lunch and then our English lessons until 5.

After school we went to the "Laser Quest" near the centre of Oxford. The ticket was 5 £, but everybody was happy to pay for the ticket because we enjoyed ourselves very much there.



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

In the morning we had English lessons and received our Certificate of attendance from the Aspect School.

We spent the afternoon in the Oxford covered market where you can buy fruit, vegetables and presents for your family and visited some lovely books and sports shops. Then we went back home for dinner and to get ready for our Saturday trip to London.

Saturday 27th March

On Saturday morning we woke up very early because it takes about two hours to go from Oxford to London. The first thing we visited was the Tower of London where the Jewels of the Queen are kept, and then we took some pictures of the Tower Bridge. At about twelve o' clock we were at the Houses of Parliament where we had also the opportunity to listen to the Big Ben striking. Then we walked down Parliament Street, had a look at number ten of Downing Street where the Prime minister lives and reached Trafalgar Square with Nelson's column and the National Gallery. For a short



rest we chose Covent Garden which is full of cafés and shops and then we kept walking along Oxford Street and Piccadilly where we visited the Hard Rock café and out of it we noticed a funny sentence glued on the window saying "No drugs and nuclear weapons permitted in this café".

We can say that this has been an interesting experience and that this week in Oxford has been a good way to improve our English and understand other ways of living. For example in England the food is not like ours so we had to eat lots and lots of fried things thinking of our delicious spaghetti every night in bed!!!!.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March

On Sunday we woke up very early and unfortunately on this day there was the daylight-saving and we lost an hour of sleeping. The bus driver picked us up from the houses we stayed for these days and after two hours we reached Stansted airport; we were very early, so we decided to have breakfast in a café. After an hour and a half we took the plane to Trieste and two hours later we were taking our luggage from the conveyor belts. We met our parents waiting for us near the entrance and then we came back home.