

A day out in Cambridge

Saturday morning we went to Cambridge and we all enjoyed this city: it's lovely. I think that studying there is really stimulating because there are wonderful places to relax even inside Colleges, such as green areas and libraries. In particular, we visited St. John's College, where a monastic community stayed until the early 16th century; then Bishop John Fisher, a

Chancellor of the University, convinced Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII, to found a College on the site. Today, after 500 years, it's one of the largest in Cambridge. At the front of it we admired the Great Gate and, above this, the statue of St. John the Evangelist with an eagle, his traditional symbol, and an emblem of the College itself. We also visited the

Chapel, designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. After that, we entered the Trinity College library: there was a huge number of classic volumes and on every shelf a bust of an ancient philosopher. According to me, looking at these ancient books was very exciting because they prove the evolution path of humanity step by step. For this reason, I really liked this unforgettable experience!

Anita Majolino

St Johns College, the Bridge of Sights, Cambridge.



Our last day...

On Friday it was our last day in WSC and Bury St Edmunds; our incredible experience, unfortunately, was going to end. In the morning we attended our lessons as usual but first we were welcomed by all the managers and the President for the final greetings and we thanked each other for this new in-

the people we met during our stay and in particular to our lovely host families. Everyone of us loved this experience, it helped us to think about our possible future in UK and to know something more about a different culture. The departure to the airport was the saddest moment ever.



It wasn't a final goodbye but maybe the first step to start a new chapter of our lives attending university exactly at UCS Bury St Edmunds, why not?

Paola Migliore

credible experience. For lunch we were invited to join at Edmund, a restaurant managed by university students and there the International staff gave us our certificates and we took the final photo all together. It was hard say goodbye to all



The students leaving for the airport.

Bottom left: The students last lunch offered by the college.

Bottom middle: The students receiving their certificates.

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The students and Blue badge guide Mike Dean outside The Nutshell pub (the smallest pub in England).

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INTERNATIONAL TASTER

PROGRAMME

FIRST GROUP

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WSC WELCOMES THE FIRST GROUP

Welcome to Bury St Edmunds

On Sunday morning we went to see Bury St Edmunds. The weather wasn't so good, but the slight rain made every little thing surreal. Mike Dean drove

us to Abbey Gardens and told us their story. During the Middle Ages, Bury was a very important city because it had one of the biggest abbeys. There, there were con-

tained the mortal remains of St. Edmund, a Christian, Anglo-Saxon king tortured and killed by the Danish pagans. The big monastery received a lot of pilgrims and was one of the richest in England. Precious objects were taken by the king when the Church changed from catholic to Anglican, and the poverty and time turn the majestic monastery to an heap of rubble. Only St Edmunds Cathedral (first simply an appendage of the abbey) and St Mary's church. Then, we visited the centre of the city included the small pub. It is a beautiful city, really particular and folkloristic and, even if I love the Sun, I think I could easily live here.

Samuela Campo



A Flea in Her Ear: WSC students on stage

On Saturday we had the pleasure to be present at the comedy "A Flea in Her Ear" played by some WSC's students. The story is essentially based on the suspect of a possible love affair which separated the two main spouses, Raymonde and Victor Emmanuel Chandeise, and on particular events which got involved the other characters. The actors created a lovely atmosphere thanks to squabbles, misunderstandings and a great scenery which included 20th century typical props, curtains, stairs and also a revolving bed. Characters like the unlucky Camille, the funny Dr. Finache and the Spanish Histangua



Left: The Conservatoire East cast of 'A Flea in Her Ear'

made us laugh thanks to their particular way of speaking and attitude. We enjoyed this experience and what these 18-years-old guys realised, their skill and how they were able to interpret all their characters' shades. The comedy was a success, we were being carried away by the story and, it captivated us and appreciated by all the audience. Paola Migliore



Before the show the group was offered dinner and enjoyed the nice evening with Julia Lale, library manager, her husband Chris and Stefania Garrone, International officer.

International Taster Programme - Group 1 students



Paola Migliore

Paola Migliore is 17 years old and she attends the 4th year of a secondary high school in Modica. In her future she would like to study International Relations and working in Business International area because she likes being in contact with other countries and their politics. Her skills are adapting herself in different situations, being available for everyone and being accurate in her works.

She is keen on Scandinavian books, pop and country music and writing novels. Her big dream is travelling around the world.



Francesca Catania

Francesca is 18 years old and she comes from Modica, and she attends the Secondary school, last year. She would like to become a psychologist or an holistic counsellor in order to help people and to know how body, soul and mind work together. She likes working with children, learning foreign languages and dancing. Sadly, she's not very good at playing sports although she loves playing table tennis and volleyball.



Francesco Adamo

Francesco Adamo comes from Alba and he's 18. He attends the 5th year at the scientific high school "L. Coccitto". He strives for becoming a manager or an entrepreneur of an International company, a job which gives him the opportunity to travel. He is able to communicate with people and also a humble and a professional person.

In his free time he likes going snowboarding and swimming. He's also interested in watching documentaries and remix music



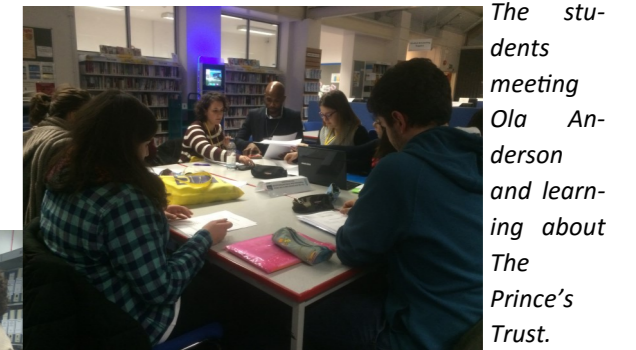
Paolo Drago

Paolo Drago comes from Alba and he's 18. He attends the 5th year at the scientific high school "L. Coccitto". He practises sports and strives for becoming a manager or an entrepreneur

Other Events and Meetings



During the trip to West Suffolk College, Francesco Adamo turned 18. The other students, Stefania Garrone, Julia Lale, and Marco Spardaro surprised him with a cake and presents.



The students meeting Ola Anderson and learning about The Prince's Trust.



Sports activities with Tom and Liam

Finally we found an extraordinary hospitality and availability in the coaches of sports, Tom and Liam. Unfortunately, our group had not lot of time doing some sort of sport, but Tom and Liam joined us doing some optional sports and also an archery tournament! We had four lessons with them doing some table tennis, archery and so on. Also when we were feeling tired because of three hours courses, Tom and Liam transmitted us their strength and force of will to continue the day. Thank you so much Liam and Tom.

Francesco Adamo and Francesca Catania



The students, Tom, and Liam enjoying a variety of sports, including an archery tournament.

Pub, cinema and English culture



On Monday evening we went to the cinema to watch "Spotlight". It is an interesting movie which deals with a survey made by a daily newspaper

called "The Boston Globe"; some journalists charged Francis Law, a priest, with pedophile cases. This experience helped us to improve our English knowledge.



The Bushel pub, Bury St Edmunds

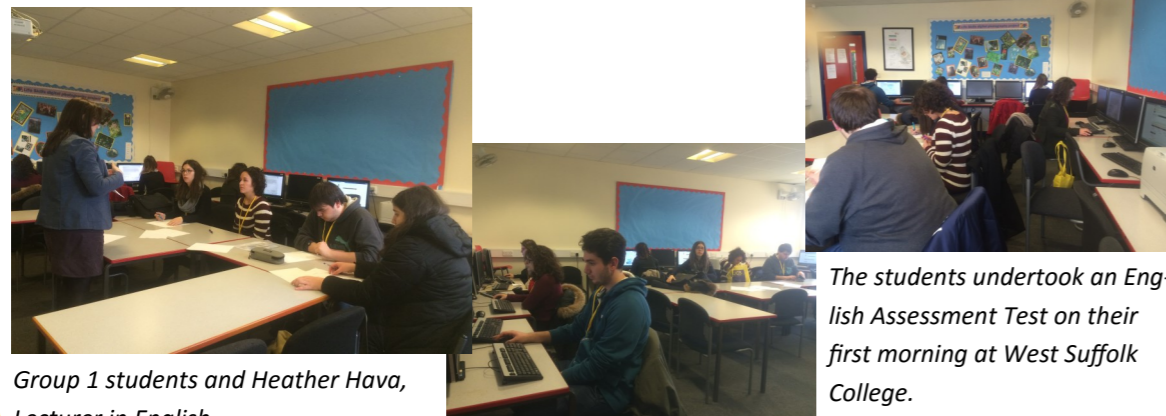
Furthermore, on Wednesday, we spent the evening in the Bushel pub. We had a drink and we spent a lovely evening with a music background and comfortable sofas. We also noticed that in Bury St Edmunds there are a lot of pubs and people are used to go there, more than in our towns.

Francesco Adamo and Francesca Catania



Left: The Abbeygate Picturehouse Bury St Edmunds

OUR ENGLISH ASSESSMENT TEST



Group 1 students and Heather Hava, Lecturer in English

The students undertook an English Assessment Test on their first morning at West Suffolk College.

International Taster Programme - Group 1 students



Cristiana Rosa

Cristiana Rosa is 19 years old and she lives in Ragusa. She attends the 5th year at "ISS Vico - Umberto I - Gagliardi". She would like to become interpreter in order to stay with different people around the world and learning new cultures. She would like to study English, Arabic and Portuguese at University. Her skills are picking up accents, imitating and memorizing.

Her passions are acting, singing, playing guitar and doing sports like dodgball and golf.



Caterina Tumino

Caterina Tumino, 18, Liceo Classico "Umberto Primo", Ragusa, 5° year. She likes English and the performing arts, especially because these lessons are not too stressful. In her spare time Caterina enjoys acting, singing, and keeping fit.



Anita Majolino

Anita Majolino, 18, Liceo Classico "Umberto Primo", Ragusa, 5° year. Kind and open-minded Anita likes learning about the history of art and wants to be a psychotherapist. She likes reading, going to the opera, basketball and volleyball.



Samuela Campo

Samuela Campo, 18, attends 5° year at Liceo Classico "Umberto Primo" in Ragusa.



The students on their first day at West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds.



The students were welcomed to Bury St Edmunds by the Mayor of the town, Patrick Chung.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Children Care Class

I decided to undertake children care and development's lessons. They were about Developing Critical Reflection, developing professional practise and Early



Francesca Catania and Cristiana Rosa with students

Years Research Methods. I couldn't understand all teachers explained, but I could catch the main concepts and I found them very interesting. The teachers, Laura Mitchell, Nicola Thompson and Mike Tenbeth were very engaging and amusing. Mike, particularly, was very

but as a student; they gave me a lot of photocopies to follow better the lesson and they asked me some question concerning the dealt topic. Surely, this

funny. I found amazing the way they led the lesson; they used power point works and they were very dynamic in explaining the lessons. Furthermore, there was always a dialogue between teacher and students and this let them not to be absent-minded. Finally I felt involved because teachers considered me not as a visitor,

experience gave me the possibility to have an idea concerning English University and the chosen course so it was very helpful for my orientation.

Francesca Catania

Social Changes

At WSC I attended many interesting lessons. In particular, I found amazing the subject "social changes" because we all created a debate about our thoughts and opinions and we compared UK and Italy. Moreover, I admired the scholarship of my teacher, John Hadlow, a

beautiful person. Also, I felt really welcomed by the students, who asked me a lot of questions about my lifestyle and my country, so I'm very thankful for having the opportunity of making

new friends and analysing different worlds.



Anita Majolino

OUR BRITISH HOMESTAY FAMILIES

At Julia and Chris'

When we arrived at UCS on Friday night we first met Julia and Chris who took us their home. They instantly seemed us very kind and funny only as an English family can be. In fact next morning, they made us a very healthy but also tasty breakfast. Every meal was like a comedy sometimes because Julia changed her voice tempting to say Italian words or sometimes because Chris joked with his wife. A funny thing is that they are fan of "the young Montalbano" which is a famous Italian TV series so during this week we watched Italian TV with English subtitles. In conclusion, Julia and Chris treated us only like a mother and a father can do. Thank you so much Julia and Chris !!!

Francesco Adamo, Paolo Drago



Chris, Julia, Paolo Drago, and Francesco Adamo

At Cathy's

The woman which is giving me hospitality during the time at Bury St Edmunds is called Cathy Durrant. She is also giving hospitality to my friend Samuela. Cathy is very kind, polite and patient. She has got three teenage daughters: Jessica, which is sixteen years old, Maisie, thirteen, and Flora, twelve. They are really nice girls and let us stay in their rooms. They live in one of the cutest houses I've ever seen. Everyday Cathy and their daughters did our best to make us feel welcome. Cathy cooks very well and I wish one day I could give her ho-



Caterina Tumino, Samuela Campo, Cathy Durrant and her daughters.

spitality if she comes to Italy. They have got two cats as well, Tilly and Crumble. This was such a surprise because I'm really fond of cats! I must admit that I have been very satisfied by Cathy's hospitality.

Caterina Tumino, Samuela Campo

At Joe's

I had the pleasure to be hosted by a lovely and nice family. Mrs Wyatt, her two children (Bailey and Aaliya) and her pets (Penelope and Raymond) were so lovely and warm-hearted. They made sure I had everything I needed and they helped me and conformed me whenever I had problems and I wasn't feeling well. We had a lot of fun together. We went for a walk with their cute dog Penelope, we had lots of nice chats while cudding with their cat Raymond and we also ate the delicious meals that Mrs

Waytt prepared for us. I am sure I would not be able to forget them and what they did for me even if I wanted to (and I do no want to!). I am so grateful, I had the chance to be part of their family (even if it was just for a week). I wish them all the best and I hope to see them again.

Cristiana Rosa



Jo Wyatt

OUR BRITISH HOMESTAY FAMILIES

At Kim and Steve's

Our host family is made up of Kim and his husband Steve. There are also two lovely and big cats: Mr Bleu and Mr Yellow. From the first time we met them, they had been very polite and generous. They are wonderful and nice persons; we could say, we have found the best host family we could have had. We love talking to them so we take advantage of every free moments we have. We usually talk about our

projects, holidays, our different cultures etc.. Furthermore they know we are learning English so they help us to improve it; at the same time, Kim tries to learn by heart some Italian words, but it is not very easy for her! One of the best things of our family are the delicious meals that Kim cooks every day. She really like cooking and she prepares a lot of English traditional meals. For example, we usually eat sausages and scrambled eggs for breakfast, we tasted the famous fish and chips and the sponge cake. Anyway,



Francesca Catania, Paola Migliore, Kim, and Steve

the most memorable thing was to mix up the cupcakes. We haven't never made them so we were really exciting and happy, particularly when we used the cutters to make the decorations. A really amusing evening. The experience of host family was very good both for a culture growing, we knew English customs and life style, both for improving our knowledge of English.

Francesca Catania and Paola Migliore



Francesca Catania, Paola Migliore, and Kim

At Lisa and John's



Anita Majolino and her host family

My host family is lovely. I really enjoyed myself with them be-

cause I talked a lot with each person: we discussed about our lifestyles and hobbies. Moreover, thanks to John I tasted Ipa beer; thanks to Sebastian I discovered some videogames; Helen was very cheerful and kind with me; Lisa accepted me as a member of her family and I feel very

grateful for this. Finally, there was Crumble, the sweetest dog of the world that made me very happy because I love pets. I couldn't be luckier and I'm thankful and glad for this interesting and unforgettable experience!

Anita Majolino

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Business Classes

In this week we attended business lessons with Penny Stevens at UCS. Every lesson was interesting for many aspects and because it was a new kind of subjects for us. Contrary to Italian's sessions, in our classrooms there aren't a lot of students and so it was easier understand the different contents. We learnt what is marketing, organisational strategies, globalisation, customers and advertising thanks to examples and analysis of



Francesco Adamo, Paolo Drago and Paola Migliore with Penny Stevens (Lecturer in Business)

British products. Penny was lovely with us, she gave us activities to improve our knowledge about

international business and she let us to speak up about Italian trades and business: a great opportunity to compare it with the British structure and to talk about it with the other students. We think it was an important experience to know if this sector is for us, what are the areas we want to develop and also to evaluate studying in UK.

Paola Migliore
Francesco Adamo
and Paolo Drago

Music Production Class

Today, during my music production lesson, I've tried a work experience which resulted very funny and interesting. I was able to try this experience thanks to Andrea Healey, which is one of the nicest person I've ever met, and she was a brilliant teacher as well. My "job" consisted of giving my voice to some characters

of the new "Star Wars" movie trailer, so it was a dubbing experience. It was really useful for me because I want to work in music and cinema industry, so that is why I chose to do music production at West Suffolk College. I hope I can dub again because when I'm doing it, I stop being myself and I'm

turning into a completely different person.
Caterina Tumino



Caterina Tumino during her music production lesson with Andrea Healey and students.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Counselling

Our work experience was fantastic. We worked with amazing people and we really enjoyed everything, because they really love their job. We worked in the advice zone with Charlotte, but we did different things. Francesca made a project for a poster which should be original and attractive; Samuela prepared some bags for future students and visitors while Cristiana deals with arrangements. These works were far from that we would like to do, but it puts us to the test and we learnt much from them. Finally Francesca did an experience in the Welfare students. It wasn't a really practi-

cal work, but it let her to know the job she would like to do. More All members of the staff who she talked to with were very polite and available.

Samuela Campo, Cristiana Rosa and Francesca Catania



Francesca Catania, Samuela Campo, and Cristiana Rosa working with other students

Prince's Trust

Anita Majolino, Caterina Tumino, and Cristiana Rosa with Prince's Trust staff and students.



I worked as a learning support assistant in Prince's trust programme and I'm very thankful for this opportunity. I think it's very useful developing my skills in under-

standing social problems and individual illnesses because in the future I will have to front similar situations: I'd like to become a psychotherapist and I have to improve myself and to open my mind in order to realise my dream and help the others. For this reason, I admired the staff, composed by Luke and Jen, because of their patience towards the guys and their availability towards me. I think their job is essential and I feel lucky because I had the opportunity of doing this experience.

Anita Majolino

WORK EXPERIENCE

Music Production

Yesterday I took part to a music production lesson held by the teacher Andrea Healey. She is a very cheerful and friendly woman; she made us listen to some classic music and soundtracks belonging to important movies, like "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and "Pirates of Caribbean", then she wanted us to compose some pieces using their sophisticated software. Andrea listened to

my composition and even if I thought it wasn't such a catchy piece, she liked it. The classroom was made up by ten boys, so I was the only girl. However, I got along very well with all of them and they were so kind that invited me to have a coffee with

them. This was one of the nicest lessons I've never been at.
Caterina Tumino



The performing arts stage as seen from the mixing desk

Marketing

During my experience at WSC I worked in the marketing area helping my staff with a lot of different jobs. As soon as I had my first meeting with them, I was immediately welcomed and I started working with Alice doing packages with college's stuff and hanging up posters around WSC and UCS to promote many activities. I was involved in writing two articles on my personal experience with the International Taster Programme and a review

about "A flea in her ear" that will be published on the "Gateway" soon. I enjoyed working with Danny, promoting apprenticeship vacancies

on Twitter because it was very interesting. One afternoon I also worked in business area evaluating all the available apprenticeship vacancies in Suffolk and what were the best in terms of place, date and price. I appreciated every moment of my experience and, at the end, I am proud of myself and everything I did.

Paola Migliore



Paola Migliore with Jasmin Jeffery, WSC Head of Communication and her Marketing Team