

Lower 3 residential to London



Last week, Lower 3 enjoyed 3 days away from home on their school residential. They travelled to London and had the opportunity to go shopping and see many well-known places. From the moment they arrived in Leeds ready for the train journey, there was a lot of excitement and anticipation as to how the trip was going to go. As soon as they stepped on the train at 10:45am, a large number of the pupils were already eating their lunch and planning their outfits for the night. On arrival in London, we dropped our bags at the hotel and set off on the first of many long walks. Pupils enjoyed wandering around the shops and this initial experience made the pupils realise the importance of sticking together and working as a team.

On the first of two nights at the theatre, the pupils experienced the world of rock and were fascinated by the production of *We Will Rock You*. Pupils engaged with the singing and dancing of the main songs and particularly enjoyed the beat of the classic song 'We will rock you'. The pupils came away from the evening raving about the band and style of music. On the second night, everyone was in awe of the *Matilda* production and the mix between the old-style *Matilda* and the new musical was a welcome surprise to all the pupils. They enjoyed listening and joining in with many of the current *Matilda* musical songs that are a big hit amongst the Lower 3 crowd.

Travelling on the tube at night was an experience the pupils will not forget. With a Harry Styles concert and Take That performing in Leicester Square, the pupils had to pay lots of attention and move quickly through the crowded area to make sure we all got back to the hotel safely and as a group. It was fantastic to see how supportive they were of each other to make sure they remained as a group and with their group leader.

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Although it was hot, regular water and ice cream breaks helped us to keep moving, with the pupils walking over 15,000 steps each day! We did also enjoy a relaxing time on the river cruise which provided an opportunity to learn about the city of London through a tour guide commentator.

On the journey home, it was clear the pupils had had a great time but the amount they had done on the trip and the lack of sleep was starting to catch up. I am sure all of them will have slept as soon as they got home and probably spent the next day in bed!

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