

Erasmus – Belgium

One week after our Belgian exchange students visited us, we travelled to Belgium. On the first day (on Monday) we had to be at the airport at 4 am. I think it is needless to say that everyone was very sleepy but fortunately we could sleep 2 hours on the plane. Our flight was half an hour late, so we arrived at Charleroi airport at around 8.45 am. There some of the parents of our exchange students picked us up and drove us to Waregem. In Waregem we met at Biblab where we held our presentations about Hungary. We ate lunch at the school and afterwards we started working on our assignments. At 4 pm we started preparing our food court. It was a lot of fun, everyone worked together, and we enjoyed it a lot. Our food court was very successful, everybody liked it.

We started the next day with the karate session. They introduced us to karate and we had an hour



long training. We were quite surprised because a lot of the foreign students didn't know karate since this isn't a common sport in their countries. In the afternoon we visited Bruges. We had some tasks to do but we had some free time as well. I found Bruges an extremely beautiful city and I'm really glad I could see it. In the evening our exchanges took us bowling where I won so I liked that too.

On Wednesday we had a football session where we were divided into three groups and we had to visit three stations. After this we continued working on our assignments. In the afternoon we visited a towel making factory where we got a guided tour of it. We also visited Kortrijk, a city near Waregem. There we tried the Belgian waffles which were delicious. In the evening we had dinner at a restaurant in Waregem with all the exchange students.



The next day we worked a lot on our assignment and we finalised it because we had to present it in the afternoon. We finished with everything at 4 pm and afterwards we went to the house of a Belgian student because he invited all of us. It was a lot of fun and it was great that we could all be together.



Friday was sadly our last day, but it was quite busy. We travelled to Ghent by train and we spent our day there. We went on a boat trip too. After lunch we said goodbye to our exchange students because they went back to Waregem. We still had about an hour to spend in Ghent. Later on, we travelled by train and by bus to the airport. It was a very long ride. We arrived in Budapest at midnight.

All in all, I really enjoyed the exchange student programme, I got to know Belgium and their culture a lot better. This opportunity was not only beneficial because I made new friends but also because we improved our team working skills and of course our English.