

Dear Diary,

today is the 13th of February. We woke up, got ready and had breakfast as every morning. Driven to the bus by our host father we took off to Dover Castle. It was a long drive to get there but it was worth it. While the teachers were buying the tickets we were enjoying the sun. Dover Castle is also known as the Key to England because it is the nation's first line of defence, guarding the shores from invasion for centuries. When we entered we took a look at the cliffs. It was amazing. We couldn't stop taking pictures. We went to see many parts of the Castle including the wartime tunnels and the church. After our visit we drove to Canterbury to see the Cathedral of Canterbury. Having arrived there we had some time to look around and buy something to eat. The Cathedral was more than beautiful. Everything glittered and was full of gold. It was amazing that such a huge building was constructed without the modern equipment and engineers or architects we now have. Thanks to the headphones we got in the entrance area we learned a lot about the history.

*Nina, 9c*

Dear Diary,

today is the 15th of February. It is time to go back home. We had to get up early this morning to pack our bags. After having had breakfast with our host family we were driven to our bus. There we loaded our suitcases into the bus and said goodbye to our host families. The sun was shining and we had a beautiful weather in Hastings. We walked down to the ocean and took some nice pictures including funny selfies and a group picture. Then our city tour of Hastings started. The nice lady, our tour guide, told us a lot about the history of Hastings while we were walking through the city. It was very interesting. When the city tour was over we had an attraction to visit. We had the choice between an aquarium and a museum. I went to the Blue Reef Aquarium of Hastings. It was a lot of fun. Afterwards, we took a journey back in time to uncover the secrets of the smugglers in underground caves. It was creepy but a great adventure for us. Then we had some free time. My friends and I had lunch, went shopping and enjoyed the sunset on the beach.

*Juliane, 9c*