

My Round Square exchange to Louisenlund in Germany

This summer I was given the opportunity to experience a Round Square exchange. I attended a German school called Louisenlund, for one month. I knew that going on an exchange to a non English speaking school would be very challenging task, however I was determined that with three years of learning German I would be able to survive. I was able to improve on my language skills for my exams at the same time. My exchange partner Alix was very nice and helpful to me whilst I was in Germany, or shall I say Deutschland.



The school day in Germany is very different to here at Cobham. At the start I very much enjoyed the fact that they do not wear a uniform. However further into the month I soon realized that having a uniform was one less problem in the mornings. We started school at 7.45am and finished school at 1.15pm. I preferred the school day much more. During my exchange I was able to experience both lives of a day girl and a boarder. I preferred boarding life as I was able to become friends with more people and get to take part in after school sports. I boarded for three weeks. My room mate was called Kathia and she was very funny and made sure I was not bored.



When I was there had many visits to Hamburg. I was able to attend a class trip to two different art galleries in Hamburg. I found this very hard to understand as we had a lecture on each painting, but unfortunately my German was not that advanced to fully understand. Also on the weekends Alix and I went shopping twice, as there were so many shops and so little time.

Whilst being at Louisenlund I made many friends, who made me, feel so welcome. I was able to meet other Round Square exchange students from around the world. In particular I became very good friend with one girl called Kym from Australia. Kym was from the same school as Georgia who had attended Cobham Hall for a term. Even though Kym had no experience with speaking German, she still managed to pick up some important sayings!



After having experienced such an amazing exchange, and having met new friends, I would recommend to anyone definitely to take the opportunity and to go on an exchange. Having been given the chance to finally go on an exchange I would very much like to organise another one!

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