

Trip to Montpellier

We recently returned from the Princethorpe year 9 and 10 trip to Montpellier, France. We were in Montpellier for 4 nights and 4 days, and having to speak French for the whole day, including at home.

Personally, I got on really well with my host, and had no issues in the home. The apartment we were in was quite small, but had a well furnished patio, where we could take calls if we wanted a bit more privacy. Our host didn't speak a huge amount of English, but knew quite a few keywords, e.g. breakfast, bathroom, key etc. For the majority of the time, she and I would talk in French, which I would translate for my friend. In the instance we couldn't communicate something, we would use an online translator which got the point across. We were very lucky, because our host was a desserts chef, so her food was amazing, but I know some of the other students didn't have very good meals.

We took the bus each morning from the stop at the end of our road, which all went well. Our host had me download an app called TaM, which was a public transport guide, with live times and routes etc. Whilst we were there, there were some protests, so we did have to get different buses some mornings, but we always managed to get to school in one piece! From the stop, it was a 10-15 minute walk following google maps, although I'm fairly sure there were more direct routes.

Our teacher, Emma, was lovely, and I enjoyed the lessons. We were in quite a small group, and asked to do a lot of speaking, but some people were quite shy, so it was awkward when no one talked.

My favourite activity was the walking tour, just because we got to have a nose around the city and learn a bit about the history.

Overall, I had a wonderful time!

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