



2012 LONDON STUDY TOUR

20 MAY - 3 JUNE

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PICCADILLY CIRCUS

Piccadilly Circus is a road junction and public space of London's West End in the City of Westminster. It was a busy meeting place and a tourist attraction with lots of souvenir shops. This Circus was well-known especially for its video display and neon signs. These created a good effect on advertising and remembered me of Hong Kong's street advertising.





CAMDEN MARKET



Camden Market is the fourth-most popular visitor attraction in London. It was full of different colorful stalls that were selling crafts, clothing, bricabrac and fast food. They were designed by the shopkeeper, with creative shopnames, banners, outer and inner walls. Some of them even used three-dimensional design of facade to catch tourists' attention.



BBC TELEVISION CENTRE



BBC Television Centre was a fascinating world of broadcasting. We visited BBC newsroom, studios and made our own bit of TV in the interactive studio. I was glad that I've got the chance to venture into the dressing rooms which have hosted so many famous guests! Also, i was amazed by their lighting, audio, green screen technology. I've learnt a lot about the knowledge of media industry. It was a well-informed tour for students who are interested in media production. Lastly, I was surprised by the overall design for Television Centre, from the air, it appeared to be like a question mark in shape. Besides, in the centre of the main block is a statue with two reclining figures at the foot symbolising sound and vision. It was a good design that representing the components of television.



LONDON EYE & BIG BEN





Two of the mostly visited tourist spots in London - London Eye and the Big Ben.

The name London Eye and the unique design of carriages can already tell you its attractiveness: grabbing the panoramic view of London just by riding on it.

With its years of history, the Big Ben can totally give us an idea of Britain's vintage architecture.

Such vintage British design of architectures are widely used in the whole UK.



TOWER BRIDGE



People usually mixed up the name London Bridge as a landmark, in fact the name of that famous tourist spot is called "Tower Bridge". It sufficiently attested the grandeur of the UK. I was amazed by the Tower Bridge and felt relaxed at the same time because there was a big piece of grassland beside for us to simply sit down and enjoy the mixture of sun light and such fantastic view. This was really a must-visit- place!





WESTMINSTER ABBERY



Finally got to visit the church where Prince William and Kate married. The interior design of the church really impressed me a lot, including its delicately carved fan vaulted roof with hanging pendants, Gothic features of pointed arches, rose windows and flying buttresses.



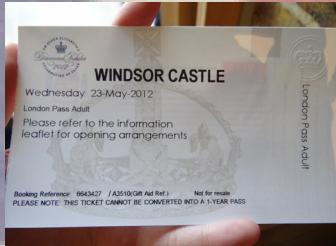
THE TOWER OF LONDON



The Tower of London which is part of Historic Royal Places. We felt a strong historical and vintage architecture design of the tower. It was a memorable experience that we could discovered the Crown Jewels, the symbols of monarchy that are still in use today. Those powerful and precious jewels and diamonds held an unparalleled allure to us!



WINSOR CASTLE



It was an amazing visit in Winsor Castle. There, we could see the world-famous Round Tower, the 60 photographs for the 60 years of the Queen. The exhibition presents a portrait of The Queen's reign as captured in moments on both official occasions and at relaxed family gatherings. Apparently, we could feel a huge celebrating atmosphere of the Queen Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in the whole

UK.





LONDON ZOO



Harry Potter at London Zoo

A scene from 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was filmed here during September and November 2001.

In this scene a Burmese Python spoke to Harry Potter, played by Daniel Radcliffe for the first time.

We've had great fun in the London Zoo. I was glad that I've got the chance to see those snakes that found in the scenes of the movie of Harry Potter. We've got a bravo afternoon with those lovely, adorable and huge animals.



THE CARTOON MUSEUM & THE RENOIR CINEMA



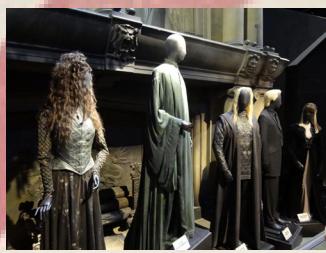
When you entered the Cartoon Museum, you would immediately found that it was a place that full of artistic knowledge of cartooning and comic-strip art. You would probably want to pick up a pen and start to draw. Imaginations start at here! Other than that, luckily we've got the chance to watch a movie called “” at the Renoir Cinema. However, as it was a French movie that without any English subtitles. We could hardly



understand the content of it. Some of us even fell asleep at the middle of the movie time. But still, it was a memorable experience for us!

WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR - HARRY POTTER





Warner Bros. Studio Tour in London provided us a unique showcase of the extraordinary and breathtakingly British artistry, technology and talent. We were lucky that we could have a chance to go behind-the scenes and see lots of detailed sets including stunning costumes, props, animatronics and life-sized models. Also, it was a memorable visit that we could experience the green screen. We've learnt lots more than we expected in this studio tour, it was far more complicated than we imagined. Each scenes required detailed planning from sketching, drawing, building, dressing to filming and post-editing. We were strongly impressed by every producers involved in the production. Such tour brought us a great learning which related to our media production in the future.



COVENT GARDEN



Covent Garden is more well-known by its market and shops along side. There are kiosks selling handmade accessories and drawings; shops with brands; and

small stores selling all kinds of stuff you can think of. In addition, there are street performances to entertain tourists every day. It's like a small Mongkok, where cultural connections happen.



HARRODS



Harrods was a great place for shopping with lots of well-known

brands. I love its own and unique “Harrods” brand with lovely teddy bears. I’ve brought lots of souvenirs including key-rings, different sizes of hand-held bags. However, products in Harrods were really really expensive for us!

OXFORD





Other than London, I was specially in love with Oxford. Having a big contrast with the commercially-based London city. Oxford is a small out-bound city that full of human kindness. Most local people there are University students, which make it a city of knowledge. The design of Colleges are totally different from Hong Kong's. I've visted Queen's College & Christ Church College. Both of them are very old-school and spacious, which provides students and staffs a place to think. Besides, the price of foods in Oxford are more reasonable too.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM



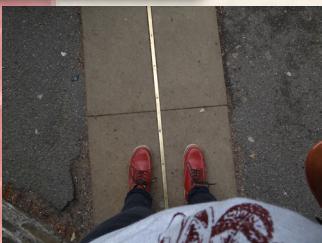
With insufficient travelling time, we've just passed by the National Maritime Museum. However, we could still feel its grandeur at the outside of the museum. I really wish that I've a chance to visit it when I come to Paris next time.



ROYAL OBSERVATORY GREENWICH



We were glad that we've got the chance to reach the royal observatory Greenwich. Most impressively, we could have a chance to step across the line of the longitude that divides the West and East hemisphere! Overhere, you can surely discover its innovative technology.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE



Changing of guards outside of the Buckingham Palace is one of the traditions of the UK Royal family as a symbol of presenting how good their guards are. This process can also be called by guard mounting. Lots of tourists enjoyed watching it because they can see not only the costume of the guards, but also their routine foot drill. It is also a solemn event since their main responsibility is to protect the Royal family living inside the Buckingham Palace. Moreover, the process involved some policemen riding on horses which amazed me as I think it was quite conventional to use horses as transportation nowadays.

BRITISH MUSEUM



With over 200 years of history, British Museum is one of the world's greatest museums. It contained loads of col-



lection from different countries including China. Chinese people would consider their collection as stolen properties from us when we were attacked by Britain in the past. Since there were too many collections, I was not able to take a look at all of them, but I could not believe that the British had taken so many pre-

cious properties from China and show it at their museum as their war booty.



PASSIONATE & ARTISTIC



Surprisingly, in this study tour, I think I've learnt more than expected while staying in those hostels rather than staying in a hotel.

Staffs overthere were really friendly, welcoming and passionate. During the times we chatted with them, not only we improved our English, but we've also gained knowledge of local traditions. Also, those native speakers, both along the streets or in shops were passionate too. Some of them even introduced some local events for us to join. How friendly and helpful they were! In this trip, we got more chances to practice our speaking and listening skills in English.





Have you seen the performers at the street and underground of London? Will you know how arts have influenced the daily life of the British?

Artists wearing colorful and creative costumes and artists staging any kinds of performance were located everywhere to show off their talent. You could easily spent a whole day watching their shows in which you may have a chance to join their performance if you were lucky!



MUSÉE DU LOUVRE





To the next stop, we came to Paris. Musee Du Louvre has an innovative appearance which can be recognised from far away. Although I didn't spend much time inside, the large amount of arts collection have widen my horizons towards paintings and sculptures. Most importantly, I've seen the great piece of work by Leonardo Da Vinci, "The Smile of Mona Lisa", which was extremely famous and gorgeous that I've yearned and looked forward to seeing for a long time.



ARC DE TRIOMPHE



Just another popular landmark in Paris- Arc De Triomphe. We certainly felt like we were nothing in front of such a bravo architecture with such a supernaturally fine craft.



TOWER EIFFEL



World-known as the most romantic place - Paris, didn't fail to show me its passion towards love. The Eiffel

Tower is perfect in every angle. There is never enough of photos to capture its beauty unless you've seen it with bare eyes. We spent the

whole afternoon at the grassland and appreciated the breath-taking scene of the amazing Tower Eiffel.



BONJOUR

PARIS



26-28 MAY

London Study Tour 2012: Reflective Report

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I feel so glad to join London study tour. It was a great experience and memorable trip for me. In this study tour, I learnt some England culture and acquire more knowledge. So, I had some special views in the trip.

Although the trip only had eight days, I experienced London life. London is a international city. It is modern. I still remembered that I got a small challenge when I arrived to London. The challenge is about took underground with my one schoolmate. My schoolmate and I were the last group arrived to London. So, we went to the hotel by ourselves. It needed to take around one hour to King's Cross St Pancras from airport. The first impression of the underground is the services lines is more complicated than Hong Kong. Sometime, the lines may stop services. Therefore, we needed to take other line to destination. The route maybe become complicated than the original route. Luckily, this situation wasn't always happened.



About the culture between London and Hong Kong, I think western people know better how to enjoy their life than us. For example, they love picnic and sleeping on glass. However, we usually prefer to watch movie or shopping in the weekend. We never thought that we meet the friends in the park and enjoy the sunshine on the glass. We may think the glass is dirty. The most funny point is that we think London's glass is clean and we so enjoy to sleep on it. One of the schedule is about took a boats to Greenwich from London eye. It felt enjoyable and relax. When we arrived in Greenwich, we took nap on the glass. It was a fresh experience for us.





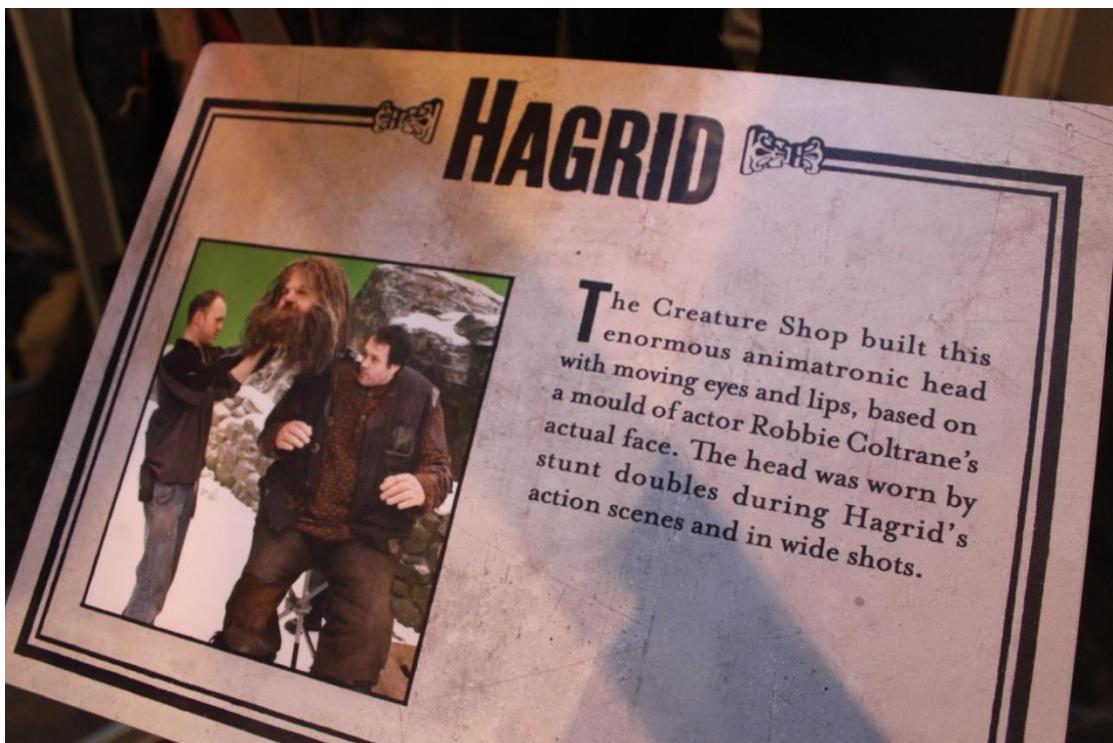
The ancient buildings was widen my view. We visited Tower Bridge, Westminster Abbey, Windsor Castle etc. The design is very meticulous and beautiful specially St Paul's Cathedral. It's so hard to imagine that how can the people built this building. The special place is that we can walked to the top of the church, but it needed to walk about five more hundred stairs. So, we felt so tired about that, but we feel so happy when we finished the walk.



Harry Potter Museum is a necessary place to visit if someone love to understand more about behind the sense. In there, we can saw the pre-production, production and post-production of Happy Potter. I felt surprise that the movie used many electronic equipments. The most interesting thing that I found that Rubeus Hagrid actually is a robot. There is a people inside the robot and control Rubeus Hagrid. Therefore, all facial expression is control by the company. Then, I thought it's so amazing.



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To concluded, I think London is a modern city with ancient age style. I always miss London when I come back Hong Kong. London is a great place to visit. I love this place more than I expected. People are friendly and place is nice. Someone told me that London always got bad weather, but I met lovely weather in there. I think I am the lucky one.



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2012 London Trip



LONDON

Koo Cheung

Right below you can see our journey of London in this year. We enjoyed the time in there and all of us agree that was really an unforgettable memory in our life.

Background of the trip

Date: 19/5 – 26/5

No. Of People: 16

Place To Stay: KingCross St. Pancras YMCA



Let's GO



DAY 1

Arrived London X Shopping in Piccadilly Circus

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Morning in London

Around 6:00 pm , that means around 11:00 am in London, we arrived London. The weather was good at that time. Since it was still too early for us to check in the hostel, we decided to take a breakfast first in McDonald. Someone may think that it is silly to take a meal in MacDonald during the London trip as we can take it in anyplace in Hong Kong. But I wanna say, one of the unforgettable moments during the whole trip is that I took a wonderful breakfast in MacDonald. The picture below is what I ate at the first day - Breakfast Wrap. You cannot find it in Hong Kong. It is really a great breakfast.

breakfast wrap



After we settled down all the things in hostel, we started the journey. At the first day, we went to Piccadilly Circus which is the road junction and public space of London's West End in the City of Westminster. Right here, there were some interesting things and important spots to go. The first shop we stepped in was the M&M World. You can see different toys and goods with M&M logo inside the shop and it is a good place for kids to go. I'm sure they will be happy to be there.

An interesting thing we found is the people in London like to pretend a sculpture on the street. They will first act as a sculpture which will not move. Then when someone gives them money, they will then move and do something for a short time. After that, they become a sculpture again. It is quite funny and all of them are professional to do this "job".

Also, there is a famous memorial fountain situate in Piccadilly Circus, that is Anteros. Many people like to sit on the stairs of the mountain and enjoy their lunch or chit-chat right under Anteros.

DAY 2

BBC TELEVISION CENTER



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Visiting BBC Television Centre is one of the highlights of our trip. After the visiting, I can use three words to conclude the whole television center, Amazing, Professional and Enviable. The center is the third biggest television center in the world. The whole center is well divided into many departments and you can never imagine how the facilities and the environment cool are. You will say "Wa", "WOW" repeatedly when you see different rooms inside the center.

Moreover, no matter the people work at there or the facilities and equipment, all of it is very professional. When we visited one of the studios, we saw many lights situate on the ceiling in different angle. The guider told us the angle was well calculated in mathematics in order to place them correctly in such angle. It is really professional and amazing the man can do that.

Last but not least, there was a funny stimulation of live news reporting for us. Kurt and Maggie tried to read the script in monitor and experience how the reporter works when they are having there live reporting.



DAY 3

London Bridge X Tower Bridge



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London Bridge is Falling down?

I think the view of Tower Bridge is much more beautiful than London Bridge. We took a lot of photos here. One thing need to mention here, we have our first fish and chips in one restaurant here which is one of the famous foods in London . The fish is really big and a lot of chips is given. However, it is a little bit out of expectation. Not much delicious than we think. But the size of the meal can really made us happy. Generally, a girl cannot finish the



London Bridge is falling down? Not yet. We went there at the third day of our journey. Honestly, nothing special for the bridge. But I do agree that if we don't go to London Bridge, we can't say we have been London before. So we finally complete the missions. Although the bridge is not attractive for me, something made us felt excited on that day. That was the London Bridge Experience, which is a haunted house. This house got a lot of awards before which could be said as "afraid enough". Next time if I have a chance to go to London again, I surely will play one more time in this London Bridge Experience.



DAY 4

Westminster Abbey X Windsor Castle



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Westminister Abbey

This day is can be said as "viewing day". We saw a lot of amazing thing for the whole day. In the morning, we went to Westminster Abbey. It is a place where filled with British history. Kings, queens, soldiers; poets, all the people and ceremonies can be reviewed in there. One thing interested, the staff gave us a handheld machine like a mobile phone. The machine is a guider that contains the information of the abbey. The voice over will introduce each part of the important place inside the abbey. These provided a quiet and convenient way for people to visit the abbey with a well understanding of the details.



In the afternoon, we need to take the train to go to another city, Windsor, to visit another amazing scenic spot. Windsor castle is long associated with British royal family. You can't imagine how big the castle is and how unbelievable each part of the architecture is. The ceiling inside the castle is the most wonderful part. In the following picture, you can see a whole beautiful picture was drawn on the ceiling. I highly praised the artist who drawn this picture. Sadly we couldn't take any photo inside the castle as it is prohibited. The following picture is downloaded from Wikipedia. If you hope to know more detail about it, you can check it from Wikipedia.



DAY 5

London Zoo

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Great Zoo

We spent a whole day in the zoo and we were both enjoyed staying right there because the animal is so cute! Nothing to talk about it, just show you some pictures.



DAY 6

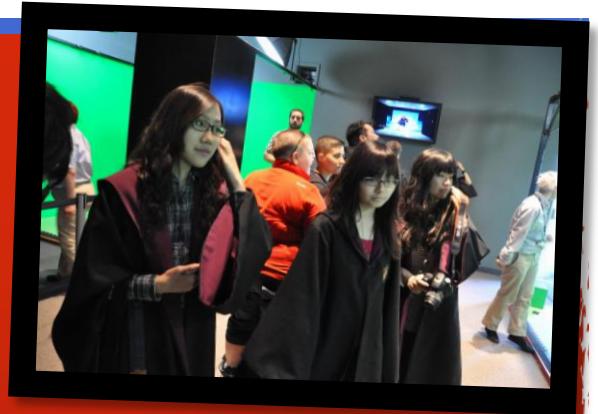
Harry Potter Studio Tour



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Harry Potter!

I believe everyone who have read Harry Potter's books or movie will enjoy the tour since you can see part of the story are showing in front of you in reality. Some places where you can see in the movie like the hall of the Hogwarts School, Harry Potter's bedroom, Snape's laboratory were reconstructed inside the studio to give visitor a feeling of going into the real Harry Potter's world. Moreover, the props and the clothes used in the movie were kept in this studio also. All of these can really give you a big happy moment to be there.



The picture above is a place where visitor can try to control the broomstick and fly to everywhere. A broomstick is set in front of the green screen and two cameras are in front of the broomstick. The video start, you are being keyed on different places and you can move left and right in order to generate a simulation of which you are flying on the sky. Although the keying is a little bit low quality, they give each of the players a cloak for taking photos is worth to play the game.



REFLECTIONS

1. History Of England – Widen my Horizon



Nearly half of our trip involves visiting some historical architecture like the Westminster Abbey and London Bridge. Despite those things can be seen in movies and books, firsthand tasting of the background can feel deeper. I think the history of England is far more glorious than other countries. Every part of the architecture, even a timber, are still inside my heart.

2. Artistic knowledge – Know more about art & media

I believe half of the students who study CIMP are enthusiasms in making movie. When we heard the words media, we first relate it to movie. So we just spent most of our time in studying how to make a good movie and so our knowledge in the word "media" are just fixed in movie. In the BBC tour, I understand another "media" which is news. People in this industry can also be another professional media producer. Although the working method and the whole operation of news are different from movies, the professional, how serious the whole operation is can be put into my production life.



3. Make new Friends – Ice break



Although we are studying the same course, we see each other almost each day, we do not know each other deeply. Before the trip, we just say hello and bye when we meet together. But after this trip, we build up a strong relationship, we share our things and support each other during this journey, we promise to have a re-u after the trip too. I'm happy to be with them. They are important for me.

CCCU London Study Tour 2012

Reflective Report

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In this London study tour, we visited many places and I have learn lots of things that can let me know more about the media work in the world and those think are very useful for us in the future.

During the study tour in London, we visited the BBC that is British Broadcasting Corporation.

It is the largest broadcaster in the world. I learned a lot from this broadcasting company and this is the first time that to walk in to the studio.

In this tour in BBC, the guider told us the history of BBC and how to operate the program such as the BBC News. We also had a chance to try the sound making that really like to produce a TV program and the guider let some of us to have a chance to act as a news reporter, weather reporter and a game program's players.



The other unforgettable place that we visited during this London study tour was the Warner Bros: Harry Potter Studio.



I was so excited when travel this place because I am the big fan of Harry Potter. In this Studio, I can see many different scenes and stage property which all look very real and professional. This movie had used many after effect and sound effect. I can see the making of Harry Potter Movie during this tour that I learn how to well use of green screen and the special effect in doing a science fiction films.



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We also visited many different type of museum during the tour such as Design Museum, Cartoon Museum, and British Museum etc.



In these museums, I have learned much other special knowledge such as how to create a good comic and how to make a good cartoon. Also, I have learned the history in London that can help me to think more and stimulate my brain to have more ideas in create my media and design works.

I got many fun in this tour and I know that to produce a good TV program is not an easy job. It is not only one person can do, it should be cooperate with other people and each person should have their own position to do the program. I think that work in media production is a great job that can let many people feel happy and also can spread the news and information at the same time and in different place.



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2012 CCCU Study Tour LONDON

Reflective Report by Amelia Chow

Journey Starts

Living in London for 10 days, the whole London was filled with the delighted celebration of the Queen Jubilee. The British were feeling proud of their country.



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Flight by Qatar.

Art, Design, Technology Catch Them Anywhere

As everyone knows that Britain is a place filled with lots of different cultures. Luckily, I have a chance to experience their cultures.

Living in London for 6 days with classmates and 4 days more for staying behind, I totally immersed into the local life of a British and even had a mind to stay in London forever.

This was the second time of me to visit London. However, the aim of this study tour was expecting us to experience and have a broad horizon on different arts, design and technology. We achieved the aim since everywhere was artistically designed.

In these 6 days, we went to different famous places in London and even places outside London such as Windsor. Also, we had a chance to participate The Making of Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio Tour, which had inspired me a lot of making the whole series of Harry Potter movie as well as the Broadcast Corporation in Britain, BBC.

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Flea Market

Camden Market is called as a Sunday Market. This market sells lots of London's style fashion and souvenirs, a bit like Women Street in Mong Kok.



Street Dance

When I was walking along the River Thames, there was a crowd and a dancer was teaching some youngsters to dance "break dance".



Deep into British's Broadcast Big Brother Channel

BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) is the broadcast company that had a variety of production such as radio programmes, TV programmes, 24 hours News including international news and Internet updates.

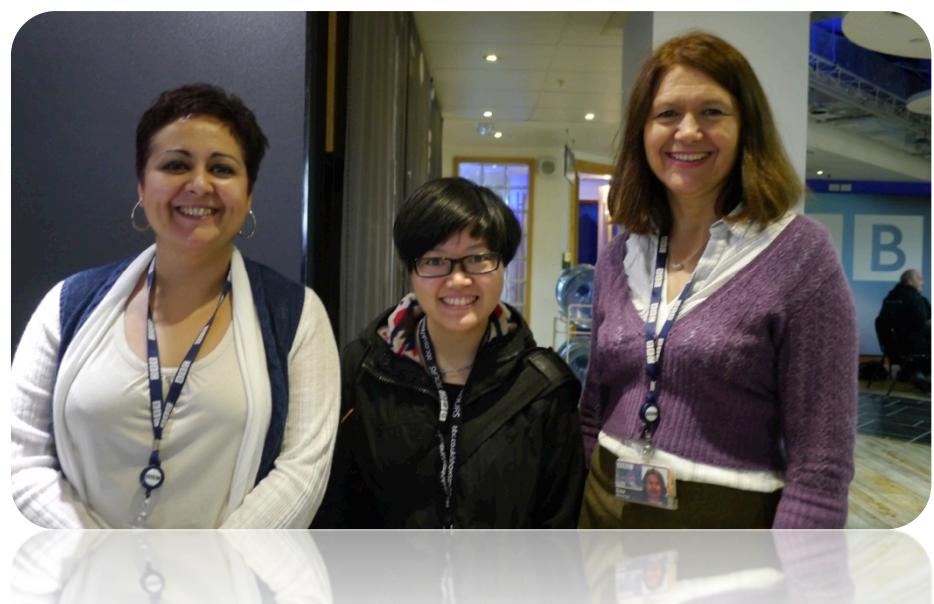
We had an opportunity to walk into the city of BBC in White City of East London. In the guided tour, we walked around the BBC buildings and we had a closer look at the 24 hours News Centre and how it works. From the photos on the right hand side, Maggie and KC tried the green screen effect that is mostly used in weather broadcasting.



Also, we visited some studios such as the one just used for having a discussing programme for the Euro Cup 2012. Lastly, we had a quiz show.

During the BBC tour, I found that BBC is so powerful that they could handle lots of

multimedia (Radio, TV, Internet) and also make a plenty of production in a small industry place. That's awesome! I do think that Hong Kong should have one media corporation that is multi-talented as BBC.





Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry...

Never Believes that Hogwarts School Appears in front of YOU



The Making of Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio Tour was open in the end of March 2012. This studio contains lots of props, costumes, fashions and scenes

J.K. Rowling created the story of Harry Potter and the magic school Hogwarts School. The main characters in the movies made up a heat around the world.



which were used in the movies. Other than these, the studio also shows us the technology used such as the flying car. I was impressed with the model of Hogwarts School. It was so real and detailed. It's unbelievable!





St. Paul's Cathedral



Put On the Backpack and Travel Individually

On the fifth day staying in London, I put up my backpack and travelled around the London by myself with the London Pass and appreciate the Arts and Design of London's architecture. My route was St. Paul's Cathedral, Cartoon Museum, Buckingham Palace, The Guard Museum, The Queen's Gallery, The Royal Mews and National Theatre Backstage Tour. It was a challenging day for me since I have to solve all sudden problems



by myself. However, the local were nice and helped me a lot.



Backstage Tour

As I am a theatre lover, the National Theatre Backstage Tour really broadened my horizons a lot. Tom was our guide and he is an actor actually. He led me to different kinds of theatre, from the smallest to the biggest one. I remember that one of the theatres is a 2-sided stage that audiences are seating in opposite sides which I never saw this in Hong Kong. Also, he showed me the props of the coming show, The Warhorse. And I had a chance to control the prop horse, Andy. It is really common to find theatre in London since the British really loves Musical and Drama to kill time in their leisure.



Traffic Congestion in Tube.

On 24th May 2012, I travelled around by my own with the London Pass. I originally planned to visit Chelsea Football Stadium first. However, I encountered a confusing issue that there was much closure and delay of lines in Tube. Therefore, I have to change my plan immediately and go other places by bus. This was quite challenging for me to find other ways by myself without any preparation before. Luckily, the local are nice to teach me as a child that what transportation should I take.

Reflective Report by Amelia Chow



Stay Behind in London

During the stay behind in London, I continued to experience the arts and design of London architecture. I went to Egham, Windsor, Cambridge and Ashford. In Egham, the Royal Holloway University of London has a hundred year of history. It shows the old design of London. Afterward, I went to LEGOLAND that is near to Egham. Although LEGOLAND is an amusement park for child, I was impressed with the MINILAND that had lots of famous architecture and buildings built up by LEGO bricks.

This was the second time for to travel this small town filled with graceful poems. Punting is a must-do-activity in Cambridge. Never tried, never been to Cambridge. Luckily, we have not need to punt by ourselves.

Fish and Chips are the must-eat-cuisine in Britain. My relative brought me to Ashford where had a famous kiosk which sells fish and chips for over hundred years.

SPECIAL FEATURES



Took British Airways from London to Germany (Frankfurt) for 5 days. Further information stated in the next page.



I am so lucky that I could watch the Queen Jubilee Celebration Live in London. And I could be a part to enjoy the joy of jubilee with the local.



The picture above is a one-day travel card. And the main point is – this is for CHILD. The old officer in the ticket box sold me the child one. He thought I am just a child of 11 years old since I am short.



Schloss Neuschwanstein

Neuschwanstein Castle is a well-known tourist spot in Germany. It is placed in Füssen. There was an old Neuschwanstein Castle in yellow colour nearby.



The structure of the castle was well planned. Although the outlook was not feeling so gorgeous, there were lots of European style designs inside the castle. In such a nice place with hills around, I found that their design of windows similar to Chinese theory which stated that when people looked through the windows, the scenery would become a painting artificially.

Nürnberg

Nurnberg is a city filled with lots of old building that were built in the mid old century. Also, Nurnberg had been the major place of Nazi.

By the way, I found that the German also had the creative idea to redesign the poster of celebrating the Queen Jubilee which original is "God Save The Queen".



Heidelberg

Heidelberg is a nice place filled with lots of red brick houses. Walked up to the Heidelberg castle, could overview the whole look of Heidelberg. Also, in Heidelberg, there is a University in the town. This university is quite small that I wonder how many people would study in it.



Köln

Köln is the fourth-largest city in the Germany. When I arrived Köln, I was impressed with the huge church that is the famous tourist spot in Köln. Although the wall outside church is so dirty, it has been built for over hundreds of years. Its design was detailed and sculptures on the wall that makes the church granted a lot.



London - "Fast-moving and
deeply diverse city of Art,
Culture and Thriving Com-
merce."



Discover & Experience the Best of London

The British capital glistens with possibility and variety – its iconic sights never fail to impress, its royal splendor and historic buildings are unmatched anywhere else in the world, and, perhaps most importantly, the city's energy and dynamism can be felt on every street corner, even on the subway – underground. Perhaps that's the reason why the tutors choose London to be the place of our study tour. The atmosphere of Art, everything has its own artistic value.

BBC Television Centre Tour

DAY 2

If you are interested in Media Producing, like me, you can find out more about the BBC and what goes on behind the scenes at these busy TV studios. Although, you may not see some famous faces, there are so many things waiting for you to explore! In the newsroom, visit some actual TV studios where programs are made, look into a dressing room, and also try out the interactive studio. The guides I met were friendly and made us all laugh with their 'insider' news and gossip and we all felt comfortable asking questions.



DAY 1

Discover the West End

London's souvenir shopping, eating and entertainment epicenter is the fabulous West End, made up of Soho, Chinatown and Convent Garden and stretched out in a rough rectangle between Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus...

Few real sights could be found here, and also find glitz, glamour and crowds of shoppers any day of the year, and this is the best place for an introduction of fast-paced London Life. In the back streets cocktail bars, sublime fashion stores and cutting-edge restaurants can be found almost anywhere in West End you go. This exciting and chaotic place is where my London adventure started.



BBC Television Centre

After the brief introduction the tour winds its ways around the building, going upstairs and downstairs, down long corridors, and through many doors. The access to be in an empty studio and let our imagination fill the space while we were told of the famous shows that had been recorded there. As a student who studies in Creative Media and interactive products, visiting the biggest media center in United Kingdom, and also one of the best centers in the world, BBC Television Centre is a wonderful experience for us. My classmates and I found out the key why these studios can make so many impressive works, programs, and live shows. As the advanced facilities, the team-working people, involving their professional skills on this business, everyone working here all plays a significant role, they work like a gear. There would not be a successful and inspirational media center without all of them. It was a really fun tour and, as no two tours can ever be the same in such a busy working TV centre, I'd be happy to take the tour again and again.



Piccadilly Circus

The "Times Square" of London

When we talk about London, what immediately springs to my mind is that Big Ben and Trafalgar Square – Those are the spots in postcard London. Despite the stifling crowds and racing midday traffic, the flashing ads and buzzing liveliness of Piccadilly Circus make it exciting to be in London. Like Mong Kok in Hong Kong – but the flashing ads reminds me of The Big Apple – New York . What a crazy combination! At the centre of the circus is the famous lead statue, and its the first statue I saw in Europe, the Angel of Christian Charity. Standing at the circus, looking around the flashing advertisement panels keeps changing – so exciting!



What you need to know

This is the outside of BBC Television Centre, dont judge the outlook of it, it made a thousands of amazing works, like Daily Tv News, Live TV shows, Drama shows, Raido programs.



This is the rest room for celebrities or musicians. Could you imagine that Jennifer Lopez, the famous pop star, has been here with over an hundred of her glamours clothes and accessories for her performance?



Its the statue on the top of the fountain. But the fountain doesnt work anymore now. Besides, the doesn't-work-anymore fountain is the behinning of the question mark, a symbol and a structure of BBC Television Centre, and also its the first spot of the tour.



South Bank . Art Venues

Palace of Westminster

Seeing the sublime Houses of Parliament overlooking at the Thames in their Gothic splendor with impressive Big Ben towering above is one of the most unforgettable sights in London, if not the world.

Wheel of good Fortune

The tallest ironic Ferris wheel in the world!

London Eyes as the “Wheel of good Fortune” has been raised across the water from the neo-gothic Parliament at Westminster. Standing 135m tall in a fairly flat city, it is visible from many surprising parts of the city.

The London Eye erected like the Eiffel Tower in Paris as a temporary structure, is now an integral part of the London skyline, and the city would now be almost unthinkable without it.

After taking a visit to BBC Radio Centre, we took the underground to Westminster Station – House of Parliament. What immediately sparks into my sight is a marvelous and splendour architecture – A Clock Tower, commonly known as Big Ben, the most famous feature outside the palace of Westminster. The House of Commons, is where members of Parliament meet to purpose and discuss new legislation – Can you imagine it?





Beginning at the Waterloo Bridge!



Everything is Incredible, walking like a freshman

Seeing the local people who enjoy their lives.



Its wonderful to get close to the nature so easily

Following the Jubilee way, inspiring me a lot.

Walking through the Father Thames Riverside

The best way to taste London is on foot. As an experienced London walker said, here's an advice: If you follow the Thames Path along the southern riverbank – one of the most pleasant strolls in town – you're in the perfect position to see it all, and always in sight is Father Thames himself! Beginning at Waterloo station, this relaxed one and half wall took us across the south bank of the River Thames and past some of London's most important cultural establishments.



River Stroll Walk in Father Thames Side

You may find few shoals of street artists or performers here!



The Dalí Universe

It's the Dalí Universe next to the London Eye.

The museum devoted to everyone's favorite surrealist. With over 500 Dalí paintings on display, it's actually worth the steep entry fee.



Trafalgar Square

Trafalgar Square is a public space and tourist attraction in central London, England, United Kingdom built around the area formerly known as Charing Cross .

Why do the police ride horses? I saw them trotting around Charing Cross. crowd control? They can't walk backwards apparently.

DAY 3



Watch Tower Bridge
RISE

Tower Bridge



Discover the City

This London icon is a masterpiece of Victorian engineering and a sight you're unlikely to miss if you spend anytime around the City of London. Some of the best views of Tower Bridge can be had from the embankment in front of the Tower of London.

Perhaps second only to Big Ben as London's most recognizable symbol, Tower Bridge doesn't disappoint up close. There's something about its neo-Gothic towers and blue suspension struts that make it quite enthralling to look at.



Tower Bridge Exhibition

Through the exhibition, everyone can enjoy the breathtaking views from the high-level walkways, learn about the history of the Bridge and how it was built from the interactive displays and films, and descend into the Victorian Engines Rooms.



On thw way to Tower Bridge



Catering to bankers, dealers and other suits, the City generally offers traditional pubs and bars.



Walking across the street in London, its easy to see old couples or young love birds sitting side by side, enjoy the live!

Whats more...

Tower Bridge is a symbol of London and a must-see sight for visitors. A walk across it, and a visit to the interesting exhibition, from which the views are spectacular and is a must to appreciate old father Thames at its widest and most spectacular.



The middel district of the City

The tiny backstreets and ancient churches are today juxtaposed with skyscrapers and office bankers and office block as this is the home of London's stock exchange, the Bank of England and countless other financial insitutions. Very few people now live in the City and so, while its very animated Monday to Friday.

Exclusive Love Story under Tower Bridge

Two men fell in love with each other, nah, they said they felling in love with her - London!



Showing how much they love London.



Even though there are many seductions around, nothing can stop the passion between two of them - She is the appl of their eyes.



Design Museum

Setting over two floors , Design museum shows us the impact of design on everyday lives.

What is a goood Design?

Design Museum has a revolving program of special exhibitions devoted to contemporary design. Offering inspirational insights into design, alongside the most exciting innovations from architecture through to fashion. Fortunately, we had a chance to visit the artistic high heels designed by the King of High Heels - Christian Louboutin. In May, the museum demonstrates "The best design of 201" from accessories, entertainment, or even furniture which a part of our lives.

Whats the Design? You may figure it out in here!



Explore the designers' minds

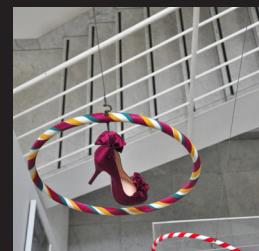


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Design Museum revolving program of special exhibitions – like Mr. Christian demonstrates the history and the glamour high heels turn to not only a pair of shoes highlighting women bodies perfectly and seductively, but also adding the artistic value. Devoting temporary and contemporary design. I am so pleased to have the chance to taste and get closer to these out-standing and incredible designs.

What's on the show?

Both populist and popular, past shows have dealt with everything from Manolo Blahnik shoes to Formula One racing cars, the Model T Ford in its centenary year and that miracle material, Velcro.



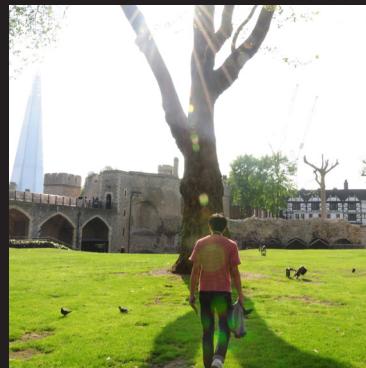


Tower of London

The sheer amount of history within the massive stonewalls of the Tower of London is hard to fathom. The White Tower, the Crown Jewels, the Yeoman Warders and Traitor's Gate are all fascinating and the Tower of London deserves at least a half-day's visit at the end of the walk.

About the Tower of London

The Tower of London should be first on anyone's list of London sights, and we are not the exception. Despite ever-growing ticket prices and the hordes of tourists that descend here in May, this is one of those are pleasures – definitely worth visiting! Fortunately our professor gave us an advice for buying a London Pass, we can get a free chance to take a visit at this fascinating Tower.



Walking through the Tower of London

The best way to taste London is on foot. As an experienced London walker said, here's an advice: If you follow the Thames Path along the southern riverbank – one of the most pleasant strolls in town – you're in the perfect position to see it all, and always in sight is Father Thames himself! Beginning at Waterloo station, this relaxed one and half wall took us across the south bank of the River Thames and past some of London's most important cultural establishments.



We entered the tower via the West Gate and proceeded across the walkway over the dry moat between Middle Tower and Byward Tower.



Continuing past the Bell Tower along Water Lane between the walls we came to the famous Traitor's Gate, the gateway through which prisoners being brought by river entered the tower.



Waterloo Barracks

The home of the Crown Jewels.



Once inside you'll be confronted with ornate sceptres, plates, orbs and, naturally crowns.

A very slow-moving travelator took me past the dozen or so crowns that are the centrepiece, including the EURO 27.5 million Imperial State Crown, set with diamonds! *o*



The home of the Crown Jewels

This is the building that visitors most want to see!

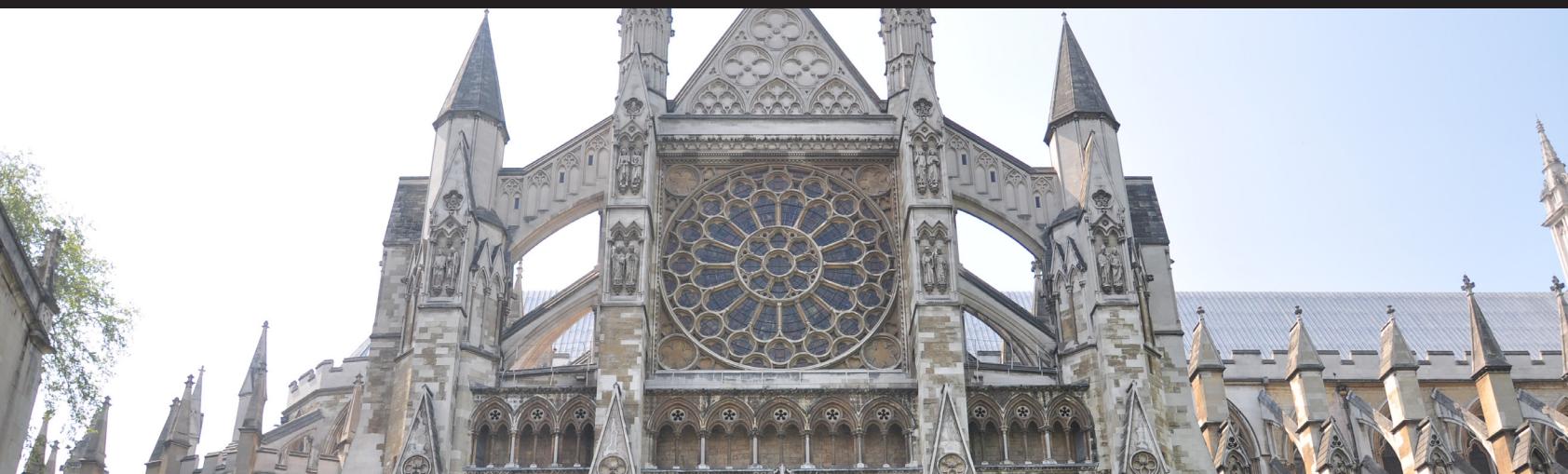


Changing of the Guard at the Tower of London

How come they can wear those hats in summer months? Respect them a lot!

Westminster Abbey and Windsor Castle

The surprising small Westminster Abbey has been witness to more historical events than most major cities. Indeed, this was where William the Conqueror was crowned in 1066 after the Battle of Hastings, and has been the place of coronation of almost every other monarch since, as well as their final resting place and that of such royal wedding event as Prince William and Princess Kate Middleton.



Discover the City



Westminster Abbey The home to powerbrokers, royalty and an elite international crowd and ideal place to discover the London of postcards, palaces, parks, grand avenues it is the nerve center of British politics, housing the palace of Westminster, the mother of all parliaments.

Though a mixture of architectural styles, Abbey is a must see for every English sovereign has been crowned here. Most of the monarchs from Henry III (died 1272) to George II (died 1760) were also buried here. Abbey is magnificent sight.

Tower Bridge Exhibition

The Abbey Musum exhibits the death masks of generations of royalty, wax effigies representing Charles II and William III, as well as armour and stained glass. By the way, the 90-minture guided tours really worth taking!



Windsor Castle



Let's Smile



Walking through the Windsor Castle

A fantastic tour if you're near Windsor. We spent 3 hours on the tour & learnt lots of amazing facts about British history. The audio guides were very easy to use & informative and all the staff were helpful & obviously enjoyed helping answer questions. On another day spent a couple of hours doing the long walk from the castle to the statue of George 3rd, a distance of 3 miles and a brilliant stroll ending with views back to Windsor Castle and indeed all the way to London. WE could see the Shard & Wembley's arch.



Loved everything about this superb piece of history. Also managed the Long Walk - well worth the effort.

The photograph exhibition of the Diamond Jubilee included some relaxed photos of the queen.

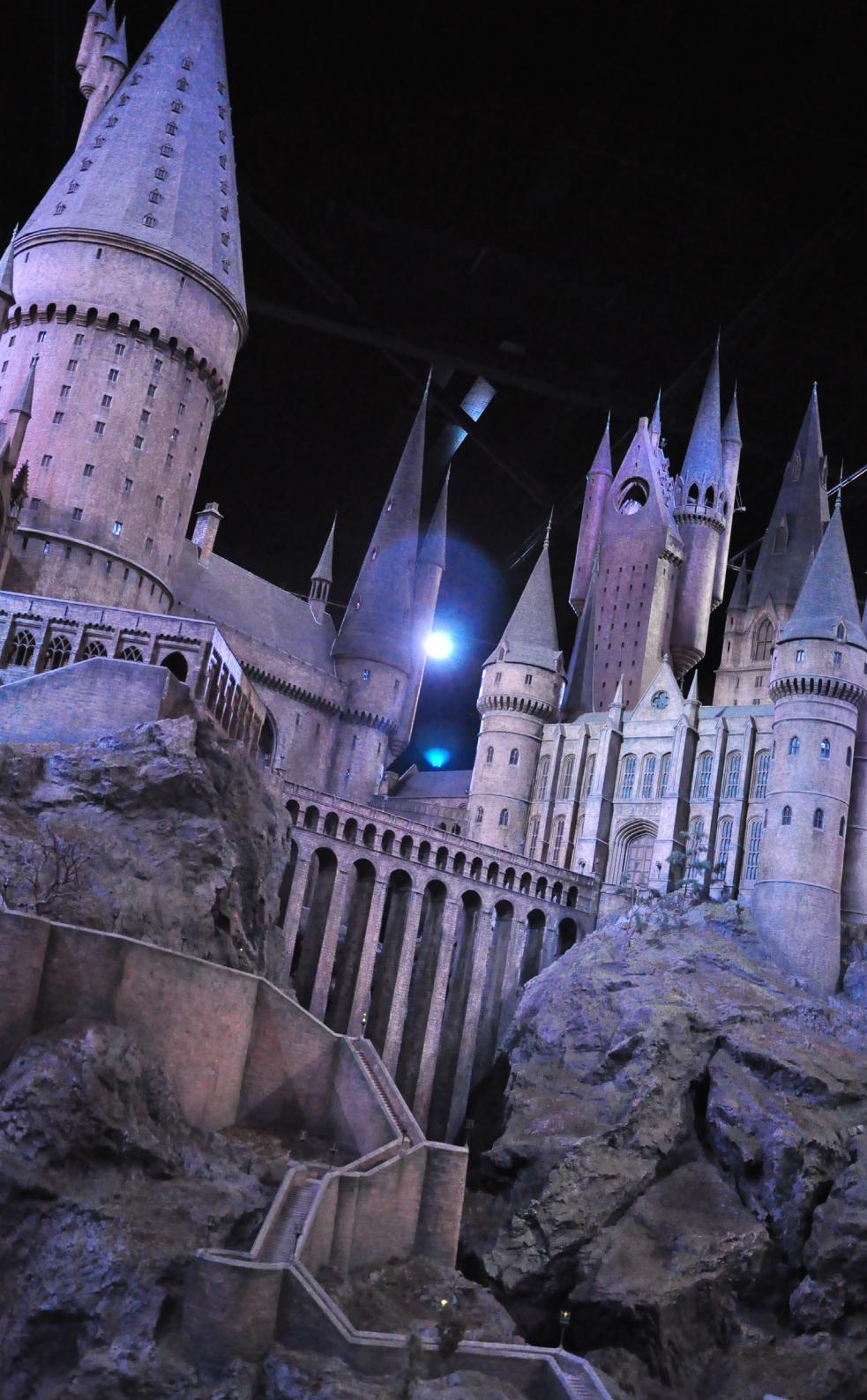


The restoration work done on the fire damaged part of the Castle is beautifully done and will age gracefully along with the rest of the Castle. Loved everything about Windsor and would love to return and spend more time exploring! Well worth a whole day to see the Castle and town.



RELAX. TAKE A BREAK.
BREATH THE FRESH
AIR.





LONDON ZOO

Explore on your own!

As an independent student, professor gave us a chance to explore London more on our own. For utilizing the London Pass completely, we decided to make the most of our spring day out at London Zoo!

Mingling with the monkeys in the squirrel monkey walk through. Seeing the amazing coral reefs in the aquarium. Visiting the penguins in their magnificent new pool and discovering about Antarctic life!

HARRY POTTER STUDIO

DAY 6

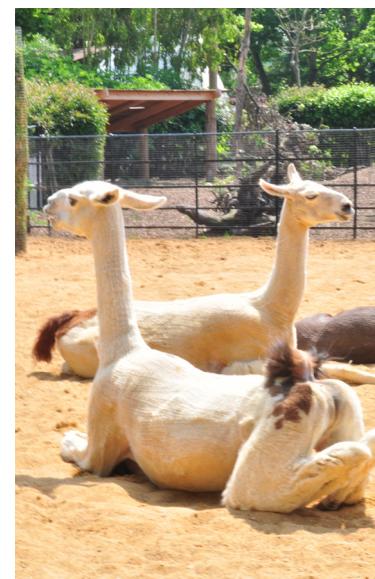
The magic of Harry Potter: See inside the studios where the movies were filmed! As the tour said "You don't need a password, a cauldron or a spell book to gain admission." Harry Potter film sets are opened up to fans, what a good news for us! Here are the sets, props and costumes that appeared in the movies. We could wander down the cobbles of Diagon Alley, inspect the table settings in the Great Hall at Hogwarts, gaze at the bookshelves in Dumbledore's office and peer through the windows of number four Privet Drive.



DAY 5

Cartoon Museum

Discover the London Zoo



The very best of British cartoon and comic art. My first time to view the British sense of humor in the context of history, some of comics bluntly make you laugh out loud. The museum only sets two floors for cartoon enthusiasts to visit. On the second floor, there's a room providing a space for artist to create their works. We fortunately met an artist who has been immensely focusing on his work (His work is stunning and so impressive.), that reminding me of its such a pity for the Hong Kong artists as the government offered an limited space for Hong Kong local artists to develop their creative-ness and lack of concerns with the designers, not willing to encourage the next generation to be more creative.

It offers an unparalleled glimpse into the making of the films, and everything you will see was lifted directly from the film sets. There are no replicas here, and by taking a closer look you'll pick up on a lot of the tiny details that production designer Stuart Craig and his team added to give each prop and piece of furniture its own individual character. A great example of this, pointed out by producer David Heyman during the press conference, is a tiny broom graffitied onto one of the Great Hall tables using the point of a compass. It's the sort of thing that you'd never see in the wide, sweeping shots used in the film. The opening of the tour is fairly impressive. One of the first things you'll see is a slightly awkward video introduction by Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. There are a few instances of scripted humour that fell flat, and you get a definite sense that the actors weren't given clear instructions on what their eyelines should be for the piece. Still, when the screen rolls back to reveal the Hogwarts entrance hall, I've been told it's a moment that often brought people to tears of excitement.



What you need to know

The centrepiece of all this is the model of Hogwarts used for flyover shots and building CGI effects, as seen in the timelapse construction video.

The Hogwarts Great Hall, Dumbledore's Office, the Ministry of Magic, Umbridge's terrifyingly pink office, the gates to the Hogwarts grounds and, most impressive of all, a complete reconstruction of Diagon Alley. The Knight Bus and a rickety old bridge that was frequently used for Hogwarts exteriors.



A Week In London, I Earned A Lot.

I'm about to graduate high school and go off to the college – but sometimes I wonder what it would be like to just quit school and travel the world. I think I would learn more that way. It was a study tour between leaving school temporarily through the summer break; this is the second-best decision of my life. A WEEK OF LONDON, I fell in love with London during the not-too-long-and-not-too-short, a bit-hot spring of 2012. Spending almost a week tramping the streets of London with my dear classmates and Rose, exploring.

We are all explorers trying to find ourselves...

I used to read a book about travelling, here's my favourite quote from it: "Why, Sir, you find no man, at all intellectual, who is willing to leave London. No, Sir, when a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford."

Walking the walks, seeing the sights, chatting with the locals, making new friends from different cultural backgrounds and digesting everything in sight. The longer you spend more here, the more you'll love it. London's parks are one of the best things about the place, through the museums, galleries, restaurants and nightlife are equally irresistible!

I am so pleased to digest that there are some people who keeps making endeavours efforts on boosting creativity and changing the world through Art and Design in order to shape their mother land to be a better city.

I've read an article from the magazine that I picked in the Design Museum - Coffee Shop. It reads as follows, Design is not simply a matter of aesthetics. It is about establishing an appropriate mix of uses and creating a network of safe and accessible open spaces, and ensuring that major new infrastructure is integrated into the public realm and with existing development. Good design also helps create a sense of innovation and excitement that draws people and business to an area. How inspirational is that! With creative, careful and integrated design, I hope that one day Hong Kong will be able to accommodate its growth without sprawl, while improving the quality of life available to HongKongers and visitors alike, as Londoners do.





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I like Britain. I think Britain is a modern as well as a cultural city. By joining the study tour held by the college, I got a chance to travel to Britain, which is a dream country that I always want to travel.



I think Britain is a country that full of creativity atmosphere. It is not difficult to find there are many graffiti and street performance in everywhere but you will not find any intervention. I benefited a lot from this study tour. The most impressive activity was visiting BBC Broadcasting House. It was because BBC which is a very famous and professional news platform in media industry. The broadcasting house not only showed us much equipment with detailed explanation, but also provided a chance for us to control equipment, such as sound effects, news editing, etc. After the tour, I think Britain is a country that encouraging media development

because these kinds of activity can let people understand more about the media industry and excite teenagers' interest. At the same time, I think my knowledge about the media industry was consolidated after the tour. The knowledge is not only about equipment controlling, but also the operation of a broadcasting house.

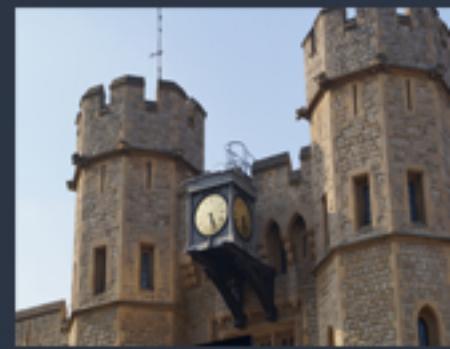
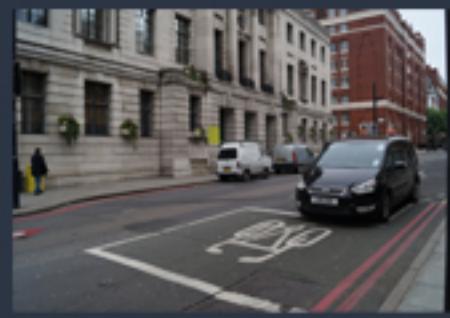


Furthermore, I got a chance to visit Warner Bros. Studio of the Making of Harry Potter. Although I am not interested in the film "Harry Potter" so much, I could still feel that the visual effects are very amazing and incredible. The studio shows many scene and properties which look very realistic. I found that a good fantasy movie not only depends on the computer graphic effect, but also integrate with properties in order to make the scene more realistic. The showpiece made me realize that pre-production is a very important part when producing a movie.



On the other hand, we also visited some famous attractions in Britain, such as Tower Bridge, Windsor Castle, Westminster, etc. I was totally surprised after visiting them. I found that those heritages are not only a traditional building. At the same time, a lot of digital media elements are added in order to make the heritage tour more interesting, such as using video to introduce the history, telling the background story by stimulating your sensation with some visual effects, etc. Although visiting those heritage attractions looked unrelated to our study, the tour made me understand that digital media could be a combination of traditional and modern. Sometimes a new idea is inspired by some traditional things. The most important was that is to understand how you can apply digital media in everywhere through creativity.

I am so glad to be one of the study tour's student. This tour not only gives me a great chance in consolidating my knowledge and skills in media production, but also further widens my horizons in other country's media culture. I strongly believe that this study tour can help prepare and equip myself in the future career as a profession in the field of media production.



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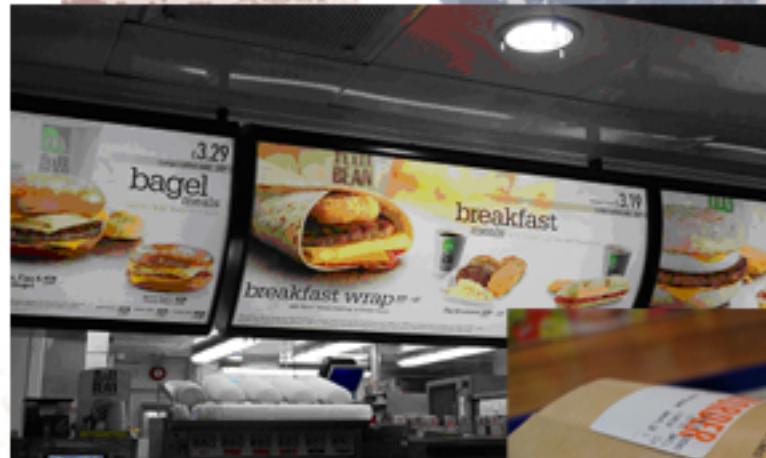
We arrived at the St.Pancras where our hostel was located.

This is the St.Pancras Underground Station and we often traveled by underground.

The hostel we chose named YHA Youth Hostel.
Stuff there were nice and we enjoyed it.



It was more expensive than in Hong Kong but it was yummy!



McDonald breakfast



A m&m Store could be found in Piccadilly Circus. There were large variety of m&m products. m&m fans must visit it!





In Leicester Square, there was China Town.
With Chinese words everywhere,
I felt very familiar and harmonious.



People who love shopping must go to Convent Garden. There were different stuff for instance, clothes, souvenirs, accessories, to name but a few.



Visiting the world-famous television centre, the BBC.

It provided us many knowledge about a television centre. It was a must go place for students who are interested in working in television centre.

This is the London Eye in Westminster. We can always see this landmark in movies. It was far more incredible to see this by person. Street performers could be easily found along the river.





Beautiful sky and London Bridge.



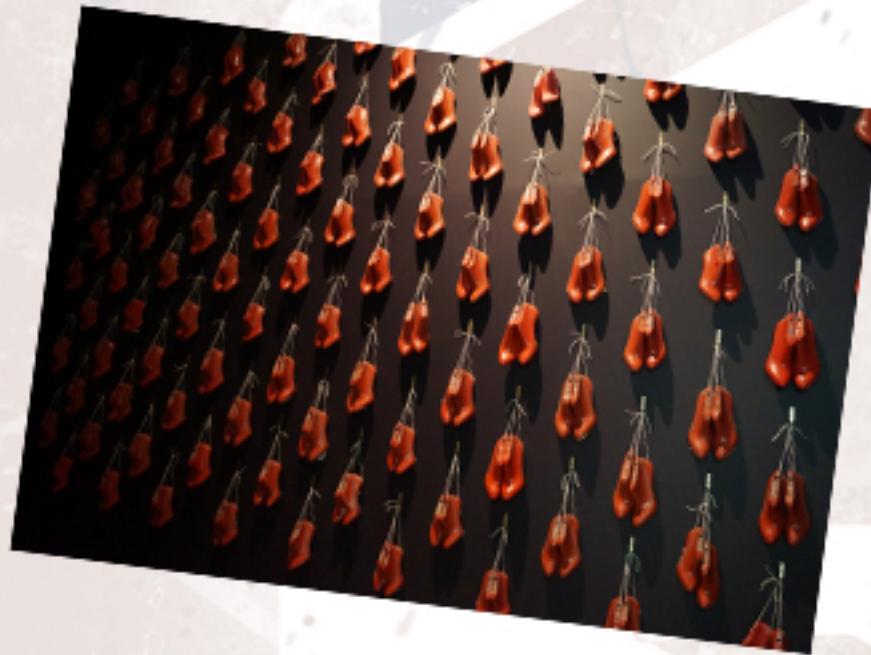
At first, I mixed up London Tower and London Bridge. After this trip, I could tell which was which.





Design Museum would definitely be a amazing place for people who love design. Creative and brand new items were displayed at it.

There was a high heel shoes exhibition and it was sure that women would love this museum.



Westminster Abbey was solemn and everybody paid respect to it.





The magnificent Windsor Castle. It was spacious and with beautiful decoration. It was absolutely the dream place to live.



Ice skating!!! Exciting!!!





London Zoo. My first time to go to a zoo!



Experience the process
of making the well-known
movie, Harry Potter.

Reflections

This was the first time that we had to plan every single detail of the trip, for instance, itinerary, accommodation, etc all by ourselves. The preparation was tough because we had never done that before. However, we could handle it and make a wonderful trip at last. It could help us to develop planning skills and train us to be more well-planned.

It was nice that I could experience United Kingdom's culture by person. It took certain time for me to adapt to this new environment.

I loved the food there on the first few days. However, I thought it was quite monotonous later on. Pizza and pasta were always the food found on menus. I soon got home-sick. Fortunately, I got used to it and was able to manage the toughness. I had quite a lot of fun there and took many pretty photos.

It was an unforgettable and worthwhile study tour. It broadened my horizon. I hope there will still be opportunity for us to join these kinds of tours and more students can participate.

