On the 12th of May at 10.00 o´clock pm, we, year 7, started our journey to England. We were excited but also sad because we had to leave our parents. When it finally started, some tried to sleep, some where busy with something else. However, falling asleep was not so easy, because the seats were simply to uncomfortable. In the end we were able to sleep, even if some only for an hour. After what felt like ten days and several „pee breaks“ we were finally allowed to board the ferry. But before that we had to get through the passport control. But we mastered it as planned. On the ferry Sebastian gave his presentation about Calais and Dover. After the ferry crossing we went to Stonehenge where Maria and Valeria gave their presentations. Stonehenge, a big circle and of stones was really fascinating. So we took a lot of fotos. Then we were already on our way to the hostfamilies. We were all very nervous and excited but when our hostfamilies arrived we were very, very relieved and tired, of course ….. So good night!

Mariella, Sophie and Maria

So, today was our first "real" day in Torquay. In the morning, everybody was taken to school by their hosts. At Riviera School we were split up into three groups and we had a introduction, about the English law and how to feel save. Afterwards we had our breakfast and then more lessons. We talked about different topics, like Torquay or typical food. Thereafter we had a really short walk and we had a lunchbreak to buy something to eat. The next thing to do was a town rally, we walked through the city to get all our information. Subsequently some people walked in the park and played some volleyball, others walked around in the city. Time pasted quickly and on our way to the bus, we saw a really sweet seal and took pictures of it. But then it went under water and we went on and we were dropped off at different bus stops. We think it was a great first day and we really enjoyed the time in Torquay.

Valeria and Nathalie

Wednesday, 15th May 2019

Once the bus had picked us up, we went to our school. The lessons were fun. After school we had a bit of free time before the bus picked us up to go to Brixham. There we listened to Oskar's and Samantha's presentations about the town itself, Sir Francis Drake and the Golden Hind. Then we walked to Berry Head and took some great photos. The landscape and views were very, very beautiful! Some of us sang songs with the teachers. As we walked back to the bus we stopped at a really cool stone beach. Some of us collected stones and shells, others were talking or throwing stones into the cold water. We found a nice café with ice and snacks. After eating and collecting stones we slowly walked back to the bus. Then we all got home and had dinner with our host families. It was a really great day.

Josephine and Neele

Thursday, 16th May

Today we went from our school to Babbacombe Beach. The day started normally. Like every day we went to school. After the lessons we walked to Hanbury's where we ate our first real English fish and chips. They were very delicious. After we had filled our stomachs we walked to the beach. The way was long but we talked a lot so the time passed quickly. We spent almost two hours on the beach, playing, chatting, singing, and some of us even took their shoes off and went into the water. Then we were told that the bus wouldn't take us home today and we had to walk all the way. We were a bit disappointed and not ready to walk for one hour but in the end it was quite a pleasant walk and we also explored more of Torquay. The day was really funny. We are excited about tomorrow.

Sofia and Alina

Friday, 17th May

Most people think school is just boring but the English Riviera School is so much more than that. The teachers teach us something new in an incredible, thrilling and understandable way.
After school we went to Exeter. On the way Nathalie already told us something about the city and its sights, like Exeter Cathedral, the University of Exeter and the historic baths. After we had arrived we were split into three groups and then went to the Exeter Underground Passages. When we arrived there, we watched a film about them in medieval times. Then we put the helmets on. We walked through the passages and even squeezed through a one-meter small hole. After this adventure we went to the cathedral, which was breathtaking. For the rest of the afternoon we had some free time to go shopping. It was a very nice and interesting day.

Nele and Wilhelmine

Saturday, 18th May

The bus took us to Lyme Regis today, which is a coastal town in Dorset and famous for the fossils on the beach. After we had arrived we walked to the Jurassic Coast. When we had reached the beach, we started searching for fossils and took some photos. While we did all these things we had a beautiful view of the ocean. Some people started getting hungry after a while, so we had a lunch break. Afterwards Jan and Josephine gave their presentations about the Jurassic Coast, which were very interesting. First we wanted to walk on further but we were too slow because we were so fascinated by the fossils. That's why we stayed and searched for more, like a lot of other people. Some of us talked to a more experienced man who told us how tofind the best fossils. He also had a hammer and a chisel. Jonas found a huge and heavy stone with a big ammonite on it and he took it home. A bit later we went back to the town and then we had a chance to look around and buy something to eat. But when you eat something by the seaside, you have to look out for seagulls because they want to steal your food. Ayisha and I wanted to eat a sandwich but a seagull attacked us while we were eating. We were really shocked because it flew so low above our heads. That was really scary. Around 3 o'clock we returned to the bus and went back home to Torquay and our host families.

Emilie and Louisa