

10th of September

Today we didn't go to school, but instead went on a day trip to the Eden Project. We caught the bus at 8:20 AM and started the two and a half hours long trip to the neighbouring county of Cornwall.

The Eden project is located next to the town St. Austell, in what used to be a Chinese clay mining area. Here the construction of the two huge domes in the picture below and the outdoor areas began in 1998 and the park was opened in 2001. It was built to reconnect people with nature and plants and to show how a damaged landscape can be regenerated and what can be done against climate change.

We arrived at 11AM and listened to our classmate Phillip giving his presentation about the project. After that we split into groups of at least two people and were allowed to walk around freely for the next four hours. We wandered through the domes first, which are split into the Mediterranean and the Rainforest climate and had lots of great flora in them. But Eden is not just about plants, there were many pieces of art like wooden or metal sculptures and paintings demonstrating the warnings about climate change and telling stories about the indigenous people that live in those environments as well.

At around 1PM most of us met up in the middle of the rainforest dome, where we visited a platform hanging above the jungle together with our teachers and Ms. Denner. Later we went to the outdoor garden area, which contained lots of trees, crop species and a yummy ice cream store!

At 3PM we met up outside of the park after going through a massive souvenir shop ranging from chocolate to real plants and more. We then got onto our bus and were driven back to our host families.

Tim, Konstantin, Max



