

Teacher Exchange April 2017

During the period of Friday 31st March 2017 and Thursday 6th April 2017 there were two Spanish exchange teachers (Juan and Rafael) who were visiting King's in order to view the teaching styles and behaviour management systems that were in place in British schools to compare them to their own school in Ronda, Malaga in Spain. They chose to visit The King's School due to it being a specialist Mathematics and Computing school of which they are teachers of.

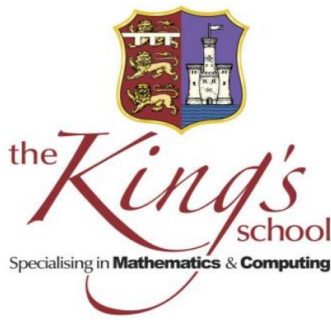
On the first day, the teachers were given a tour of the school and given the opportunity to speak with the head of languages, Mrs Sefton and the lead MFL Ambassadors, Bradley Stockill and Isabelle Smith. They discussed their timetable for the week during this time and were delighted that two students would be chaperoning them for the week to and from their relevant appointments with the Senior Leadership Team and lessons that they would like to attend to view lesson standards and pupil behaviours.

On the Monday, the two were treated to meeting the Erasmus exchange teachers and pupils which had arrived over the weekend for a week living within the UK as part of the Erasmus + 2016-2018 project. During the morning, Juan and Rafael visited a Year 8 chemistry lesson where they participated in building a rocket. After this they visited English and Computing. Juan, a computing teacher in Spain, was intrigued at how it was taught in the UK and took a keen interest in the lesson and had a discussion with the teacher also. They spent the remainder of the day in their own company.

Mr Banks spent Tuesday morning with Juan and Rafael and gave them a tour of the Caretaker's house and gave them an insight into our policies that they were keen to discuss. After this Isabelle and I took them to Chemistry where they were able to see a Year 11 revision class. For the remainder of the morning they spent their time in MFL working with one of the Year 11 Spanish groups where they discussed their local area and helped the pupils with their ability to speak Spanish with each other, a key skill for good GCSE performance. They then visited Pontefract in the afternoon.

Wednesday morning was spent in both a Year 7 and 11 maths lesson so that Rafael could view the teaching of Mathematics in England. They then interacted with my dual-linguists group and gave us a chance to ask them questions about school in Spain and about themselves.

On Thursday Juan and Rafael visited NEW College with the Erasmus students to see the higher education provider and to learn about the higher education system in the UK. The day consisted of activities based upon post 16 education options and local providers. The talk then covered the A Level system and apprenticeships and Vocational options that are available.



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Both Rafael and Juan had commented that they were very impressed with the school, Mrs Sefton, myself and Isabelle and all the help that we had provided for them in the form of meetings with staff, visits and discussion. They felt that they have taken away many innovative ideas that they can consider in their school. They have also given the option for out school to visit them in the future as they would love to keep in contact with our school in the future.

I personally feel that the exchange has given The King's School an insight into the workings of other schools along with making me feel that I have been able to perform an informative and friendly companion for the teachers while they have been visiting. The King's staff that were involved were all glad to contribute and answer any questions that Juan and Rafael had, along with giving them a chance to lead two sessions with Spanish groups to share their knowledge and experiences with the students.

I would like to hope that there is a visit to Ronda, and to Juan and Rafael's school in the near future as I feel that we (as a school and individuals) could gain many positive things from such an exchange.

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