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My Name and a short introduction of myself *

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The report of the methods used during the exchanges *

While I was at WKGS I participated in geography, history, math, business and physics lessons.

In geography we used a lot of videos and depended on the technological side of teaching. The teacher Mr. Vane was very informative and was also interactive with the students. As he was speaking he asked the students for more information about the subject in hand. I really enjoyed his lessons.

Unfortunately I was only able to attend one math lesson, but it was very interesting to see what methods and style of math the British used. The teacher spent an hour going through homework she had given before. The homework was almost like an exam but you did it at home and had many days to complete.

In history lessons I saw many different teachers. The British school system goes through history very differently than us. They spend much less time focusing on the big scale events like the world wars. They study specific battles and events more in-depth.

Physics was quite hard to follow because I have only studied two courses of physics and they were already studying nuclear physics. But the teachers used a lot of internet content, youtube videos, articles and also made us do our own research.

Business class was interesting because the teacher used a lot of these small and personal whiteboards for the students to answer her questions. She also did a quiz with the whiteboards.

Something else interesting *

The school was a lot stricter than Finnish schools. Their breaks lasted only for five minutes and they had these formations where a class gathered together just to see if everyone was still at school. Every time you went inside the school, you had to sign in and when you left you had to sign out.

The best things I have seen *

I had fun playing football at lunch break with the other boys from the school. I also really enjoyed the geography lessons with Mr. Vane. My host family was awesome and I really liked my stay with them. They treated me so politely and kindly, I hope I can do the same for them some day.

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