

Queen's Croft High School 'RESIDENTIALS'

Post 16 self-catering residential in Ashbourne Derbyshire.

The residential experience was a wonderful success; with the young people working together for the benefit of all. Each student was on a rota to either shop for our ingredients, prepare and cook the evening meal / packed lunches or to clean and tidy (which included the dishes!). It wasn't all work and no play, as everyone also had a day off from the chores.

Our week included spending time at Carsington Reservoir, a fantastic experience at Flip-Out (Stoke), pub meals and the cinema in Uttoxeter, a wonderful day at Chatsworth gardens and farm and then we finished our week with exploring some of Ashbourne's many shops and facilities.

The students shared dormitories, and for some it was their first time away from home and certainly their first time having to share a bedroom with others. Friendships were formed and strengthened. The young people helped each other and shared laughs and experiences. Below is a selection of quotes from post 16s.

"The best bit was Flip-Out. Jumping into the foam pits." TH

"It was fun. It was good to be around people from school." CE

"Having a nice time there and going to the cinema." SW

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Year 11 have recently returned from a fun filled week in France. We stayed at Monampteuil, near Reims. We visited a lake there with an artificial beach, Parc Asterix and the historical town of Laon. The pupils have been chattering away about all their experiences. Here are some of their comments:-

"We went on the beach. The sand was dirty and wet. I got stuck in it with 'C'. Also the sea was warm at the top but cold at the bottom and deep. We played bowls with 'F' and Mr Zaman and 'F' won every

time. Sometimes I got close to the jack and bowled the small ball." (CU)

"My funny moment was when we went to the theme park. me and 'C', 'C', 'C', 'L' and 'C' went on the biggest ride and I was watching the bags and they kept saying you need to come on. It was so fun also I kept messing 'C's hair up and I put it up as well. It was so funny that is what is my best memory". (ST)

"The funny bit was when Mrs Pickett, Mrs Grimshaw and Mrs Roberts was embarrassing me by dancing. I would say yes to do the trip again because it was the best trip for our school and everyone will like it, that is why we should do the trip again." (RC)

"I shared a bedroom with 'A' and next to me and 'A' was 'A' and 'J' and we had a laugh in the bedrooms and the food was OK. I didn't expect the hotel to be like it was because it was bigger than I thought it was. I think the school could recommend the trip



again because it



was fun." (LH).