

TUESDAY, THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER

Alton Towers

by Ben Gutberlet

Am heutigen Tag wurde ich, wie an jedem anderen auch, durch das Klingeln meines Weckers um 7.00 Uhr geweckt. Auf dem heutigen Plan für den Tag stand: ALTON TOWERS ! Die Vorfreude war groß und nachdem wir pünktlich um 8.30 Uhr am Trent College waren, wohin uns die Mutter meines Austauschpartners Will gefahren hatte, wurden wir mit Lunch-Paketen versorgt. Wir stiegen in einen der schuleigenen Busse und wurden direkt nach Alton Towers gefahren. Dort angekommen bekamen wir die Tickets, die uns erlaubten, den ganzen Tag alle beliebigen Fahrgeschäfte zu besuchen. Das nutzten wir aus und fuhren schnelle, atemberaubende und lustige Achterbahnen, bis wir uns um 12.30 Uhr am Eingang zum gemeinsamen Lunch trafen. Die Lunch-Pakete waren schnell leer und es konnte weitergehen! Ich lief mit Henry, Johnny, Tim und Will durch den Park. Zusammen hatten wir sehr viel Spaß in Achterbahnen wie "Rita", die innerhalb von einer Sekunde auf 100 m/h beschleunigt. So genossen wir die restliche Zeit, bis wir uns um 15.30 Uhr am Ausgang trafen, um zurück zur Schule zu fahren. Dort wurden wir dann von der Mutter meines Austauschpartners abgeholt. Zuhause bestellten wir uns eine Pizza und schauten 'Die Simpsons', natürlich auf Englisch. Nun schreibe ich meinen Bericht und werde dann, nach diesem anstrengenden, aber lustigen Tag in mein Bett fallen und vielleicht von den Erlebnissen in Alton Towers träumen, wer weiß?

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by Max Eckhardt

On Tuesday we got up at 7.00 am and had breakfast. Then my host mum took John and me to Trent College. A bus waited for us on the car park. We and our exchange partners went off to Alton Towers!

We drove around 45 minutes. When we arrived, we bought tickets and went in. First we drove a rollercoaster which was spinning around. That was great, but it was going to be much better. The second rollercoaster was called "Oblivion". I think it was the best rollercoaster joined perhaps only by the one called "Rita" (see below...). "Oblivion" is a rollercoaster which goes up for a long time. Then it stops for a few seconds and it goes pretty fast down vertically at an angle of 180 degrees for 15 metres, only to disappear into a big black hole.

We also went on a ride called "Dark Forest" which is a ghost train. I was really scared of this train. We started and it drove in the light for 5 minutes. Then it went into the darkness. It was not a very comfortable experience... Then we got on a rollercoaster called "Rita". It is a pretty fast ride, taking only 40 seconds in total. But it really pays off.

At lunch time we met at the entrance of the park, because it was lunch time. I bought a very big hot dog. After lunch time we took two water rides. One of them took place on a river and the other one involved pirate ships. You had a ship and drove through the water. On this ship you had some kind of squirt guns. Outside the visitors defended themselves with the same kinds of squirt guns. We all got wet. We nevertheless had loads of fun. Afterwards we took another drive on "Oblivion" and then we drove at home. At Trent my host mum has taken John and me home.

In the evening, my host dad went with John and me to the Derby Stadium. The club is called **Derby County Football Club**. Short: **DCFC**. On this day the match was Derby vs. Middlesbrough. This was a very good match. Derby won 3:1.

All in all, it was such a great day at Alton Towers and a marvellous evening with my hosts.