

In November of 2011, the Comenius team, both staff and students, went to Leighton Park School, located in Reading, England.

The project continued by showing two videos made by the students, a visit to a hospital where the doctors and architects explained the architectural needs of a hospital in relation to the needs within the field of science. In the other video, a scientist from CSIC was interviewed and discussed his studies and what is necessary to work in the world of science.

The trip to England left a great impression on us, with an excellent relationship between the British students and those from the Dutch school in Breukelen. Leighton Park School, located in Reading, is a residential town located west of London in the Thames Valley and impressed us all. Reading is famous for being home to the jail where Oscar Wilde served his punishment.

Originally founded by the Quakers but open to all denominations, most of the students attend the school as a boarding school, while some return home at night. Students of all nationalities attend the school (the majority are Chinese and Russian), and the themed pavilions (history, technology, marvelous ceramic and tailoring workshops, and grandly-decorated language classrooms) are located around a campus with fresh green grass and old trees.

We also made a visit the nearby power station of Syngenta, which is in charge of researching new seeds and products that fight against plagues and fungi in order to improve productivity and efficiency in crops around the world. This included a full-day visit to the greenhouse, laboratories and facilities.

We also did activities and went to regular classes at Leighton Park with the English hosts and the visiting Dutch students who left us with a wonderful memory of English hospitality.

In March 2012, we made the fourth and supposedly last visit of the Comenius project, "Time travel your future," in the city of Breukelen, The Netherlands, about half an hour south of Amsterdam.

Two new videos made by the students were presented; a visit to a restoration workshop called "Davinci Restoration," guided by a restorer and businessperson that showed them around, Gemma Ramirez Millares. Gemma introduced us to the fascinating world of restoring religious altarpieces from the Baroque period and landscapes from the 19th century, as well as the huge importance of physics and chemistry in this little-known discipline. In the second video they visited a sound studio Rec.Division with Jordi Claver who showed us the science of acoustics and the measurements in physical parameters with technological products.

In the Broklede school in Breukelen they had many activities for the ample number of Spanish students that worked well to present the videos on which they had worked. Amsterdam was a visit quite appropriate for these youth.

They visited the College School Superior Center in Amsterdam and had a really interesting activity about construction and resource management in a vehicle factory. In the IBM centre, an important executive made time to introduce us to the way the technology firm has evolved and become important at a worldwide level, and the implications of science all over the world for human security.

We had all kinds of possibilities to meet up and work in a secondary school with impressive workshops focused on adolescents, with posters and large spaces in which the students felt very comfortable. The only thing left to wait for is that our contacts from this encounter continue to be ours throughout the coming years in the form of thankful friendships.