

Valencia – Student Write-Ups

My favourite parts of this trip were, when we got to climb up the mountains and see the beautiful natural landscape and when we were on the plane. The best part was making friends and getting to live the lifestyle with my partner Aihona and her family.

So, I'd like to thank Mrs Sefton, Mrs Van-Lo and all the C.L.E.A.N team for making this possible.

We also planted a tree and went on a guided visit to Valencia. I made friends that where English and Spanish.

By Sophie Holland

I found it very interesting to see what the school was like in Spain. It was very different to our school, they were more relaxed on rules and didn't even wear a uniform. I liked the recycling performance we watched and the idea of expressing words as actions.

On the last day we watched a mini movie about dinosaurs in the Imax cinema, we sat in this big dome, the seats were really comfortable and we wore a headset that translated the movie into English. In our free time we went shopping in the centre. I was very surprised to see the orange tree farm and how many trees were there – there were thousands!

The food was very different, it included a lot of omelettes and rice. I like the House of Law where we sat on the chairs, it felt slightly weird but I felt important. Then there was the walk up the mountains, which was tiring and made my lungs burn and legs ache, but I made new friends and it was nice to learn about all the different trees, so it was worth it.

The day after the walk up the mountain, we went on another walk and we learnt all about the rice fields and different birds and fish. We had a craft station day in the school, we made plant pots out of plastic containers and ropes out of plastic bags. This was all part of recycling, so we didn't waste or throw away the plastic, but instead we made it into something new. I think going to Spain was a great learning experience for me.

By Tegan Johnson

“Our trip to Spain was incredible! My favourite day was the third day when we climbed up a mountain with a large group in the boiling hot sunlight. The Spanish students kept telling us that it was freezing and that we should put some layers on! I feel sorry for them when they come to England. At the top of the mountain we sat on the ruins of a yellow brick castle. We were the only ones to seek shade from the sun. Then it was a race to the bottom and our team came second, even though we started fourth. Afterwards, we bought ice cream and crisps to chill out – we deserved it!

By Amelia H-Appleyard

"It was amazing to meet the family I was staying with. They were all so lovely. Our friendship grew every day whilst I was there.

I have learnt a lot from my trip to Spain, but the main thing is the language. Not only do they speak Spanish, but they can also speak Valencian.

This is by far the best trip I've ever been on and has been an opportunity of a lifetime. Everyone is so kind and awesome! I would love to go back and can't wait for the next visit.

By Alex Blackett

I really enjoyed the contrast between the old and new walking down streets/alleyways. Some buildings looked like they were built in two different time periods; one old terrace house stood in the middle of a street.

Another thing I really enjoyed was seeing the town hall. I would recommend going to Spain because almost everyone speaks English. The food was also amazing – ie paella!

By George Lightfoot

We did some great activities when we were in Spain. We planted an orange tree and we surrounded it with rocks that say 'CLEAN', to remember the trip that we had. Also, because the CLEAN project is about recycling, we used plastic bottles in all shapes and sizes, and we turned them into animals such as a swan. After we had made the animals, we put a plant in them and displayed them against a wall.

We all visited a beautiful place where we went to a cinema to watch the dinosaurs. I really enjoyed it because we learnt how dinosaurs adapted when they got split up from their parents. The building we visited is shaped like an eye, which opens up for activities.

Overall, we had an amazing time in Spain and we were sad to go home.

By Liberty Blanckensee

"My trip to Spain was a once in a life time experience. It was good to learn new things and try things you wouldn't usually do. Staying with a foreign student was weird at first, but eventually it was like they were my real family and I really got to know how they lived.

In Spain, my favourite thing was the culture days because we didn't just see the school, we left and explored historical places. My favourite was climbing a mountain because it was fun to see everyone trying there hardest, and then running down it to be the first."

By Anonymous