

K&S Trip to France

This year's trip to France was another success. We have built up a solid reputation for an eventful and emotion-filled week and this year's trip to the Pyrenees certainly met every pupil's expectations. We stayed in a small but picturesque village called Saint-Béat and, as it is ideally located, we were able to take part in many different activities; some were more physical whereas others were more cultural and educational, like the visit to the Airbus factory. Some of these activities will probably be life time experiences. Here are some pupils' comments from Years 8 and 9:



"The French trip was incredibly fun. The best activity was the rafting because it was so much fun but the adventure park was also great as it was very challenging. I thought the trip was great overall and I can't wait till next year."

"One of the best activities was the 'Arapaho' downhill scooting. Many people fell over and got very muddy, but it was good fun."

"This year's French trip was similar to what I had expected it to be. The coach journey went quickly while we talked the evening away. We could also play video games, listen to music and watch DVDs."

"The French trip was amazing. I enjoyed all the activities we did. The coach ride was so fun. On Wednesday we went to Toulouse and that was the best day in my opinion. We visited the town on a tourist train and then we went to the Airbus factory."

"The town we stayed in was very interesting and it was a bit like Venice in Italy as there was a river with a strong current running through the village."

"The huge zip wire in the activity park was terrifying but it made you feel as if you were flying above the trees."

"My expectations of the trip were very big. From what I had heard, it was always the highlight of the year; it didn't disappoint me!"

"The trip was amazing. I loved every moment. I think one of my favourite parts was the trip to Toulouse when we all went shopping. It was very good as the people were very pleasant and the shops were fantastic."

"The trip was one of the best trips I have ever been on."

"I thoroughly enjoyed myself on our great trip to France and I am sure everybody else did. It was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life, especially the water sports like the rafting and canoaf. I loved the raft wars we had and how our team tried to kidnap Ms Rienzi - I never knew she could fight so well."

"There were very funny moments on the trip that included teachers and made many of us see them in different lights and once you make a bond it makes everything more enjoyable."

"I loved all the activities and it was good that both years got on well. One thing I found pretty amusing was that the teachers were very friendly. For example, they'd come in, have a cup of tea, play some cards and tell some jokes. I loved the teachers this year, however, they still had to be strict."

"The Airbus factory was actually a great learning experience, especially



seeing the new Airbus A380. We all learnt many new facts about this fascinating plane."

"Overall, I thought this year's trip was very good as everyone got on very well and all the activities were really fun. I hope that the Years 8 and 9 next year have as much fun as we have. I will really miss the French trip."

Anne Rienzi

