

LONDON, AN UNFORGETTABLE URBAN ESCAPE

- Between the 19th of October and the 23rd of October, 18 students in our class (11F), together with our teachers Mrs Gabriela Săndulescu and Mrs Şerban Victoria, had the opportunity to visit London as part of the “Şcoala altfel” programme.
- In order to reach London, we had to spend some time at the airport, waiting for the flight that would take us to our dream destination. The time flew quite rapidly, even though our excitement could hardly be contained. We arrived at the hotel in the evening, eager for the next day to begin.



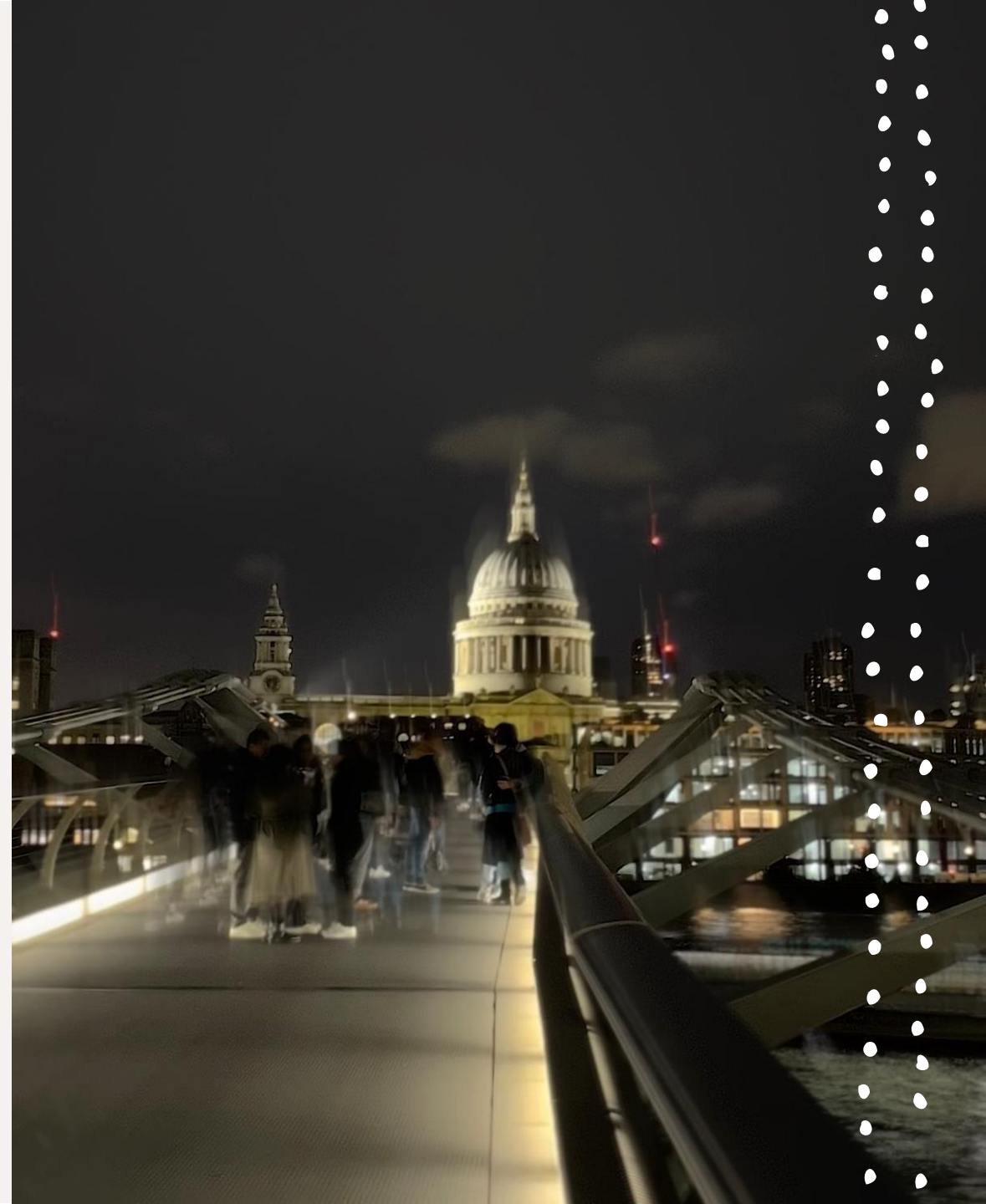


The first day of visiting started off strong with us getting to the central zone by the DLR and double decker busses. We had the chance to witness the changing of the guards at the Buckingham Palace. Then, we crossed St. James's Park to arrive in the historical part of the city, admiring the Westminster Abbey, the Big Ben and the Houses of the Parliament, as well as the London Eye. Because it was a chilly morning with a bit of rain, we took a short break to recharge our batteries. After that, we continued to visit the British Museum and the National Galleries, located in the Trafalgar Square, where the atmosphere was unique. As it was getting darker, we decided to call it a day and return to the hotel.



The next day, our voyage was done by train, Cambridge being our destination. On the way there, we watched in awe the surprising verdant British countryside. The first place on the list was the Cambridge University Press & Assessment, followed by Corpus Clock, a clock that has a special mechanism invented by Stephen Hawking, near the Corpus Christ College, continuing with the Trinity College where Newton's Apple Tree can be found. We couldn't leave without trying the famous Chelsea buns (spiced cinnamon buns with dried fruits and with a sweet glaze).

In the afternoon, we returned to London and explored the modern part of the city. The first stop was at the Garden at 120 where we admired the city's skyscrapers surrounded by a charming garden. The next stop was at the Tower Bridge where we captured a stunning sunset, followed by a walk to Shakespeare's Globe and then crossing the Millenium Bridge to St. Paul's Cathedral.



The last day was mainly dedicated to visiting the Natural History Museum, one of the biggest natural museums in the world, famous for its exhibition of dinosaur skeletons and architecture, but we also had some time to spend on Oxford Street in order to buy some souvenirs we will forever cherish, as they hold the memory of this spectacular experience.

Our trip there was so magnificent that it is hard to describe in words, as we managed to visit not only many of London's beautiful attractions, but also the idyllic countryside landscapes.

