

my experiences abroad

More than half of my time here in Bournemouth has already passed. Looking back, the time has passed quickly so far. I was looking forward to this adventure for such a long time and now I am here, I would not want to be somewhere else at the moment. Well, maybe somewhere where the weather is not as bad as it is here now. The cliché about the weather in England is true, even though we had a lot of luck with it in our first few months here, now it rains a lot.



As we knew from the beginning, that the weather will not be good during our whole stay, we used every opportunity to go out and explore Bournemouth and England in general. In August we went for a weekend to London and attended a music festival there. I have already been to some festivals in Switzerland and so it was great to experience the atmosphere and vibes abroad. Apart from London, we also visited other cities like Weymouth, where we have been as part of our little road trip over a weekend. During this

weekend we went also to touristic spots like Durdle Door and to the Chesil beach in Portland. We also made some tours with our bicycles along the beach and even through the New Forest, which is a national park just next to Bournemouth. Bournemouth itself is a little town by the seafront, although it is not that big, it has everything that is needed. We spend a lot of time shopping and during the weekend we like to go out and experience the nightlife of England.

I am doing my internship here at Bournemouth University in the International College. As I'm working at reception, I have daily contact with students from all over the world. I like my work here, as I can speak a lot with the students and I'm getting on really well with my colleagues. Generally, a normal workday of me starts at 9 o'clock in the morning and ends at 5 o'clock in the evening, therefore I work over one hour less than I used to work in Switzerland. Interestingly only one of my colleagues at work is from England, all the others are international too and come from Colombia, Poland, Guatemala, China and Ukraine. I really enjoy working with them and learning about their cultures as well.

I'm living with a host family, where the mother is from Slovakia and the father from Morocco. It is interesting to see their way of life, as both of them aren't British either but the children grew up here and attend an English school. Currently, I'm living here with two other students, a girl from Oman, who is staying until next spring and another girl from Russia who is staying until mid December.

In less than two months, I will move on to Bordeaux, which I am looking forward to but at the same time I am also afraid of saying goodbye to all the people I met here as I know I am not coming back any time soon.

