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Manchester Excursion 2013: Manchester United & Manchester City

During this year's trip to Manchester I got to know a lot of new things about England and the United Kingdom. We were accommodated in Salford 'John Lester and Eddie Colman Courts'. There were various activities on our list, such as day trips to Blackpool, North Wales, the Peak District and many optional activities.

Since I am very enthusiastic about football and have decided to work in the project group, Manchester United and Manchester City, I will write about my personal highlight, the Champions League game between Manchester United and Bayer 04 Leverkusen. On the day of the game full of anticipation I woke up very early. On this day, we had no fixed scheduled activity so I made my way into the city. A visit to the Manchester United fan shop was almost a must. After some time I came by chance to the football museum, which I visited immediately. In it, there were many interesting things to see and do such as various facts about football, mostly about English football. You could comment on scenes themselves, solve puzzles and shoot at a target goal.

After I visited the museum at the end I made my way back to our accommodation. Slowly it started. I met my fellow students, with whom I wanted to watch the game. Then we went to the supermarket because football in England without beer is only half as good. The later it got, the more excited I became, because it was my first Champions League match that I'd seen live and then also at Old Trafford, one of the most impressive stadiums in Europe. Finally, we made our way by train to Old Trafford. There were already many fans, both United fans and Bayer Leverkusen fans. When we arrived at the stadium we ate the local cuisine of fish and chips. Then it finally arrived, the moment we had been waiting for for days. The game was amazing. Manchester beat Leverkusen 4-2. After the game we walked back to 'John Lester Court' and watched TV highlights of the game. Since the game on 17 September took place two days before our arrival in Germany, it was a totally successful completion of the excursion. At 'John Lester Court' we sat together and watched the remaining Champions League games and had fun.

On the whole, I must say that the excursion was a lot of fun. We learned new things about British culture, visited and got to know many places, met new people and refreshed or improved our English. Anyone who is interested in such a field trip, I can only recommend participation. I personally would anytime again without hesitation participate in a field trip. So thanks for the new experience and for the nice time.

Best Regards,

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