

The students are now four days into their subject specific classes and its fantastic to see how engaged they seem in their chosen studies. Some of our aspiring scientists enjoyed extracting and examining the DNA from a kiwi using complicated equipment that I wouldn't have a clue how to use! Some of the other classes went on trips; the economists visited Cambridge Folk museum where they learnt about early Cambridge, the chemists visited a drug manufacturing plant where they witnessed the various processes which go into making the final product and the English Literature students went even further afield! They had a long trip all the way to Yorkshire to visit the Bronte museum. It must have been inspiring to step inside the home of the Bronte sisters, who amongst them penned such classics as 'Jane Eyre' and 'Wuthering Heights'.

Before dinner, some of the students spent their free time playing a spirited game of football with some of the supervisors. Later on, everybody attended the evening lecture on economics. The lecture was very interesting; it focused in particular on the economic development of China in recent years. It is a particularly interesting case study in that it boasts one of the fastest growing economies and yet is still one of the poorest countries in the world in terms of GDP per capita. We all learnt something new; for example, China has the largest high speed rail network in the world, even more than the EU and US combined!

Following the lecture, the students had a difficult choice: should they opt to wind down from a busy day by doing some art or could they gather sufficient courage to go on the famous Reach Cambridge ghost tour? I think that the excitement of being led around a dark and eerie Cambridge by night won out for many of the students. Supervisors Gemma and Ben for one night only transformed into very scary 'ghosts', donning frightening masks and taking their mission to scare the students very seriously indeed! There were many screams over the course of the tour- some of which may have less to do with the spooky stories of Cambridge's haunted history and more to do with mischievous students creeping up behind their friends and shouting 'Boo!' ✖

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