

The second excursion day began with an air of excitement as students boarded the coach from Cambridge, eager to explore the vibrant capital. The itinerary was packed, starting with free time on the bustling Southbank, followed by a serene river tour cruise down the Thames, and then an exploration of the historic Greenwich.

Upon arriving in London, the students were given some free time to explore the **Southbank**. This dynamic area, known for its culture and scenic views, offered something for everyone. Students could stroll along the bank, with landmarks like St. Paul's Cathedral and the Shard providing a stunning backdrop, whilst street performers and food stalls provided the vibrant atmosphere!

The highlight of the day was the **River Cruise**! Boarding a sleek riverboat, the students settled in for a relaxing journey down the **Thames**, whilst a knowledgeable guide narrated the history and significance of the landmarks we passed. From the grandeur of the Houses of Parliament to the elegance of Tower Bridge, each sight was met with awe and excitement.

The cruise concluded in **Greenwich**, a district rich in maritime history and home to the Prime Meridian. Here, the students were given more free time to explore. Many were drawn to the **Cutty Sark**, the historic 19th-century clipper ship, where they learned about its storied past and significance in British maritime history. The nearby **Royal Observatory** was another highlight, with students standing on the historic **Meridian Line**, where they straddled the Eastern and Western Hemispheres. The National Maritime Museum also attracted some students, offering fascinating exhibits on Britain's history on the seas!

Upon returning to Cambridge, the students had some chilled activities to choose from, including a relaxed **movie night**, with snacks and drinks to have a cosy evening in. And, after the enthusiasm earlier in the week, we picked up where we left off for some more **Charades!**

Come back tomorrow to hear all about the first day of week two, and as always, check out our Instagram Story for more daily updates (@reachcambridge)

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