



Dear Diary

My Ironbridge excursion began on Wednesday 15th May at approximately 8.10am as we boarded the coach and set off towards Shropshire. There were many people who had brought games to pass the two hour journey and some teachers took photos to record our visit.

Before long we had arrived at Warwick Service Station, on the M40, where we had a snack, before re-commencing our journey. After about an hour we arrived at Coalbrookdale and when the iron bridge was in sight, there was a big cheer! We parked in the nearby car park and walked along the banks of the River Severn, taking many photos - both on the bridge and below. From underneath there was a shape that was said to be the face of the inventor Abraham Darby 1st's -made by his workers.



Next, we had a group photo before visiting the Ironbridge Gorge Museum and from then we went to a very interactive museum. It was called *Enginuity* and I would recommend it to both families and children, as there were three sections full of science orientated puzzles. The



most popular section was the 'Water Area' as it had lots of water activities but Mr Bridges seemed very interested in a scientific robot, that made Ironbridge (Well, what do you expect?) Several hours later we rolled up at the Youth Hostel,

perched high on a hill just outside Ironbridge centre. We were sorted into groups and then we had to make our beds. Let me tell you in advance that to do this will be a complete pain!

In the evening we watched television, whilst Mr Grosse called out the names of the rooms to go to before tea - and the dessert was very delicious! Soon we watched the DVD 'Frozen' and ninety minutes later we climbed the stairs to bed, to go to sleep - which some of us didn't get much of!

The following morning we woke up and went downstairs to the sitting room before breakfast, which was very very very very tasty!

We were soon on the road again, only this time to the Coalport China Museum and the Tar Tunnel. The tar dripping tunnel was quite ghostly and we had to wear hard yellow hats as we walked along the former train track, that burrowed into the dark hillside.

At the China Museum we witnessed glass blowing and pottery making. The furnace reached temperatures of 500 degrees C inside so the workers



had to put the glass on a long pole, whilst they wore protective gloves.

Soon we went to Blists Hill, an authentic Victorian town with real shops, money, roads anda FAIR! I would certainly recommend this as a valuable place to visit!

Before we knew it, it was time to leave, to return home but then on the M25 there was a two hour delay, owing to an accident so we watched 'Frozen' once again and 'Toy Story 3.' - complete with snacks and drinks so that the time passed relatively quickly! The traffic cleared and we arrived at Warwick Services, where we had biscuits and a drink, before travelling onward toward Aylesbury and home.



It was the best trip ever!

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