



We met at school at 4AM (!!!) for an early departure to Paris via the Euro Shuttle. The journey took a very long time (13 hours) and a lot of the time was spent between sleeping and becoming more excited as we arrived to the French border. After checking in and unpacking, we headed for dinner in the chateau where we were staying. Dinner consisted of the typical French dish "coq au vin" along with fresh vegetables which was delicious and certainly warmed us up as it was absolutely freezing!! After dinner students took part in a photo challenge activity organised by PGL staff and soon after the early start was catching up with everyone (especially staff!) and we called it a night, knowing that many could not wait for Disneyland tomorrow.

It was an early rise on Friday with a quick breakfast consisting of croissants, pan au chocolats and cereal. Just before 9AM we departed for Disneyland which was a short drive away. The weather was incredibly cold but the sky was totally clear meaning it was sunny and dry. We spent the whole day in Disneyland where students had an absolute ball, going on the rides, admiring the Disney buildings, meeting the characters. The highlight for many was the parade at the the end of the Disney floats with all the key Disney characters such as Mickey Mouse, the Lion King and many more! Finally at half past six we saw the firework display that are set off from the top of the castle. Shortly after we headed back to the chateau for dinner and some much anticipated Karaoke with excellent contributions from Lewis Bailey-Hague, Daniel Tinkler, Daniel Garlick and Roya Ikhiasi. After all of the excitement of the day students were keen to catch up on some sleep and rest well before exploring Paris.

Unfortunately for all it was another early rise on all on Saturday morning as Miss Gitton has arranged a jam packed day in Paris. We started at Montmartre, before working our way down to a view point in the city with the best views of the Eiffel Tower before walking down under the tower to allow students to take some photos. After this we headed to the Opéra area of Paris to do some Christmas shopping at the Galarie Lafayette to admire the huge Christmas tree and grab some last minute presents for friends and family. After this we went to a traditional Christmas market where students explored the traditional stalls and some students went ice skating in the pouring rain! After this we walked past the Louvre and through Notre Damn to find the restaurant where we were to have dinner Creperie Du Cluny, where students impressed us with their ability to order their crepes in French. We arrived at the chateau quite late so it was a job of packing for tomorrow's departure.

On our final day we said goodbye to the PGL staff who had looked after us so well and departed for England. It was going to be a long day (13 hours before arriving to Boston Spa). We split the day up by stopping at a big Hypermarché for some last minute shopping before our departure on the shuttle train back to England. On our way up to Boston Spa from Kent we handed out some awards for the students including the following categories; "the baguette stealer", "Brit abroad award" and an award for the best spoken French. We arrived at Boston Spa at 9.40 which meant the end of the Paris Residential 2018! Everywhere we went staff received compliments about the conduct of the students and they were a total credit to the school.