

Blog Thursday 9th to Wednesday 15th

9/11/17

Day 38, Thursday - I did my second last presentation on Scotland this morning, but since I was in a rush I almost turned up late. Luckily the rest of the presentation went better than planned. I'm fairly certain a lot more of them knew the answers than raised their hands though, which is a real shame, seeming as you can't know how smart someone is until they put themselves out there more, and are confident enough to show off what they know. I realise it's difficult to understand at 12-13 years old, but it is always better to try and answer a question, get it wrong and be corrected, than it is to never try at all.

10/11/17

Day 39, Friday - I didn't actually have much work to do today, so after I had finished all of it I started sketching in the notebook my mom's boyfriend gave me for my 18th birthday.



11/11/17

Day 40, Saturday - I started off today with my personal statement for my university application, and also booked my flight to Australia this Christmas. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone, seeming as I haven't seen most of my family in over two years.

12/11/17

Day 41, Sunday - At 1.30pm I went with my host family to see a piano concert, which was absolutely amazing! I don't go to many such concerts at home, so it was a nice surprise. Afterwards my host family and I went to the same hotpot restaurant we ate at when I first .

13/11/17

Day 42, Monday - At 10am this morning I gave a presentation to the teachers on Australia, England, Scotland and Dollar, before teaching a lesson on ceilidh dancing to the teachers who wanted to take part, who I must say were basically all female. Ryall was a really good sport, as he was the only guy to take part in the lesson, even though it took a lot of encouragement to get him to join in. This wasn't a problem for the dancing style though. In Scotland, the younger kids often pair up as two boys or two girls when ceilidh dancing. There were definitely enough people there though, and although it was slightly chaotic at the beginning, by the end everyone had gotten the hang of the dance we were learning: the Virginia Reel. I wonder whether the kids I'm teaching ceilidh dancing to on Thursday and Friday will be better or worse.

14/11/17

Day 43, Tuesday - I gave my final presentation on Scotland today, which was extremely satisfying. Otherwise I also went out to buy some new shoes. This was quite a depressing experience; there are serious consequences for being tall compared to the people in Taiwan. I ended up buying the only shoes that were large enough for my feet, after about half an hour of tearing through the shop looking for them. Fortunately they are still really cute, but even these feel too small for my feet.

15/11/17

Day 44, Wednesday - It's only 8.50am at the moment, so all I have really done since arriving at school is finish off this week's blog that you are currently reading.