

The Bolingbroke Academy

After a long trip by plane and Underground, we arrived at Bolingbroke Academy in London. The school is an old hospital which was renovated in 2012. The building is very big with a huge entrance hall and six floors. I even got lost one time :) But the students of my exchange partner's class picked me up and helped me to find my way to the next lesson.

At Bolingbroke Academy the teachers have their own rooms with smartboards, so it's a very modern school. One thing is completely different to our school: the teachers are very strict and if you don't pay attention in class, you can get detention after two reminders.

Another point is that every student has to wear a uniform, also in *Physical Education* (PE=Sport). In PE the class is separated into boys and girls and they have different themes in their PE lessons, like rugby for the boys and dancing and trampoline for the girls.

From Monday to Thursday school starts at 8.15 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. After the first two lessons there is a 20-minute break, where the students can buy bagles in the cafeteria. The lunch-break is after the fourth lesson. The students have to sit in groups of five people where everyone has a task, e.g. to get the plates or glasses for everyone. When they have finished lunch, they have to clean up the table and put their dishes away. After this they are allowed to go to the library or to go in the schoolyard. As in our school they are not allowed to go upstairs during the breaks.

On some days the classes have *Civitas*, which is something like our "Verfügung". At the end of the week they have something like our prayer services (Andacht). And on Fridays there is another schedule - school starts later, only at nine o'clock, and ends at about two p.m.

The Bolingbroke Academy is a very structured school with very nice students and teachers and it would be worth visiting this school by taking part in the next exchange!

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