

Editors Column by Jane Morgan

Hello again! Since writing my last editorial I've been busy making plans to fill my summer holidays before its back to lessons and homework. In the first week following my final exam, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit Poland.

My school Woodham Community Technology College, (you may remember they were recently inspected by young people), was selected to take part in an exchange programme with a school in Czechowice - Dziedzice. The purpose of our trip was to work on the construction of a joint web Page, which will show what life is like in our area, the North East and in the area of Poland we visited.

Well the trip was great, our party consisted of three teachers and five pupils, including myself. We each stayed with a polish family for four nights and had the chance to experience a different culture. Thankfully we didn't need to know any Polish as our exchange students spoke English . However I did manage to learn yes "tak" and no "nie". I know it's not very impressive!

As I've already said the trip was great! The people were extremely hospitable and we had the opportunity to visit some fantastic tourist spots, such as some

amazing salt mines (I promise they are much more exciting than they sound) and Auschwitz which was a very moving experience.

However, nothing is ever perfect ,as we found out on arrival at the airport in Poland. As you can imagine we were all eager to get home and tell everyone what we'd done, but our flight was delayed! I'm sure most of you know what it's like to be stuck in an airport, as it's not an unusual occurrence. For us it meant we missed our connecting flight to Newcastle, which for one person in the group meant he missed his flight from Newcastle to Malaga for a 2 week family holiday!

Thanks to British Airways things weren't that terrible, he managed to get a flight to Malaga direct from Heathrow, while we were put up in a rather nice hotel for the night with free room service. I'm not sure the teachers would agree, but the rest of us not going to Malaga were quite happy with the delay.

I'll allow you now to enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter and hopefully many more.

Bye! Jane

