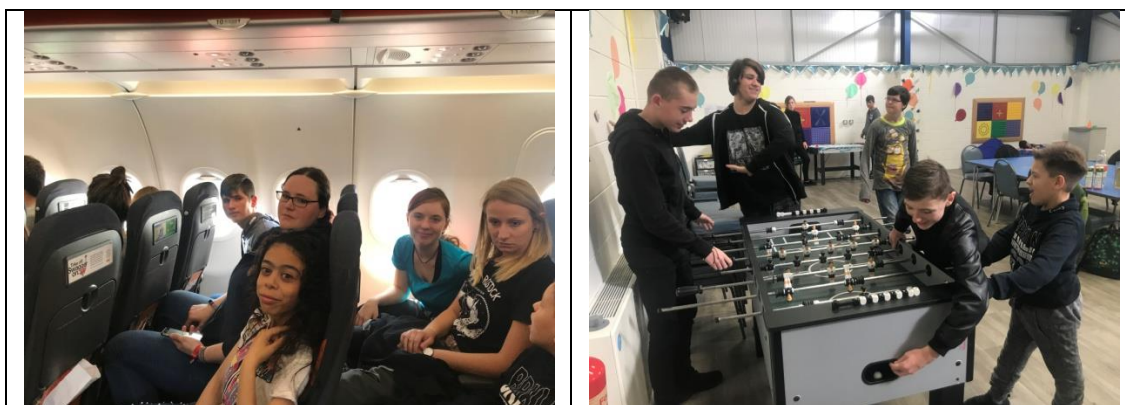


## **UK-German Connection activity report**

### **Dee Bank School, Chester – Schule an der Kleiststrasse, Oldenburg**

### **Wingate Centre 24/09/2018 – 28/09/2018**

On Monday the Students and staff travelled from Schule an der Kleiststrasse and Dee Banks. Everyone arrived after lunch and had time to get used to the Wingate Centre, explore the grounds and unpack. Students and staff from both schools had a relaxing evening and had time to get to know each other, Jo from Dee Banks brought her guitar to sing a few songs and they had a film night.

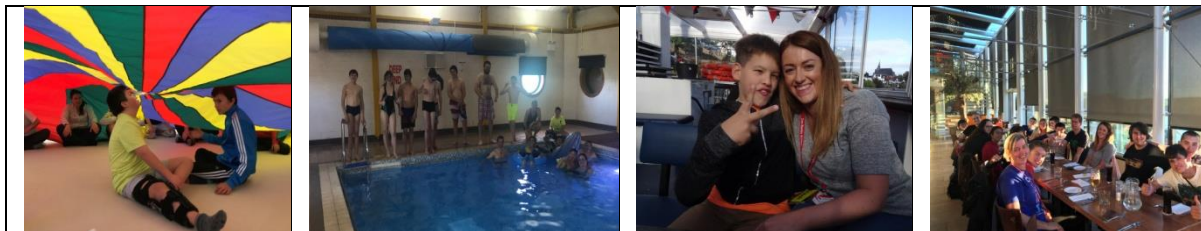


On Tuesday the students were able to take part in a gymnasium session based at the Wingate Centre. They were given time to explore the equipment and the coaches were able to see the children's ability in preparation to plan for a more structured session on the Wednesday. After lunch the students and staff travelled on the mini buses to Delamere Forest and were able to explore the forest and play team building games. After arriving back at the Wingate the students were able to use the outdoor equipment and play football.

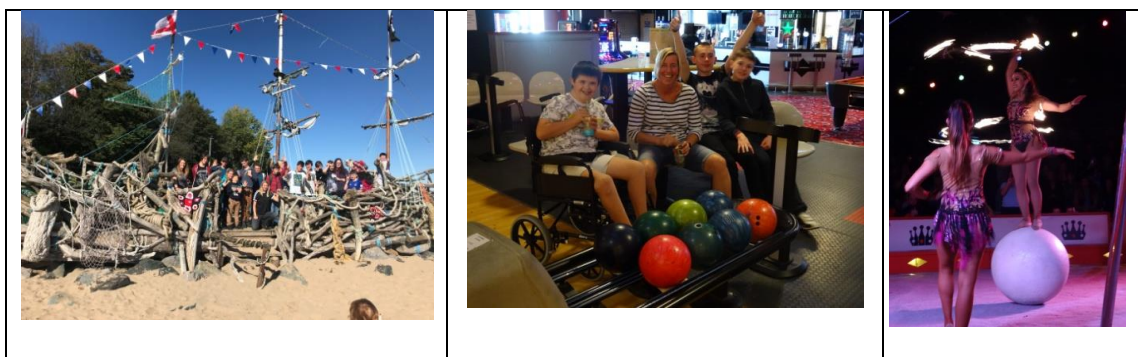
From this day on the English and German students got one group. They came together at meals, sports and talked in a special mixture of English, German and "hands and feet".



On Wednesday the students had another gymnasium session with more structure and guidance from the coaches at the Wingate. After lunch the students and staff visited Dee Banks and had a swimming session at school and then they used the adaptable bikes on the school's bike track. We then went on a short boat trip along the River Dee to show the students and staff a bit more of Chester. After the boat trip we had an evening meal at an Italian restaurant called Et Alia which is next to Dee Banks school.



On Thursday after breakfast we travelled on the minibuses to New Brighton Beach. We had a nice walk along the water front and explored a shipwrecked boat made out of wood and able to paddle in the water. We were also able to show the students and staff Liverpool which you could see over the water. Whilst at New Brighton we visited Riverside Bowl to do some bowling which the students enjoyed and were able to play on some of the arcade games. We returned to the Wingate for evening meal and then drove to Chester to watch a circus show that was designed for children with SEN. The children seemed to really enjoy the performance.



On Friday we had a Yoga session with Ros from Dee Banks School and then students and staff had time to gather and pack belongings ready to travel home. The students were able to have free time to explore the grounds, relax in the lounge area and say their goodbye's to the friends they had made.



We all thoroughly enjoyed our stay at the Wingate Centre, the staff were very accommodating and wanted to help in any way they could. The students at Dee Banks continue to talk about the residential and how much they enjoyed their stay and meeting new friends from Schule an der Kleiststrasse.

For the German students the visit of a foreign country was 'really special'. They all enjoyed the trip and the warm welcome our English friends have given us. And they all want to go back there one day....