

Dear parents and dear fellow pupils,

As part of a project, the bilingual pre-course of 2018 had the chance to visit the Stuttgart airport. We really liked and enjoyed the trip. The guided tour was gripping, especially the speech of our guide. First, we had a little meeting in the conference room in one of the buildings. The two guides asked us some questions about the airport or the plains, for example: "What are we doing when one of our airplanes lands to make it ready to start again?" After a couple of questions, we watched a short movie about the Stuttgart airport. We considered it to be pretty



Figure 1: Listening to our guides

interesting. Afterwards we walked to the security check and we had to go through the normal procedure. We received a visitor pass which we stuck on our shirts. Then the main part of our guided tour started: we visited the gate and entered a bus which normally brings the passengers to their airplane. We drove around the whole area of the runways and listened to our guide who provided us with interesting information about different kinds of planes, the fire fighters and how to keep away the rabbits of the runways. The guide



Figure 2: Trying out the noise meter

allowed us to get off the bus at a very specific point: at the noise meter. Our job was to shout as loudly as possible...unfortunately, we weren't able to beat some fourth graders : / After a couple of minutes on the bus, we entered an area that is not accessible for passengers: the area in which the suitcases are distributed to the correct planes after passengers handed them in at the check-in.

After the guided tour we explored the airport on our own, we walked and investigated the whole airport on little groups. The highlight: we received an exercise sheet telling us to interview employees and passengers. So, we had to find out where they came from, where they are going to and some more interesting facts. Of course, we had to speak English throughout the trip and in the interviews.

If you signed up for bilingual classes, the trip is definitely something to look forward to!

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