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CHINA VISIT FOR TOURISM STUDENTS

Seventeen students and staff from Yeovil College visited the People's Republic of China as part of their BND Travel and Tourism courses.

The eight-day trip was planned by the students themselves as part of their studies and included visits to UNESCO World Heritage sites the Forbidden City imperial palace, the Great Wall and the mausoleum of the first Qin emperor, home of the world-famous terracotta warriors.

As well as a practical application of skills learned in class, the trip was also an opportunity for students to experience first-hand the culture of one of the oldest civilisations in the World.



They saw many traditional crafts and small industries including silk and fresh water pearl production and Cloisonné copper crafts. They also had the opportunity to haggle their way through the Silk Alley shopping market.

Other highlights included cycling on tandems along the city walls of Xian, visiting the night food markets, seeing Buddhist temples and watching the impressive Chinese State Acrobats.

The students also met young Chinese people at two educational establishments, forging strong links and lasting friendships with them.

Student Kirsty Pescod said *"All in all it was a once in a lifetime experience that just couldn't have been any better. The people were brilliant, the place was brilliant, it was just, well, brilliant!"*



Kathy Potts, Course Manager and Trip Leader, said *"The students were perfect ambassadors, not only for themselves and their families, but for Yeovil and the UK. Trips and visits are an important practical aspect of the College's Travel and Tourism courses because they give students in-depth and hands-on experience. They are a highly popular and worthwhile element of the course."*

Other recent trips have included visits to Paris, Barcelona, Venice, Verona, Milan and Lake Garda, New York, Chicago, Las Vegas, Palm Springs and Sandiego. Preparations are already under way for next year's trip to South Africa.

Further details of Yeovil College's Travel and Tourism can be found online at www.yeovilcollege.ac.uk or in the new Full Time Prospectus, due for publication this September.

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