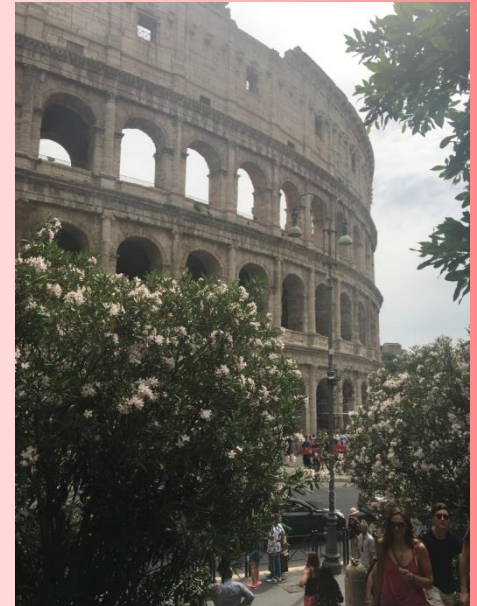


OUR TRIP TO ROME

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Day 1

(29th May)



On the 29th of May, we flew from Stansted airport to Ciampino Airport. From there, we had arranged for a car to pick us up and take us to our apartment.



On the first day, we explored the centre of Rome and were able to see some of the famous tourist landmarks such as the colosseum and St Peter's Basilica.

After being the first day we had already learnt more about Italian culture. Some of the things that stood out to us was they were a lot less courteous on the road and their attire showed how comfortable they were with the heat.





Day 2

(30th May)

- In the morning of day 2 we went inside the Colosseum.
- We got to see the amazing infrastructure of the colosseum and understand how difficult it was to build.
- We found out many facts about the Colosseum which included:

1. It took 6-8 years to build the Colosseum and was built by 60,000 Jewish slaves.
2. Underneath the floor of the Colosseum was where the gladiators were kept .
3. Gladiator fighting was the main source of entertainment for local people and the royals when the Colosseum was built.





Day 2 *continued...*

- After visiting the Colosseum we went to the Roman Forum and Palatine Hill.
- We learnt that the Roman Forum used to be made up of independent villages that began to merge. The Roman Forum was the place they met for economic transactions and social events.
- The Forum hosted games, political meetings and assemblies.
- On top of Palatine hill there was a beautiful building with statues and fountains. The view overlooked the Roman Forum.

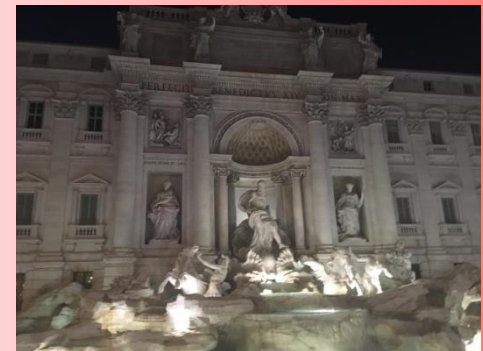
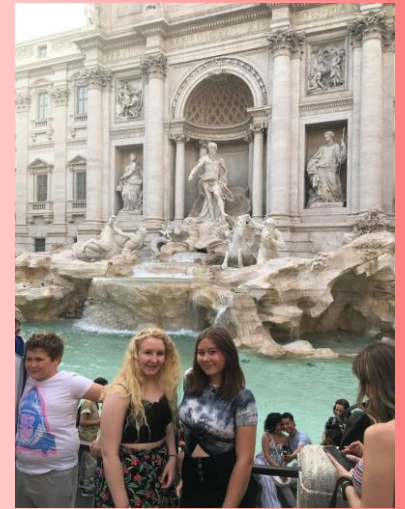




Day 2 evening...



- In the evening we went to the Trevi fountain and the Spanish steps.
- The Spanish steps were very nice but it was very busy and crowded there. We walked to the top which offered a great view.
- The Trevi fountain was very impressive both in daylight and in the dark.
- The mainly marble structure had various statues and it was amazing to try to understand how it was all built.
- After visiting these places we had a nice meal out in a restaurant down one of the side streets.
- We all had pizza or pasta which was very delicious and all freshly made!





Day 3

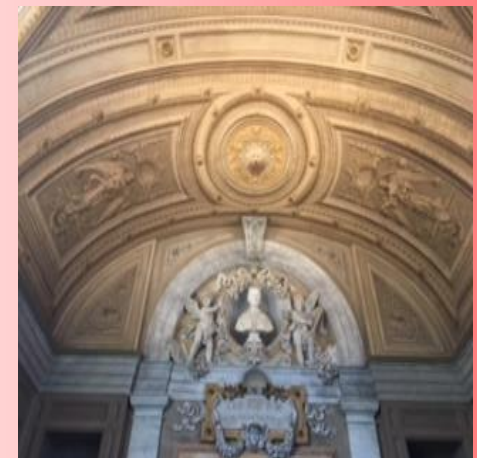
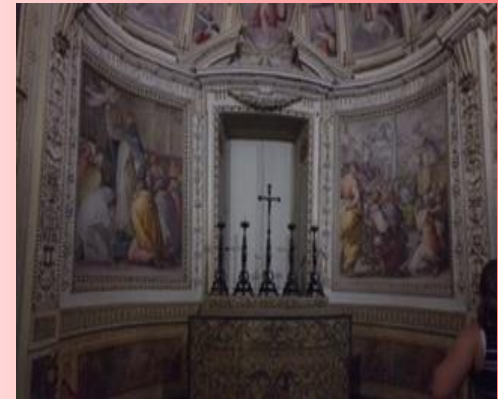
(31st May)



The Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum

The Sistine chapel is known as the official residence of the pope in Vatican City. As we walked around the Vatican Museum we were surrounded by amazing sculptures and paintings. It proved that the catholic religion is very prominent and a big part of Rome's history.

The interior of the Sistine chapel covered all the ceilings, floors and walls with mesmerising images painted by Michael Angelo. The atmosphere was very divine and it felt like a surreal experience. In order to show respect we were expected to stand in silence in the centre of the chapel, and were not permitted to take any photos. It was a once in a lifetime experience.





Day 3 continued

St Peter's Basilica

St Peter's Basilica is an Italian renaissance church in Vatican city. It is a famous place for pilgrimages and is where the pope often gives famous speeches drawing a crowd of around 15,000-80,000 people.

It is regarded as the greatest and most remarkable building of its age, and it is filled with many religious sculptures and paintings which includes a list of the former popes. As it is very sacred, respect is shown by wearing appropriate clothing and using appropriate language.

