

## Year 10 Geography GCSE fieldtrip – Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (June)

The trip to QE Park was an insightful trip we took a few weeks back. It involved a good mix of work and fun. We began with a short introduction and a walk around 'Here East' (which has undergone significant regeneration) and found out that busses have names! We took various notes on things like the West Ham Stadium and Orbit – the latter, many of us discovered, actually does have a slide!

Our class was able to listen to a talk from a woman working on the International Quarter development with a specific focus on the creation of communal spaces that promote collaboration between people working in different businesses and organisations. The talk helped us to gain a much better understanding of the wider development, including the new cultural quarter being created on the East Bank site. In addition, we were able to receive an insight into careers in this sector as the 'powerhouse for innovation, creativity and learning' as well as 'the new cultural heart of London'.

As a part of the fieldwork, we also had to talk to members of the public to fill out a questionnaire to investigate what people were using the Park. This was a good experience with many of us able to speak to people who had come from abroad (some all the way from places like Japan). Finally, we had plenty of time to have fun with our friends!

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