

Our School Trip to Bilstein Castle in October 2017

One Monday morning we met at the school and then we went by coach to Bilstein Castle, our home for three days. The coach trip was long but not too boring for some of us because we played lots of funny games.

After we arrived at the castle we explored the environment. The castle is a big youth hostel. It has got a nice playground with a climbing frame, a slide and a small football field. In the environment there is a big forest and a little village.

When we finally got our rooms, we sorted all things and later we went for lunch. After lunch we met our instructors and we played many team games in the forest.

One of our favourite games was the Giant Swing. We pulled one of us on a rope high up in the air. When the person was ready, he or she let the rope go and then swang high up between the trees. The Giant Swing was the biggest challenge for many of us, but in the end it made us more confident.

One evening we went for a silent night walk and listened to the sounds of the night. Then we did a nice solo part and some students were a little bit scared, but (almost) all went alone through the dark forest.



A big team challenge was balancing on a tree trunk. We had to get into alphabetical order. It was very difficult to pass each other, and we didn't manage the challenge on the first day. We were disappointed. But on the last day we tried again, we cooperated in a good way and passed each other. So we managed the game well. It was big fun and we felt very happy.

The most exciting challenge was the Chicken Shed. There we had to get out of a space between trees over differently high ropes without touching them. It was very difficult because the ropes were so high that we had to lift some of us over them. At first it was a bit chaotic because everybody wanted to follow their own ideas, but then we worked together and in the end we all got outside.

On the last day we were a bit sad to say farewell to the castle and our instructors. The class trip was a cool adventure. We had a great time.

This is our report about our class trip to Bilstein Castle.

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