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10th Aug Sunday

I am so pleased to come here. It's my honor to be here. This is a rare chance for us deaf students from Beijing, China. It's an honorable task for me. Hersmoneux Castle is so nice!

Teachers from Queen University and Castle showed us the whole Castle and introduced its meaning, function and history. It impressed me a lot!

The teaching equipment here is advanced such as Internet platform, electronic telescope etc., and the most surprising thing for me is that the playground and entertainment area are also underground and indoors. The management to students is strict but not restrict students and give them much space to develop. On the lawn, teachers and students have fun together. They look like friends. The atmosphere is so harmonious and full of vigor.

The first class is for us students from different countries to communicate and have discussion. We are from P.R.C, U.S.A, U.S.S.R and Japan. It is difficult for us to communicate. Haha(laughters)...Later, our Chinese teachers encourage me to have a try. Only if we are human beings, we are bound to communicate. We can use body language, facial expression and so on. Although we are from different countries and have different sign languages and culture, we become good friends in the end. It's so amazing!

There are many things in common. We all love traveling and playing games and behaving ourselves. The biggest merit of us is warm hearted. When friends from other countries have meals together, I asked them whether they'll have them in a group. They answered me they would go Dutch. It meant everyone would bring his or her own bill. The reason is that everyone has his or her own tastes and they would make their own decisions. It's fair to their teams. This kind of culture is really interesting !

11th Aug Monday

Today's topic is for us deaf college students directly---Deaf leaders' personal experience. After the deaf couple's lecture. I was shocked. Their experience of growing up made me think a lot and got a lot. They once hesitated about their future. They met a lot of difficulties they hadn't met before. But they tried many ways to run after their dreams and to seek their careers. They said they couldn't make hearing people admit and accept them; however, they can certify they are useful to the society in their own abilities. From this topic, I learnt braveness, tolerance, confidence and hard working. We must face up to the reality and create our own world.

When these deaf leaders succeeded, they set up clubs to help more deaf persons and to meet their needs. I saw a bright future of deaf people from them. I found what I would be going to do next in my campus, even in my country.

We also learnt many skills to have effective information communication and negotiation, and I learnt how to compete ,cooperate and compromise.

We learnt different culture and every culture has different meanings. It's so amazing and I realize we should respect each other. The world is a global village. We should learn from and help each other and the key point is that we should love each other.

12th Aug Tuesday

Today's topic is the Deaf's Assumption and Expectation. It's a good topic. Because in our country, the deaf will face to this issue----career. When I was a child, I wanted to be a lawyer. Because I am a disabled. I can't be a lawyer in the hearing people. So I chose to be a designer. What I learnt today was we are just the same as the hearing people. Only the styles or manners which we do things are quite different. Many deaf persons became doctors and general managers of big hotels or university professors. They're quite optimistic and directly. We're negative, aren't we? They can be successful. We can either!

I have an idea. That is to look for a job which is interested me most. So I can do it better. Sometimes I am wondering that whether China should has a change in choosing the talent. Firstly we are human beings. Secondly we are the disabled. Ability is important but not disability.

There is another thing impressed me a lot. In the life boat game, our answer was different. To respect the old and care for the young is virtue of China. But in some western countries, they chose the weak off the board and the strong on the board. They thought that the strong might have the chances of survival. I realized that different countries have different ways of doing things. To make the whole world integrate requires a long period of time. If we make a new plan according to these things in common and let people take them all over the world and unite people together. This world will become much more harmonious.

To be a good leader, we all think that he or she should have rich experience in dealing with things and be diligent in business. He should achieve accomplishment and share with others. The whole team would be led to reach to success.

13th Aug Wednesday

How nice a day trip to London! We visited Big Ben, London Eye and British Museum. We took a lot of pictures. The road is zigzag in London. I prefer Beijing's roads and streets. They are very wide and broad and my heart is becoming broader and broader. Here is very unique. There are a lot of fancy things. The best thing is there is hardly traffic jam here. It's great! We knew architecture, transportation and customs in London. There are many animals such as pigeons and ducks etc., it's so nice and attractive and harmonious! The only pity is that we have a little of time to visit. Oh! The way we were...

14th Aug Thursday

Today's topic is setting a goal. I knew that not only setting a goal is important but also achieving it is just important as well. I set some goals in my life. I failed to achieve some of them. But as far as dancing is concerned, I am successful. I can dance for the Paralympic Games in Beijing in 2008. Applause for myself! I must strive for my goal. On way to success, I'll insist on to the end as what I learnt today from the lecture. We can learn a lot from failures and do our utmost to locate ourselves in the mainstream society.

15th Aug Friday

Today's topic is Transition. College is a small society. The true society is nowadays' one. We must have a good between them. If not, we can't live well in the society. During it, we have to look for jobs. We have to communicate with bosses. We should consider both ourselves and company's interest. And our advantages will be taken the full usage of in the interviews. In this society, we can ask for help to friends, parents and teachers. One's success depends on others' information, resources and human resources and so on. To work or live well in the society requires a lot of training for ourselves.

To communicate is the biggest problem for us disabled. Sometimes the hearing people think the communication may affect their efficiency on working and marketing progress. But the fact is that the deaf will consider the things which the hearing can't think of. If we cooperate , the problem of communication will be solved and the win-win situation will come.

During Summer Institute, we learnt a lot of valuable things not only in the campus for our study but also in the future for our career. Leaders or experts in the Summer Institute are really attractive and terrific! If I can have an opportunity to learn and live abroad for 1 or 2 years. That's so marvelous! Indeed, they have very smart approaches for us to learn. What I learnt here is the most unforgettable and useful during my life.

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