



Danish Students Impressed By Our Friendly College

A group of Danish students and their teachers who visited Havering Sixth Form College for a day recently said they were impressed with the friendliness of the students and the way the College is run.

The students, from the Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium, based near Copenhagen, spent a day in College taking part in lessons for Maths, Science and a wide range of other subjects and said they really enjoyed their visit because they were all made so welcome.

Student Jacob Warming, 17, said: "Everyone here has been very sweet and kind to us. People are very outgoing in Britain and at the College the students have all been so friendly that we have felt very comfortable."

And fellow student Persia Shahriari, also 17, said: "Everybody has been interested in us, asking us questions and helping us. It is different from Denmark. I really like it here."

The one thing the Danish students didn't like too much about our College was the canteen. "It is so busy and very messy," they said.

The group had been invited to visit by GCSE Maths Team Leader Kathryn Peake after she got talking to Danish teacher Casper Rasmussen at an international conference about the Maths IT application GeoGebra in Austria during the summer.

Kathryn said: "At the conference Casper asked if I knew a school or college he could visit with his students while they were in London in the autumn and I offered to host a visit to HSFC. I think they got a good idea of how a British college works."

The Danish group, who are all mainly Maths, Chemistry and Physics students, spent a week in Britain on the educational visit and were also going to see Cambridge University.

Casper said: "It has been interesting to compare the differences between this college and our school in Denmark. This is about four times bigger but I like the way it is divided into different subject areas. It works well. In our school all subjects are taken in the same classes."

He added: "There is not much difference in the young people between the two countries though. Students are students. Our school is just as crowded and as noisy!"