



Tourism students on the high seas!

Students from the Travel Academy at Havering Sixth Form College set sail on an adventure this week when they were invited on board one of the world's most famous Cruise liners - Fred Olsen's The Black Watch.

This fantastic ship was docked at Southampton and was being prepared by officers and crew for a three-week voyage to the Adriatic. Just days before it was due to set sail, College students took a day trip to the south coast and were given a behind-the-scenes tour and ship inspection - below and above decks - after being invited by Fred Olsen in conjunction with the ACE Vision programme.

They had the opportunity to look around the entertainment areas, the range of cabins, gym facilities and operations rooms, as well as witnessing first hand the work that has to be done in preparation for a long spell at sea. They then watched a presentation, participated in a question and answer session and even enjoyed lunch with the passengers and crew!

Travel Academy tutor Joan Barry said "This was a unique opportunity and an unforgettable experience for our students as they witnessed officers and crew preparing Black Watch for her three week voyage to the Adriatic.

"Once again our industry partners have brought an inspirational and real life dimension to our courses."

The students are in the first year of a two-year course and have also visited Warwick Castle, London City Airport and Colchester Zoo as part of their studies.

Prospective students of Havering Sixth Form College can choose to study the BTEC National Diploma in Travel & Tourism, which is equivalent to three A Levels, the BTEC National Certificate in Travel & Tourism, which is equivalent to two A Levels, or the BTEC National Award in Travel & Tourism, which is equivalent to one A Level. All the courses are run over two years.

If you would like further details on Tourism courses offered at Havering Sixth Form College, please contact course leader Lorraine Barnett on 01708 514400 or lorrainebarnett@havering-sfc.ac.uk