VISIT TO STRASBOURG

From the 20th to 24th April, ten members of our class and thirteen of another 4th class, with the headmaster and two teachers, went to Strasbourg to visit the institutions of the Union European.

On the second day we visited the European Parliament, which represents the people of Europe. It is elected by the people every five years. It has 751 members from the 28 countries in Strasbourg and Brussels. Its job is to debate and pass laws.

On the third day, in the morning, we visited the Counsel of Europe, which is an International organisation formed by 47 states plus small number of observer states (Turkey, San Marino, Ukraine, Russia which aren’t UE members), and works to promote democracy to protect the human rights, to maintain the European cultural identity and search for solutions to European social problems. It works closely with the EU. We took part in the extraordinary meeting about the problem of immigration.

In the afternoon we visited the Europe Council of the Human Rights which has developed an original system of International protection of human rights, offering individual subjects, the right to invoke respect of their rights versus a State that has violated human rights. For example Italy was condemned by the ECHR for the act of torture against demonstrators by police at the “Diaz” school during the summit in Genoa in 2001.

The trip has allowed us to grow from a human standpoint and helped us learn new knowledge of international law.

This experience has been unique because it allowed us to visit the European institutions and understand how they work.

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