

Taste for travel

Isabel will never forget the amazing experiences she had in Costa Rica on a school trip when she was in Year 10 at Lode Heath School. She says: "To be in a swimming pool in the middle of a rain forest in Central America was breathtaking. I have always wanted to travel and to see the authentic side of places and going to Costa Rica has made me want to travel even more now."

Gaining understanding

She was fascinated when they met people from a local tribe and she saw how differently they lived in Costa Rica. "They made their clothes from the trees in the forest by sewing pieces of bark together to make a fabric. We went to water parks and hot springs and saw some amazing scenery there. I was with people I had known for the last four years but afterwards I found I could understand them on a deeper level because of going to Costa Rica with them," Isabel says.

New people

During the trip, Isabel enjoyed getting to know some of the Year 11 students who had gone to Costa Rica as well.

"It was lovely to make friends with people from a different year group and to stay friends with them afterwards," she says.



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