

Hong Kong Polytechnic University Summer School

During the summer I spent 5 weeks in Hong Kong. While I was at PolyU I learnt Mandarin. This consisted of three hour classes in the mornings around 4 days a week. I felt I was able to learn a lot in my time there and the teaching was very intensive. I also found this good as it meant I had the afternoons free to myself to explore Hong Kong and see my friends. As well as learning Mandarin I learnt a lot about new cultures as I met friends from all over the world, especially as I had never been to Asia before. The food was really amazing and I tried many new dishes, such as Dim Sum and Hot Pot, I can now also use chopsticks!



While I was there I got to do lots of sightseeing both in Hong Kong and China. In China, I went to Macau and Shenzhen. I also did an optional trip to Xi'an at the start of the summer school that was organised by PolyU. While in Xi'an we saw a lot of interesting things such as the Terracotta Warriors. I would really recommend the optional field trip as I also made most of my friends that I was with for the 5 weeks in Hong Kong, while I was in Xi'an.



Some of my favourite things I experienced in Hong Kong were going to Lantau Island to see the big Buddha and Tai O fishing village. I also went to Hong Kong Disneyland and to the top of the Peak. Overall I would really recommend the summer school and I made many new friends, one of which I am even meeting in Thailand to travel there this winter!

