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Our trip to Warner Brother Studio Tour

Last Wednesday, Year Five and Six pupils from West Hill climbed onto a coach and set sail on a long journey – nearly three hours- to Warner Brother Studios. It was the perfect treat to help us with our topic- Alchemy Island.

To start the day, we saw Harry Potter's first home (the cupboard) before squeezing our way into the cinema room. It was here where we saw the tremendous trio- Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint. Everyone's face was a picture when the screen rose and revealed the doors to the Great Hall. Freya, as it was her birthday, had the honour of opening the doors- what a lucky girl!

The Great Hall was the best and start of our Harry Potter Tour. As we filed through the doors, adrenalin pumped around everyone. Robes were on display and you could see the teacher's table at the end of the Hall. There were flagstones as the floor and on the sides of the walls, were fake fires held up by gargoyles.

Next, we went to the indoor sets. We saw several of them but the Forbidden Forest, Platform Nine and Three Quarters and the Potions Classroom were my personal favourites. The Forbidden Forest awesome! It had smoke machines and sound effects. I don't think everyone liked it though. Bethany screamed as the huge spiders came down and nearly touched the top of your head. Platform Nine and Three Quarters was amazing. As well as pretending to come out of the wall, you could also go onto the train. There, you saw the compartments that they filmed in. Starting at the Philosophers Stone and ending at the Deathly Hallows. In the Potions Classroom, you could mix different potions by hovering your hand over sensors. On the shelves were unusual ingredients like: snake fangs, frogs legs and slugs eyes.

After that, we found ourselves outside. There was: the Ford Anglia, Hagrid's Motorbike, Privet Drive, the Knight Bus and the cottage that belonged to the Potter family. Inside Four Privet Drive was Harry's cupboard and the Dursley's living room with letters hanging from the ceiling. The Knight Bus was really cool. It really has three floors and beds for passengers. I think everyone's

favourite was the car and motorbike. Rhys definitely enjoyed riding them! To finish the outdoor sets, Year Six had a picture together.

The special effects department was a bit creepy. You saw Hagrid's head and the Basilisk skeleton as well as Dobby and Hedwig. Spider skins and Dementor hoods were hung around the room. In the glass cabinet, was a paper model of Hogwarts. To finish the tour, was the real Hogwarts Castle. It took forty artists forty days to create it! That was amazing. It filled the whole room and if you looked closely you could see Hagrid's Hut, the Owlery and the Greenhouses. It made everyone stop blinking and talking. It really was a breath-taking moment!

Overall, I think it was amazing and was definitely the best school trip we have ever been on. I would recommend it to all Harry Potter fans- Young and old. But, if anyone is going, Don't take any pictures in the lobby because it gets even better. I hope I can go again.