



Our Partnership Visit

**To Dr Nelson Mandela High School
Cape Town – February 2009**



Opening Ceremony



Mandela High School

Our thoughts...

- The opening ceremony was superb!
- We were made to feel so welcome.
- Nelson Mandela's choir was amazing.
- The traditional African dancing was amazing and such a high tempo.
- The performer showed such passion.



Global Citizenship Lessons

Mandela High School

The Lessons

- We got the opportunity to teach your learners Global Citizenship lessons.
- The way that the students are able to express their emotions through their love of performing arts is astounding!
- We were overwhelmed by the amazing array of talent that your learners possess.
- The learner's are so trusting and open with us and this alone exemplifies the unique relationship developed between the two schools over the two years that the project has been running between Nelson Mandela High and Wexham.
- It was an absolute pleasure to teach your students as they have given us a valuable insight into student life in South Africa.
- We will never forget this life changing experience and just hope that we can convey everything we have learned here to our own school.



Robben Island



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Robben Island

- ***Tolerance and forgiveness.***
- Something that particularly shocked me was the black South African learners response to the tour in comparison to my own.
- They seem angry but forgiving and see the island as not a monument of injustice to their people and country but as a symbol of strength and liberation.
- I learned that although I was aware of these events before I was unaware of the effect on people and to how important 1991 was.
- Robben Island was amazing from the start.
- Robben Island itself was a once in a life time experience that we will never forget.
- In the short space of time we learned about apartheid and how people were treated just because of their race and colour.

A photograph of a township in Cape Town, South Africa, with a corrugated metal fence in the foreground and a large mountain in the background. The text "Township Tour" and "Cape Town 2009" is overlaid in white.

Township Tour

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A photograph of a township in South Africa. In the foreground, there is a large, dark grey stone sculpture of a person in mid-air, jumping or dancing. The sculpture is mounted on a rectangular stone base. In the background, there are several small, simple buildings with corrugated metal roofs, typical of townships. The sky is clear and blue.

- The tour allowed us to experience how learners in South Africa live.
- It gave us an invaluable insight into peoples' private lives.
- There was so much warmth, love and community spirit amongst the people that we met.
- The community environment is much richer than that in the UK.
- The shacks were a stark contrast to our homes in the UK.



HIV conversation and hospice



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HIV in South Africa.



- Talking to the South African learners about HIV has opened my eyes to the problems learners face in the townships.
- **HIV is not the only major problem within the townships,**
- I think it is amazing how openly the learners can talk about sensitive subjects, such as rape and crime and HIV.
- **In the UK people wouldn't be able to talk to us as openly as the South African's do.**
- The peer educators offer - **advice and support** to all their fellow learners.
- The trip has made me think about how lucky I am.
- Talking to the peer mentors really humbled me.
- I was amazed at how strong the learners are as they deal with such difficult situations in each of their lives. They are dedicated in helping others with their difficulties through their mentoring.
- The learners have taught me in a way no one else could. To appreciate the things in my life: my family, my friends, my health, and the way in which I can help others.



Thank you for a wonderful experience!
Love from all at Wexham