

International Youth Games July 2023 in Senigallia

Blacon High School students represent Chester for the fifth time in the International Youth Games hosted by Senigallia.

Mixed teams of boys and girls from Lorrach (Germany), Sens (France) and Senigallia (Italy), together with students from Blacon High School representing Chester, descended on Senigallia, Italy and took part in three days of sporting and cultural exchanges. The students from Years 8 and 9 were selected by the PE department to represent the school at the International Youth Games because of their aptitude and behaviour in PE, their commitment to extra-curricular sport along with their PE attainment, and positive attitude and team work skills.

Students were there to represent their nations in sporting competition but spent the first evening in a bonding session of discussion and team building during a meal on arrival.

The games were officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Senigallia, Massimo Olivetti, and we engaged in some team-sport ice breakers. Showing great team spirit, the students then engaged in foot volley, paddle tennis, volleyball, beach football and basketball. All of these activities took place on the beach at the local recreation centre at Baia Del Porto that recently hosted the all-Italy foot volley tournament, which had ex-professional football players and other sports personalities involved.

Students experienced Italian culture with a city tour of Senigallia, watched the summer musical festival and enjoyed the warmth and welcome ambiance of Italy in the summer, making new friends and memories for life. We stayed at the Hotel Sayonara, enjoyed an array of delicious, local Italian food and spent free time at the beach, all of which the students really enjoyed and appreciated.

This opportunity allowed us to develop the sporting talent that we have within Years 8 and year 9 at Blacon High School, and allowed students to engage in friendly, but competitive, sport with students from different countries and cultures in an unfamiliar environment. In their down time, students played recreational football and pool, which contributed to developing strong relationships and growth in a range of personal and social skills. We all enjoyed the lifestyle and culture of Senigallia; it was a fantastic school trip abroad.

The students selected were

Callum Mackin, Fabian Baran, Lucas Chao, Denis Kostadinov, Lexi Barron, Edie Byrne, Amy Howell and Kiera Walters

Head of PE Mr Cairns and Mrs Carr were the PE staff who travelled and oversaw the trip while Programme Manager Maud Duthrie from the University of Chester also attended.













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