

From Antwerp to Loughborough



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After the warming farewell in University of Antwerp, we started to pack our bags to get on board on our very first journey of the Green Drive Project. We were excited to be part of Loughborough University for the second semester.

Some of us planned vacations in the meantime. Antwerp has very good connections because of its train station which is one of the biggest train station in Belgium. We visited Prague to celebrate Christmas and New Year in Paris was an amazing experience. There are numerous ways to reach UK: by bus, train or through a flight. If you choose to travel by bus or train, you'll pass through the English Channel which is one of the longest underwater channels in the world.

Our introduction meeting was planned on 5th of January along with some pre coursework which we finished before travelling to Loughborough. Loughborough University is one of the top 10 universities in UK for sports. Alumni for this university have reached senior international level within their sport. Olympic medallists, world champions and top sports coaches are recognised within the Hall of Fame for their achievements. The enthusiasm and fitness of the students highly motivated us and taught us to be focused on our goals. You can play any sport of your choice as a lot of sports facilities are available at the university.

As we reached the Automotive and Aeronautical Department we were fascinated by the number of engines from BMW, CAT, FORD, etc. and some turbo jet engines from Rolls-Royce and a full scale fighter jet. We were welcomed by Dr. Thomas Steffen (Automotive MSc Program Director) and Dr. Anoma Malalasekera (Manger Distance Learning). They gave an overview about the course and deadlines we need to follow. After lunch we had a short tour of the automotive laboratories and the library. Day was wrapped up and a intensive week of lectures was about to come. Surely Loughborough University will give us a great experience.