**TEACHING PLACEMENT IN EDINBURGH (SEPTEMBER 2023)**

This September 2023, 6 PHDL primary trainees and 13 secondary trainees choose to spend two weeks on placement in selected schools in Edinburgh and got to know the Scottish school system while enjoying the time in a city known for its history and beauty.

We were put into groups of 2-4 students and gained valuable experience in the following schools: Boroughmuir High School, St Thomas Of Aquin's R.C. High School, Queensferry High School, James Gillespie's High School, Craigmount High School, Castleview Primary School, and Corstorphine Primary School

The school placement offered a unique opportunity that benefited us in various ways. The teaching placement was designed to provide a rich exchange between Austria and Scotland. During our stay in the schools, we had the opportunity to get to know the Scottish school system and to interact with the teachers and students. The school placements offered incomparable advantages, and our lessons proved mutually beneficial, where we assisted in teaching, taught some German, and shared knowledge of Austrian culture. It was very interesting to notice the differences between the Scottish and the Austrian school system.

In addition to our daily time at school, we had enough time to enjoy sightseeing in this beautiful city and in Scotland. The field trip to North Berwick was one of the most memorable experiences. Our supervisor Marlene Bauer accompanied us as we ambled along the beach and concluded the day with a delicious fish and chips meal.

We would like to thank our mentors at the PHDL and the University of Edinburgh, namely Marlene Bauer, Edith Kreutner, Michael Lynch, and Markus Wiesinger, whose attentive support and excellent organisational skills were evident not only before our departure but also throughout our stay. In addition, joint activities such as a pub quiz or a burger meal allowed us to share our experiences directly.

In conclusion, we can state that we have had an unforgettable and valuable experience that we would not want to miss.