

## My trip to Gressenhall and Dreamy Hollow by Trinity



First of all, we went on the coach to drive to Gressenhall. When we arrived, we all met Jim and Rachel. We all had listened to them very contently for the key information and more!

After that, our class went out with Jim, you had to call him sir. Jim said to all of us 'put your hands behind your back or you'll be arrested'. So we all put our hands behind our backs. We all raised our hands to put them on the desk because that's what you had to do back in the 1900's. Jim explained this in history- 'In 1492, Columba sailed the ocean blue, 3 ships he used to sail the seas; the Pinto the Nina and the Santa- Marie'. He finally told us about the dunce hat, it was the hat you had to attire if you were very unintelligent and the whole class would chance dunce repeatedly. We also had an arithmetic lesson all about counting number. A few moments later, we did a geography lesson all about the countries plotted on the map. Finally, we all saw the blackboard and we wrote it down on a slate.

Suddenly, we all went with Rachel (the pretend maid.) Rachel told us about this baby and this baby's mother had gone to that exact workhouse because her baby was ill. She didn't have any parish paper so she had to go. She walked twenty miles back to her village the other day, she and her baby perished. After she told us that, Kyle Spall had a go to knock on the exact door that women did. When Kyle Spall had finished, Hollie had a go and had a go and she entered. Before you arrive to come in with parish paper they would check your head for lice. If you had nits, they would shave all your hair (all of it!) On that speech, all of the class entered the workhouse (again.)

We all saw some statues. Rachel told us this about Christopher, he had eight children; his wife had died and they were all poor. This man thought he wasn't dealing well so he gave them a parish paper to get in the workhouse. Him and his eldest son didn't enter the workhouse because they had found a job and was now working for money towards getting his family back. He got his family back and lived a happy life without going back to the workhouse. Later on, we all saw a picture of Harriet on the wall it also had a statement saying, he beat up a maiden and tried making the workhouse crumble into flames. After all, she did go prison for that, but when she got what she wanted she was fine. She went back and forth for ten years. Suddenly, disappeared thirty years and then was found with a husband and two children. Suddenly, we all saw two beds (that didn't look comfortable!). The two beds had little whispers in the pillow-cases, and would approximately be twenty minutes to listen to the whole thing.

All of a sudden, my class all went outside and saw engravings in the wall of all the boys that used to live there. We were all on the boy side. The boys had a swing because it was believed that they needed more exercise than girls. On the other side of the wall, was all the

girls. (the laundry workers) They had dangerous stuff to clean clothes. Rachel told us that a laundry worker had heard her two boys from the other side of the wall shout, I'm hungry. Their mum had saved her bread and chucked it other the wall to her boys. The supervisors had heard all about this and put her in a cell for eight hours. Finally, we had lunch and put notes down in our jotters.

After we left the workhouse, we made our way to Dreamy Hollow. Dreamy Hollow is an old trench training site. The soldiers there said they had baronets they used to use for long distant shots such as; machine guns as-well. They also a latrine trench for them to do their business.