







Clockwise from top left: Douglas leads the group back to the manor.

Claire poses by St. Mary's and St. Peter's church in Harlaxton village.

The view from Mr. Lismore's room.





Top: the group departs for their Harlaxton village ramble.

Above: The manor's lake.

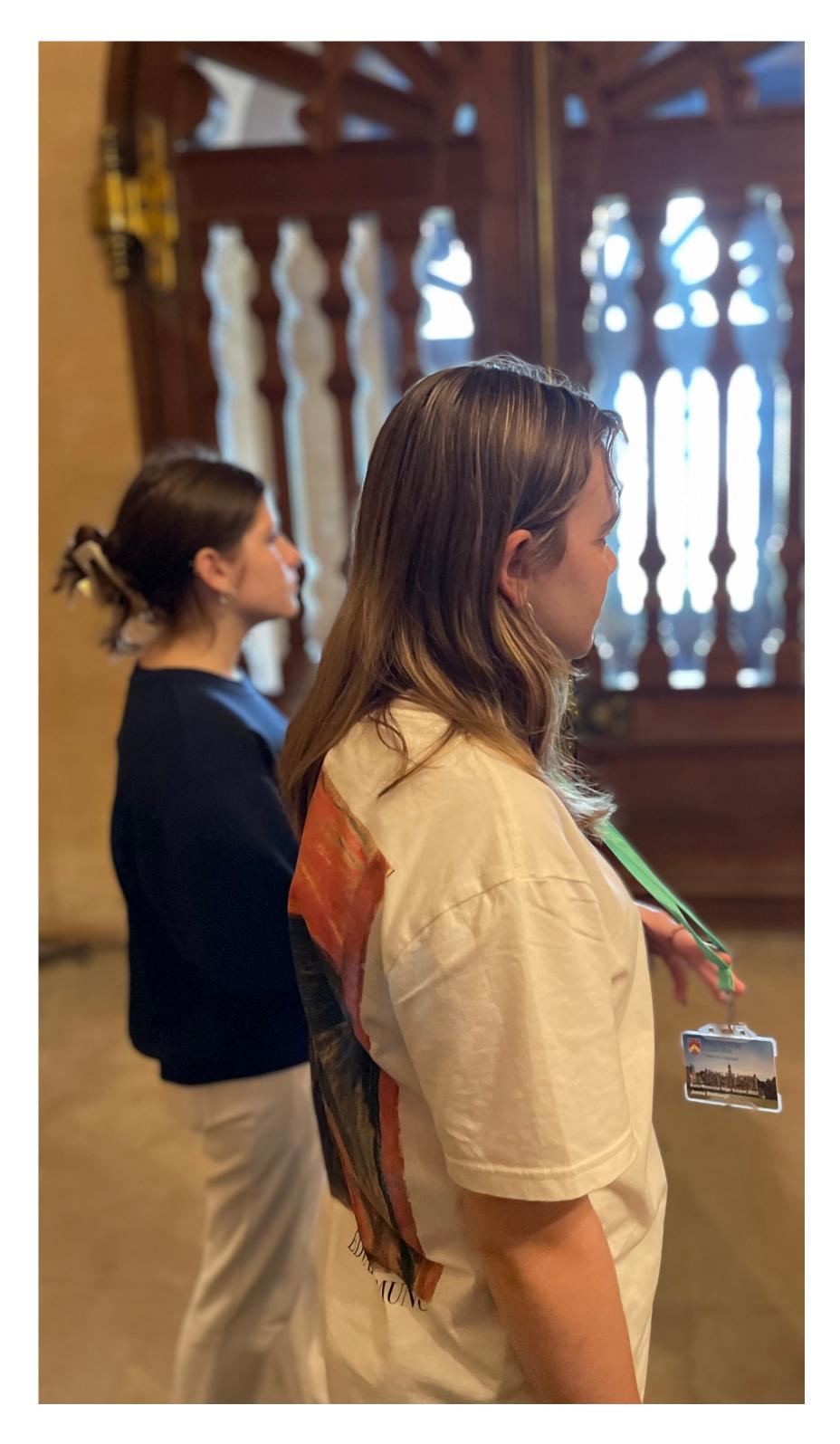
Right: the girls exit the manor.





Around the Manor

TOURING HARLAXTON



Above: Jenna and Claire listen to the history of the entrance hall during their tour.

Right: Jenna, Olivia, and Amanda observe the painted ceiling of the gold room.

Previous: the girls view the drive from the dining room.

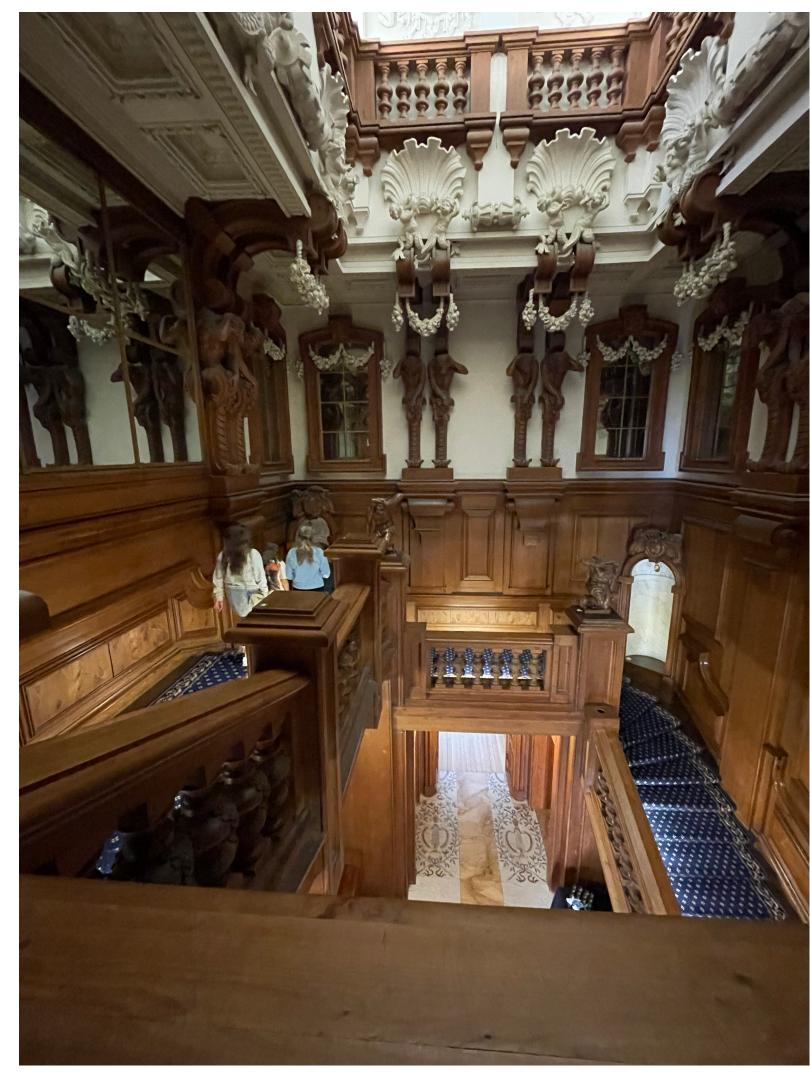
The first experience we had was a tour of the stunning 18th century manor house.

During this tour we learned of the enigmatic Gregory Gregory, his fabulous taste, and his efforts to one-up the nearby Belvoir Castle by making his manor one foot taller and larger by one room.

Tour highlights included the Cedar Staircase, long gallery, conservatory, gold room, and allegedly haunted Van Der Elst Room.









Clockwise from top left: the ladies view a portrait of Ms. Van Der Elst, previous owner of the manor.

The ladies descend the Cedar Staircase, featuring wide steps designed to make for easy walking for guests in elaborate dresses.

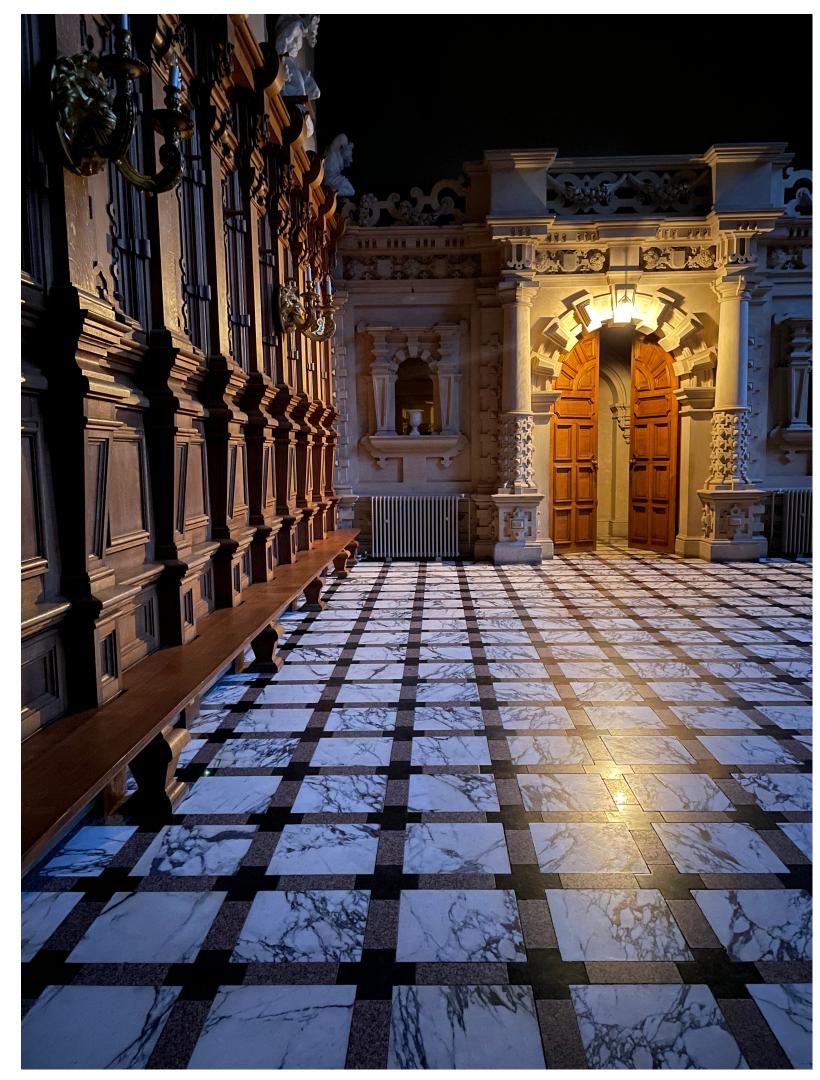
The ladies enter the entrance hall.

The ladies enter the gold room, where the group had tea later on in the week.





Entering the long gallery.







Clockwise from top left: the Great Hall, taken near the spot Mr. Lismore met his wife.

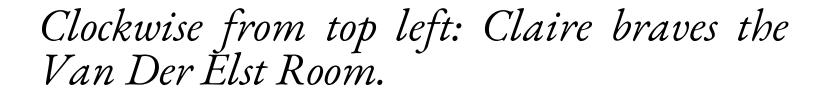
The selection of cakes and scones the group had with tea.

The south side of the manor.









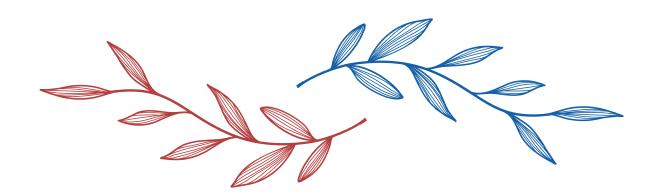
Reece and Delaney attempt to win Cranium.

Reece explains the rules to Quelf.

Keira's birthday cake, a surprise from a local, Janie. Keira's birthday was our arrival date.









We all met at the manor's bistro (underground coffee shop) to present Keira with her surprise cake. The cake itself was made of classic British treats, including Malteasers and Milky Bar icing. Happy birthday, Keira.

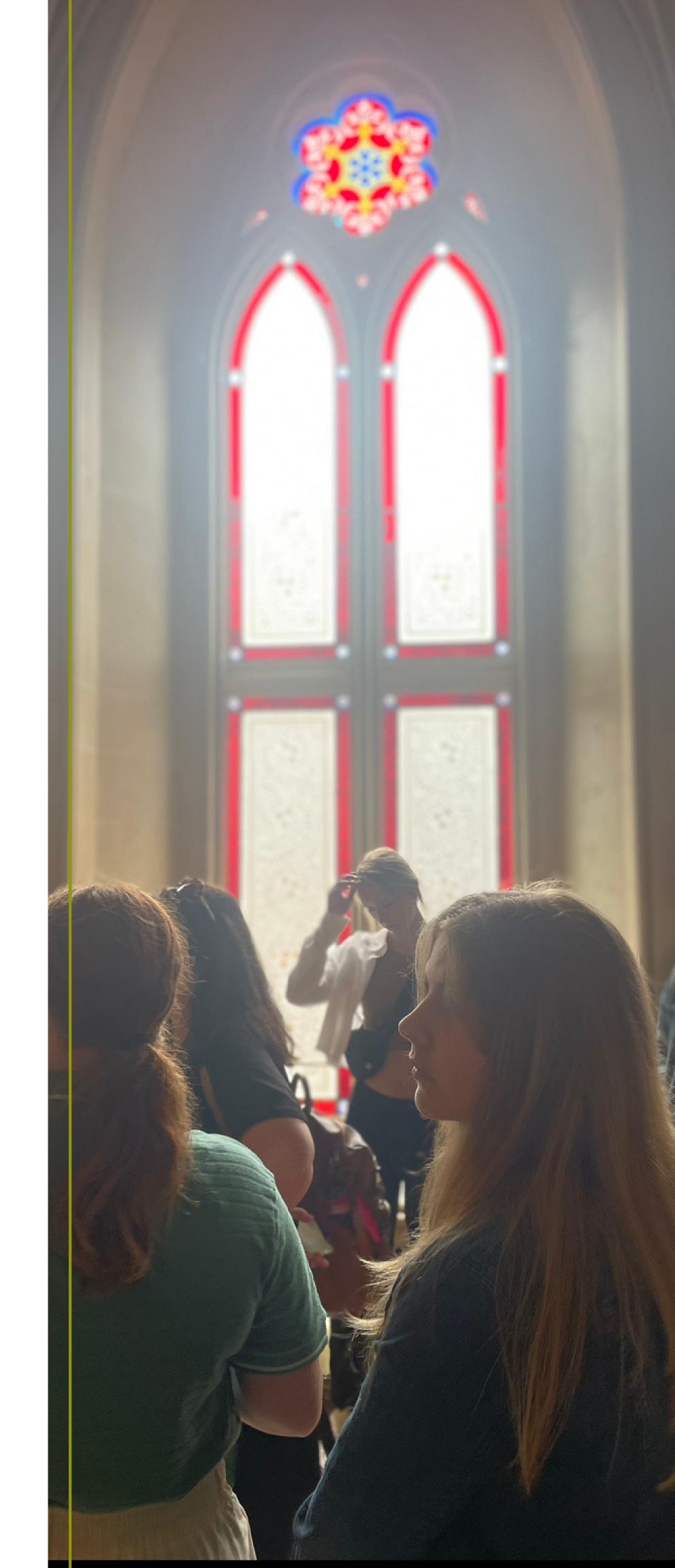


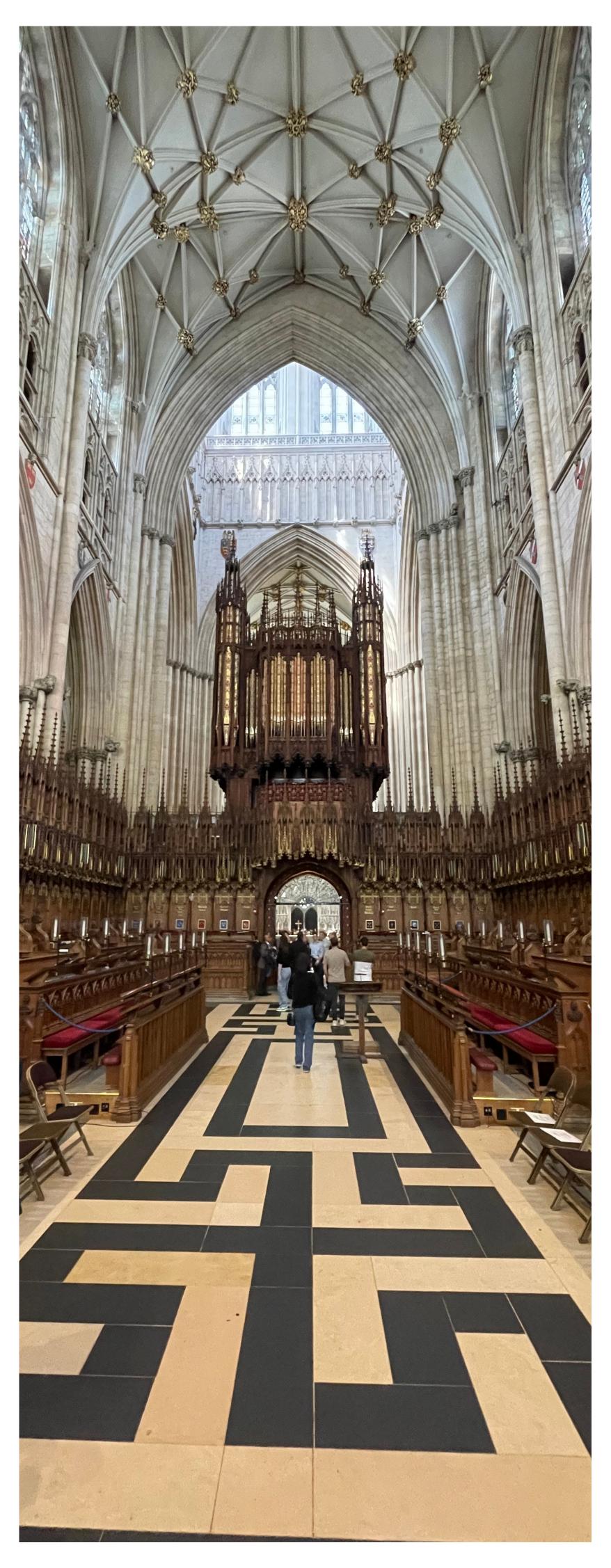
THE TRIPS

JULY 11 - 18

being a visitation of

York
Leicester
Oxford
Cambridge
Belvoir Castle
Harlaxton Village
Grantham





YORK AND LEICESTER

Left: the Quire at York Minster

Below: Gina helps us make our chocolate lollipops at York's Chocolate Story.

The girls stroll through Castle Gardens, Leicester.







YORK'S CHOCOLATE STORY

Being a home to some of the most famous UK confectioners, York was an obvious stop for checking out the history of chocolate itself.

Pictured: the ladies
sample some of the raw
ingredients that go into
chocolate, while Stella
looks on.











GRANTHAM

Clockwise from top left: Fr.

Jonathan talks with the girls

after mass.

Morgan and Stella take their 'tourist' photo outside of the Victorian Guild Hall

The drawing room at Belvoir Castle.

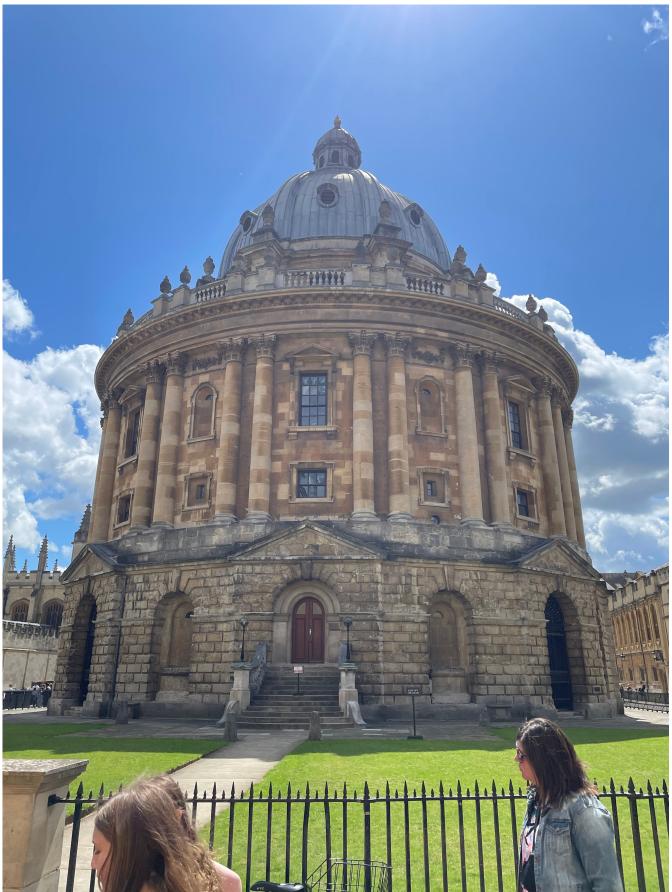




OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

Clockwise from top left: Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Gries, and Mr. Lismore punting on the Cam; Olivia, Claire, and Amanda converse on the Cam; Mackenzie behaves normally at the Ashmolean Museum; the Radcliffe Camera at Oxford; Mackenzie and Reece pose in the Divinity School.









LONDON

Ce JULY 18 - 22

during which trip we did visit

THE KING AND QUEEN BUCKINGHAM PALACE WESTMINSTER ABBEY THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER Parliament Square THE RIVER THAMES THE LONDON EYE Byron Burger THE NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY Trafalgar Square St. James Gardens THE TOWER OF LONDON St. Paul's Cathedral TATE MODERN Piccadilly Circus Hamley's ROYAL NATIONAL HOTEL THE TUBE

A LIFT





What could possibly be said about London to properly summarize it? From the moment we arrived to the moment we left the group was surrounded by history and culture. And gift shops.

The 500+ steps to the top of St. Paul's cathedral left Mackenzie dizzy; the ravens at the Tower of London fascinated Kayli; and the precision of the King's Guard enthralled everyone.

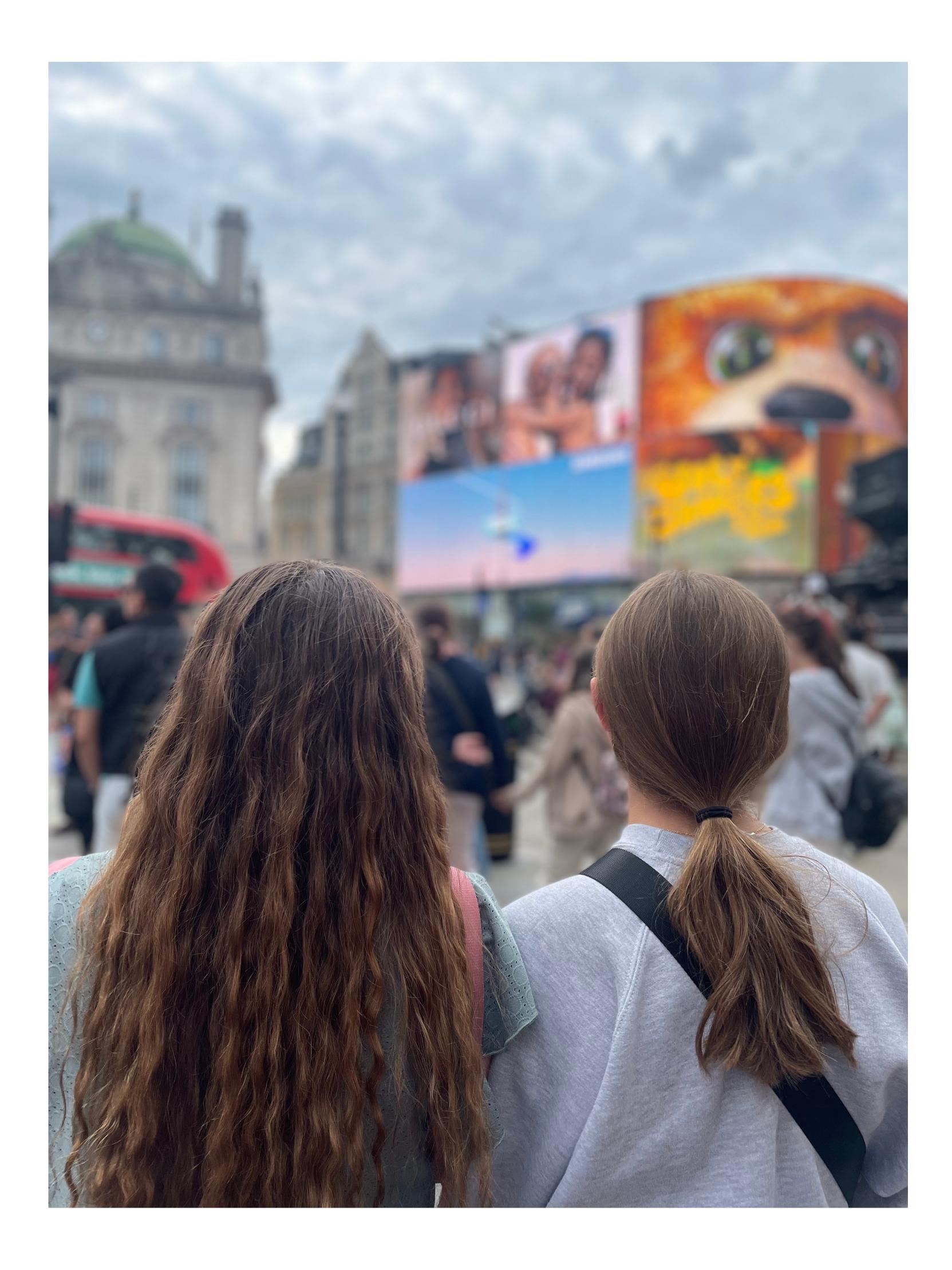
Pictured: a sentry in the King's Guard marches outside the place where the crown jewels are kept.

Mackenzie reacts to the view at the top of St. Paul's. Paul's Paul's Pals reach the top.





During our walking tour of London, our tour guide, Charlie, took us to Buckingham Palace. Nearby was a notable police presence. Charlie let us know it was likely someone important was around. A few minutes later there was a hullaballoo, and King Charles III and Queen Camilla drove past us, mere feet away. Many of the girls got close enough to get videos and pictures of the monarch's car and the royal occupants.



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Can A N D A Belvoir Castle, Grantham









COUNT DE LA NEY
VAN DER ELST ROOM, HARLAXTON



CE JENNA HARLAXTON MANOR



C K A Y L I

TRAFALGAR SQUARE, LONDON



KEIRA St. Mary and St. Peter, Harlaxton







St. Paul's Cathedral, London



OLIVIA
THE RIVER CAM, CAMBRIDGE



REECE BELVOIR CASTLE, GRANTHAM



C STELLA 9 HARLAXTON MANOR



MRS. HILL & MRS. GRIES

Castle Gardens, Leicester



C MR. LISMORE
BELVOIR CASTLE, GRANTHAM



MRS.STOFLETH & KEIRA

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, LONDON



mrs.DISHMAN & MORGAN

Est. Mary's, Oxford



MRS.NESTRICK & STELLA
HARLAXTON VILLAGE



