

Ireland: Football & Cheer Immersed

The football and cheer team kicked off their season in Dublin, Ireland! Students spent a week in August overseas immersed in Irish culture. They learned about Gaelic Games and the history of Irish sports. Students toured the city, the Kilmainham Gaol, the Malahide Castle and Croke Park. They also got ahead on their CSN coursework with daily study hall and tutors.

The week culminated in the first game of the season against the Irish Wolfhounds in Energia Park. The team had a strong showing, ultimately coming out on top 22-0.

Senior Austin Zimm said the experience spoke to the spirit of the Irish.

“After a game in front of an electric crowd, the Irish fans were roaring,” Austin said. “Roaring for a team that was skunked twenty-two to zero. To them the score never mattered, it was the experience and the chance to play American football.”

While the game was fun, junior Isaiah Allen said the best part came later.

“After the game, we went back to where we were staying and all of the teams were there,” Isaiah said. “We got a moment to hang out with people from other teams and get to know them. We made a lot of good friends and memories.”