Field trip Write up thing

On Wednesday, MYP4 and MYP5 went on a field trip with the humanities class to 2 different organic farms and to the aerial trek zip line to look at agriculture, economics and geography of Barbados. Ms. Hettie and Mr. Piers came to make sure we didn’t step out of line.

We first went straight down to Codrington College and just past the school we met up with Ras Mike and Patrick (from school). Ras Mike ran the tabernacle (Rastafarian place of worship) in the community and a small farm. We first went to the tabernacle to find Ras Mike and to look around a bit. After that we went through some bush to find a small organic farm. There, they grow okra, pumpkin, mango, aubergine, limes, papayas and cherries. They sell most of their produce at Cheapside Market, but it also supplies for the small community.

After that we got on the bus and went to Redland farm in St. George. We spoke to Linda Hervert, the owner of the farm. There, they grow mostly fruit trees and lettuces and it’s all organic. Originally, the entire property was covered in sugar cane, but they removed it and started growing different crops. They use big sheets of plastic to collect the water for the rainy season to water the crops when there isn’t any rain. They grew lettuce by using hydroponics. Hydroponics is a type of farming when the crop grows in a sort of pipe in a sponge. Then, water filled with nutrients flows through them so that the plants collect it through the sponge. No soil or inorganic fertilizer is used at all. Linda then invited us in for some lime-ade made with the lemons from the farm, which was very tasty. She has her own indoor market that is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

We then went to the Aerial Trek Zipline, which is in St. Thomas to look at eco-tourism and alternative ways of using rural landscape other than to agriculture. Judging by everyone’s expressions, I think everyone thought that it was the most fun part of the day, even though there was a bit of waiting involved. Before we started the zip line, one of the guides talked to us about all of the work involved to create the experience and how they tried to use as little man-made materials as possible. When they geared us up, we all looked like builders in silly trousers and some of the chaps found it very uncomfortable to walk along in the harnesses.

In the end, I think that everyone enjoyed the trip, and as well as being educational, it was fun and enjoyable. I would like to thank Mr. Piers, my class and everyone else who made this happen.