



## COMBE PAFFORD SCHOOL

Visit to China

Diary Entry 8

6<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Day 8

For breakfast, we had bacon, sausage, scrambled egg, tomato and toast! Needless to say it went down a treat! Then it was time for a shower, change, and unpack. Unfortunately, it was raining on our arrival in Xian and was forecast to do so all day, so we changed our plans and decided to go to the Terracotta Warrior museum, so we quickly hired a coach (again no problem) and set off at 11.00 for the hours' drive to the hills outside of the city. The coach dropped us off and we arranged to be collected 4 hours later. First we went to the 360 cinema to get the background, then to see the bronze chariots and off to the various 'pits' to see the soldiers being uncovered, then the pit which was the command centre, and finally to the main pit which has the thousands of restored warriors stretching out into the distance and the iconic sight that everyone wants to have their picture taken in front of...we managed to get this done despite the crowds. We spent longer than we expected with the warriors, so it was a speedy McDonalds for lunch before the coach journey back, getting to the hostel at 5pm. With about a 30min break for a drink, we set off for the Muslim Market which is a 15 minute walk away, by now it was dark and on arrival the night is lit up with many lights, the noise of traders eager for you to buy, the smell of the food and the general hustle and bustle of the market make it a really interesting experience. Several bought scarves and sets of terracotta warriors, some got fridge magnets, one or two bags....but everyone wants to go back tomorrow!

Then it is pizza hut for our evening meal before getting back to the hostel, a drink and an early night, with everyone in bed and asleep by 10!

Tomorrow, a visit to the artist market and the ride around the wall is planned, but we will need to see what the weather is like before finally deciding!

Mr Lock