

# Exchange trip pupil Katie pens a letter from America

A BRISTOL teenager is following in the footsteps of BBC legend Alistair Cooke with her very own *Letter from America*.

Katie Colebourn, 17, a student at the Ridings High School in Winterbourne, has penned a daily blog while on a visit with schoolmates to their partner school in the US. Her thoughts have been published in the print and online editions of two local newspapers over there, the *Potomac News* and *Manassas Journal Messenger*. This has meant parents and staff back home can share in the highlights of her study visit to Gar-Field Senior High School in Virginia.

The students, pictured during their visit to Washington DC, have visited Jamestown and Washington as well as attending a conference.

In one of her blogs, Katie — who is living with an American family — comments on the much bigger size of American meals and cars.

She wrote: "Having been challenged to eat a whole Chipotle burrito, I think a lot of the British students would agree that the size of food portions at home pale in comparison to the food we have experienced so far. Being a vegetarian, I was surprised at the lack of vegetarian options available in the restaurants we have visited so far."

Gar-Field and Ridings are partner schools in the International Baccalaureate programme.

● Katie's blog can be found at [www.thisisbristol.co.uk/katiecolebourn](http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk/katiecolebourn)



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