

## **Study Tour to Ajman University, UAE**

International Study Tour Programme organized in coordination with the Ajman University, Ajman, United Arab Emirates was from 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The Study Tour organized, was essentially helpful to the students and professor of Holy Cross College, Trichy. Accommodation for the group from Holy Cross College was already made by the Ajman University. The study session began on the 21st April 2019 with the tour across the University; Ms. Samra Siddiqui accompanied us for it. Shortly then Ms. Tazeen Sharif the coordinator of the Study Tour Programme from Ajman University joined the group and took them to meet the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. During the meeting The Head of the Department of Foreign Languages joined us.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 began with a session on the Art of Public Speaking, where presentations were put up and lectures taken. This was followed by an interactive session on English Communication Skills where the group of students from Holy Cross College as well as those at Ajman University from different background of courses sat together and discussed about their culture, nationality, religion and study programmes. Next was a workshop on the subject Emotional Intelligence. The first session in the noon began with a lecture on “UAE as a Success Story.” The history of UAE, its formation and the Prince down the line were the points the lecturer highlighted upon.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 began with a workshop on Time Management. The lecturer delivered his lecture and also made timely interactions with the group. The group was lead to the Library of the University and allowed to spend some time productively on reading and research. The next session after lunch was on History, a lecture on “The Middle East: A Glimpse of History”. Followed by was a Debate what the group witnessed on “Tolerance as a Human Value.” As United Arab Emirates, considers 2019 the ‘Year of Tolerance’, so happened to be the topic of the Debate. There was also a session of learning basics in Arabic Language. The group learnt few words to greet people in the Arabic language and responses to greetings too.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the study sessions began with French Language, where a video presentation on the stereotypes generally believed upon the French people was shared and how French respond to those stereotypes. Next was a Workshop on Body Language, the lecturer put up a presentation and spoke on the topic. Followed by lunch was a session on English for Sociology, where female students who were also entrepreneurs, shared some points on sociology.

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the final day of the Study Tour Program began with a workshop on Stress Management for college students. Finally was a meeting, winding up of the whole Study Tour. Ms. Tazeen Sharif the main Coordinator from Ajman University joined along with Dr. Belal the Head of the Department of Foreign Language and Dr. Rao. A certificate for completion of the course was handed over to each of the students and professor individually.