

Wednesday December 27

Day 2 – Alkmaar

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Northern Lights 16-2

Today we got up and walked to breakfast, we were given eggs and bread (which is very common in the Netherlands). After breakfast, we went back to our rooms, and got dressed to go visit Alkmaar City Hall. We were introduced to Luka and her friend Amber, and they brought us to the City Hall.

From there, we were given tea and “victory cake.” After we were shown a video of the history of Alkmaar, and met 1 of the 5 Alderman of Alkmaar. He showed us around the City Hall while telling us the history and purpose of the rooms within the 500 year old building. After our tour we headed back to our rooms to pick up our bags, to head to a scrimmage with some other Dutch teams here in Alkmaar. The 16-2’s went 1-1, and the 16-1’s went 1-1.

Then we all showered and headed to the school that the other teams were staying at for dinner. We got the opportunity to meet the teams playing in the tournament, and watch all the team’s intro-videos. It was really cool to get to hear about their different life styles compared to ours. After dinner we packed up our belongings and were driven back to our hotel.

Finally we had a Northern Lights meeting and divided up the shirts that we gave to the teams we would play the next day in the tournament. We all went to our rooms to end the day for we have a big day of official play tomorrow!