



## CASE STUDY

# Contraband, ghosts, red squirrels and Liverpool

BTEC National Diploma  
and First Diploma in  
Travel and Tourism

**“The vampire in  
that cemetery  
was scary!”**

Year 1 Travel students 2007

## Introduction

In November 2007 a large group of National Diploma Year 1 and First Diploma Travel and Tourism students spent three days in Liverpool – European City of Culture 2008 – as an essential part of their first year course. Many of the students' assignments would be based on this visit. During their time in the city students enjoyed a training session based upon the work of H. M. Revenue and Customs where they hunted for hidden drugs and other contraband in a mock up of a ship's cabin in the Maritime Museum. This was followed by a visit to Formby Point to feed the famous red squirrels. On another day students took a trip on the famous Mersey Ferry and spent some time on Church Street shopping in the many big stores. An evening was spent at the Empire Theatre enjoying a West End production of 'Cats' but most popular was the scary night walk through old Victorian Liverpool meeting several ghosts and other creatures of the night. What do you expect in an old cemetery when it is dark?

## Achievement

Students were able to complete assignments based on personal knowledge rather than theory and many of them want to return to the city. The hunt for drugs and contraband has led several students to consider working for the Revenue and Customs at Stansted Airport when they complete their course.

## The Future

The visit to Liverpool will be one of the study visits that Travel and Tourism students will enjoy in 2008.

