



## CASE STUDY

# From Braintree to the Caribbean

BTEC National Diploma  
in Travel and Tourism

**“Best ever study trip. Wicked!”**

Year 2 Travel students 2008

### Introduction

For the past two years Travel and Tourism students at Braintree College have travelled to Kenya on a residential trip as an essential element of the course. However, this year students and staff had to show flexibility by having a destination change at the last minute and an alternative had to be found quickly. The College considered South Africa, Los Angeles with Las Vegas and the Caribbean. The Caribbean proved most suitable when cost and the College timetable were considered, so our students flew off to Jamaica for a cruise that would see them visit Cartagena in Colombia, Limon and the Costa Rican rainforest and a trip through the Panama canal to the Pacific Ocean. During the visit the students encountered poisonous frogs, howler monkeys and sloths – and reggae music.

### Achievement

Four students decided that they would like to work on cruise ships in the Caribbean and are hoping to achieve this aim when their course finishes in July. One more hopes to continue enjoying her newly discovered love of reggae music by working in the tourist industry in Jamaica.

### The Future

Braintree College Travel and Tourism National Diploma students now look forward to more exciting visits to the Caribbean in future years.

