



Students learn about themselves in international history lesson

Pupils at Slatybridge's Copley Academy are doing their bit for international relations after playing host to four schools from across Europe as part of the Continent Multilateral School Partnership.

The project involves five schools in total from the UK, Denmark, Turkey, Romania and Greece.

After a week of learning about the historical and cultural influences in their area, the students created a

dance to demonstrate the information gathered in front of a packed hall and special guest Slatybridge and Hyde MP Jonathan Reynolds.

In a busy schedule the students visited a number of venues including Manchester Museum, the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool and Old Trafford, to learn and understand the impact of the Industrial Revolution.

Copley Academy Assistant Head teacher Mick Boyle said: "We looked

at the Industrial Revolution, the impact of cotton and we looked at the local villages near here and how they had been shaped by it."

In total there were around 24 visitors from the four countries with around 50/60 students involved from Copley.

Mr Boyle was thrilled with how the week went and how his students learnt about their own culture: "They forged great relationships with the people from abroad.

"They found out an enormous amount about themselves, about other cultures, but above all they found out an enormous amount about their own culture, the strengths, the weaknesses and that has been a real eye opener," he explained.

By the end of the programme the students will have visited each country and gained an insight into how their lives have been shaped by their own country's past.