

## ***AIR FASHION!***

### **Sunday evening!**

#### **Eating a wagon wheel after some of mum's 'health' food for tea.**

You wouldn't believe how brilltastic I feel right now!

I'll start with this morning when I 1<sup>st</sup> got the news. Ok, so I went downstairs to get some breakfast in my NEW and faboo pj's! Anyway, I went downstairs and someone knocked on the door. My mum shouted from the shower telling me to answer. I didn't want to in case it was a celeb coming to whisk me away in a sparkling limo to a mansion where I will become the most famous lady ever! So I quickly combed my hair (with my fingers) and licked my lips so they looked shiny and then I opened the door. Unfortunately (at that moment in time) it was only the postman, he had a small package addressed to me! I never get letters OR packages so this got me very, incredibly, super, excited I couldn't wait to open it! I took it off him and slammed the door in his face, hopefully he didn't find that rude but I just couldn't wait to open it! I ran back up to my room and positioned the box on my bed (which I had quickly neatened). Mum ruined the moment because she came barging into my room!

"Lucy Jessica Hartley, what do you think you are doing with my package?!" she yelled.

"It isn't yours mum, see it's got my name on it" I showed her the label and she blushed a bit.

"Oh right, well what is it?" Mum came and sat on my bed wrapped in her towel. I was going to ask her to get off before she got wet all over it but I thought I best not.

"I don't have a clue, that's why I'm gonna open it" I started peeling the tape off the box.

"Well I'm going to get dressed but show me after." Mum said leaving my bedroom.

"Okie Dokie!" I continued peeling away the tape. The lid flaps burst open but all I saw was bubble wrap. Then I pulled that away I saw a framed certificate and envelope. The certificate said *'This certificate is to certify that Lucy Jessica Hartley has won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the national teen fashion contest for ages 10-16. Congratulations Lucy! Signed H.Bartlett'* my mouth dropped open when I remember that I had entered the contest and WON! I held my pillow to my face to make my screeches of happiness quiet when I remember the prize I had entered for.

"NEWYORK TRIP!" I shouted jumping around my room in tears of joy.

"What?!" Mum shouted from her room.

"I won a trip to New York!" I yelled once again.

"Goodness Lucy you do love to imagine things!" She didn't believe me! I stopped talking and opened the envelope it said *'Dear Lucy Hartley, we are proud to congratulate you on your win at the National teen Fashion contest! Your designs were outstanding and showed high talent in all ways. Your prize is to go to New York, America with 1 adult and 2 friends. There is an adult ticket and 3 children*

*tickets in the envelope it is your choice who you take! We hope you have fun! Please give the next page of information to the adult going. We can't wait to see you! Love H.Bartlett xxx'*

"Oh, my, goodness. I can't believe I, Lucy Jessica Hartley, am going to New York the fashion city of the world with my best friends!" Obviously I will be taking Tilda and Jules because there only the most awesome best friends in the entire galaxy! So, I didn't read the info page because I'm not an adult, I'm a proud teen. So I just pulled out the tickets. I held them like they were the most precious thing in the world...But to me it was! There was a lot of numbers and bar codes and meaningless letters on them and they were white and blue. Alex came barging into my room in his wizard wand dressing-gown shouting "Abracadabra!" And waving his cereal spoon over his head.

"Alex, get out!" I opened the door and pointed to the stairs.

"Only for sweets or a new dragon tattoo. You pick." Alex always has to have a bribe before he'll do something, SO immature not like me at all!

"Fine, you can have 5 fruit pastels. I'll get them in a min just GET OUT!" I started to push him and then he saw the box on my bed.

"What's that?" He walked over to my bed and reached for the tickets.

"NO! Don't get your disgusting boy germs on MY special tickets. I told you to get out so get out!" I literally shoved him off my bed and but my back against his to get him out of the door. Eventually after a few mins of sitting against the door so he couldn't get back in, Alex gave up and went downstairs to finish his breakfast. I put the tickets into the envelope with the letter and info page and then went down to get some toast and give Alex the fruit pastels.

Whilst I'd been having my breakfast I'd told mum about the tickets and who I was taking. Alex was watching one of his ninja TV programs so he couldn't hear out convo. It was a long one so I won't write it down but all that really happened was I told mum, she was unsure, I told her she was coming and so was Tilda and Jules and then she was a bit more happy with it! So I went into the hall and got the phone to call Tilda and then Jules and tell them the fabby news so they can join me whilst I skip-though-the-tulips! I started dialling Tilda's number when I decided this would be a good opportunity to have them come to my house.

"Mum can I ask them to come to ours for a bit, just to show them the certificate and tickets and stuff?" I asked.

"I suppose, if it's okay with there parents then they can come this afternoon. Shall we say 2 o'clock to half 4?"

"Sounds good, I'll ring 'em both now!" I continued to punch in Tilda's number and once I had run asking for her to come over she asked and her strict dad said she could. Then I run Jules and she was aloud too. I didn't tell either of them about the tickets or certificate so it would be a amazing surprise. We got excited about the holiday we had in last summer with my mum, Tilda's dad, my brother and a good lucking surfer dude and that wasn't even abroad. This is AMERICA! I told mum they were coming and then went to get dressed into my fave skirt, leggings, star t-shirt and cardigan and some essential makeup!

Tilda was the 1<sup>st</sup> to come as always and her took her straight upstairs so my mum could talk a bit about the trip without Tilda knowing. I had hidden the box, and stuff inside it, at the bottom of my wardrobe so I could show them at the same time. I had got out my newest magazine and done a few quizzes by the time Jules arrived. Tilda was in her classic floral green top and long skirt with her wavy blonde hair in a messy bun tied with a purple flower bobble I had found her. We went downstairs and said hello to Jules who was also in a classic outfit. Black top with some stars around the edges and black denim shorts with net tights and her dark hair down. Once again I took them upstairs so our parents could talk about the trip in private. I put on some music and did the quizzes on Jules.

The parents had agreed to talk more when the girls knew so they would talk about it at the pick up time. I couldn't wait any longer to tell them so, whilst Tilda quizzed Jules on her dream celeb crush, I went over to the wardrobe and got out the box. Jules looked over but neither of them said anything. I sat back down and casually fanned my face with the 4 tickets I had.

"Lucy, what are they?" Tilda asked slowly.

"Oh there just our tickets." I was defiantly enjoying it!

"Our tickets? Where are 'we' going?!" Jules looked at me in a way I had never seen before.

"Sorry if I wasn't clear, I meant OUR tickets to NEWYORK." I tried my best to be casual when saying this so I didn't smile and continued fanning myself.

"WHAT?!" They said together.

"You too must be deaf! I said..." I was cut off by Tilda saying

"Yes, we heard you. I just don't believe you! You, Lucy Hartley, have aeroplane tickets to New York city in America...that's pretty mind bending!" I laughed and shouted for my mum to come up so I could prove I wasn't lying. She came in and saw there stunned faces and said

"Yes, it is true. You 3 girls are going with me to New York city thanks to Lucy's design!" Everyone grinned at me and I blushed slightly. There was a moment of silence until my mum left we heard her go into the kitchen and we all jumped to our feet and screamed in happiness jumping around my room hugging and laughing. I took a picture with the camera that was still in my room (I forgot to tell you my mum had took some pictures for relatives of me with my tickets and certificate and stuff) and took pictures of us with our tickets and us just smiling and us ALL holding my certificate and us celebrating and lots of good photo's to put on my wall after I print them! We sat on the end of my bed and we all looked at every inch of our tickets then started looking at summer outfits in my mags that I have collected for the rest of the time. Talking, taking pictures, reading and having lots of fun!

The parents came and Jules's parents instantly agreed to let her go knowing my mum would be there (they have known each other for a long time). Tilda's dad took more convincing but we just about managed after Tilda promised she would find a way to email him during the time just so he knows she's alive. And he

unhappily agreed to it and we did another happy group hug! The girls went home and we had tea and broke the news to Alex that he couldn't come. I said I would buy him a wizard kit whilst I was there and even though he sulked for awhile he hasn't bugged me as much as I thought. Anyway now I'm sitting here, writing and watching TV with my mum. Unfortunately I have to go now, mum wants to practice her makeup on me since she started training to be a makeup artist. Back to the point I best go. Might not write for awhile because I only have a week of shopping and packing until the time comes for me to set foot on New York streets EEEP!!

Byeeeeeee

### **Monday REALLY early morning**

**It's Monday morning about 5 o'clock for UK people but I don't know what time it is in NEW YORK!**

This is Miss Lucy Jessica Hartley with her 2 best friends Tilda and Jules and my mum! Were on the plane to New York now and have been for quite a few hours now. Oh wait...the captain just announce we will be landing in 30 minuets. I can't believe it! We had an on flight meal of fish fingers, bread bun, pea's, mash, juice, grapes and choccy pudding. Very yummy! We get to travel 1<sup>st</sup> class so we've been watching loads of TV and taking billions of pictures. Our seating is like this...

This has to be the best holiday I've been on ALREADY and we haven't even got off the plane yet! Jules and Tilda are exited, you can defiantly tell! My mum is also happy about it, even if she's trying to be a 'responsible' adult I caught her before jumping up and down in her bedroom...I must admit I joined her! My mum's in a cream velour tracksuit to keep comfy. I'm wearing flower patched jeans and a strap top with my fave cropped cardigan. Jules is wearing a baggy black and purple top with shoulder slits and skinny jeans. Finally Tilda is wearing a long pink top with white flowers and pink cropped trousers. We all look good if I'm honest but were in comfy clothes as well. We all slept for an hour but my mum only slept for 45 minuets. The rest of the time we've been to excited to sleep.

I haven't written in this last week because I have been getting yawn-o-matic homework out of the way, shopping for new clothes, talking to dad and Nan I mean Delia and packing! In fact here's my week plan, I'll stick it in here....

As you can see my mum's been getting me to bed early so that I don't get tired. Tilda and Jules's parents have been doing the same so we are well rested for the fabydaby holiday awaiting us! Hold on, back in a min.

### **Toilet trip!**

Back now, even the toilets are nice! So back onto the topic, we have been telling each other what we've brought other than the normal clothes, tooth brushes the expected stuff. We had all brought (other than what I just said)...A range of bobbles and clips for our hair, some kind of bag, makeup (more me than anyone else) and a camera! We have already taken lots of pictures, mum took her own camera and I am borrowing dad's because mum said she doesn't want lots of pictures of us girls messing around pulling faces and things. We don't mess around though; we take pictures of lots of things that's all!

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The pilot has asked everyone to fasten their seat belts and put up their trays because we are 'beginning the decent'! That means in about 10 mins I will be in New York! My hearts beating so fast. Me and the girls have decided to take a picture of our faces when we get out of the airport!

Mum's telling me to put you away now so I'll write before bed. Oh and...

WELCOME TO NEW YORK!

### **Monday at the hotel room!**

**Had our tea an hour ago, been unpacking our things. Met the one and only Harriet Bartlett (world famous fashion designer!)**

After the plane landed and we had got off into the airport we collected our luggage and went to where we were told to meet our taxi man. We found him and he asked us to wait while he put the bags in the trunk of his taxi. He came back and took us out. The area was near the coast so we had warm air but a cool breeze, you could see all the buildings in the city centre high in the sky. My

mum took the picture on her camera because we couldn't move. All we did was stand, mouths open, looking into the distance. She took it and told us to move on. We looked at each other excited to see the city centre.

After a lot of staring out of the windows at sky scrapers, the taxi stopped outside a posh looking, tall, hotel. He shouted for a bell boy as we got out and soon enough a boy in a cute uniform came rushing out with a trolley and the taxi man helped him put our bags on whilst we stood looking at the shops and buildings! We followed the bell boy in, after saying goodbye and thankyou to the nice taxi man, and stood in the lobby. I couldn't believe what happened next.

"Are you Lucy Hartley?" the lady at the desk asked me.

"Yes, these are my friends Tilda and Jules and my mum." I smiled shyly.

"Hello girls, Ms Hartley," she nodded at my mum, "we have been expecting you. I'll call someone to take you in." she said picking up the phone. In where? I was thinking.

"Hi, can you come down to escort some ladies to HB meeting room please..." there was a pause where someone must have replied "...Okay, thankyou." She put down the phone.

"If you'd like to sit over there, someone will come and get you in a moment. Candy?" she held out a bowl of neatly wrapped sweets and we all took one then she pointed to some seats.

"Thankyou!" we all said going to sit down.

Only a little while passed until an old man named Norman came and took us through some corridors to a room labelled 'PRIVATE'. He opened the door and held his hand out signalling for us to stop.

"Miss Lucy Hartley and guest's madam." And then he bowed and stepped away for us to go in. I was first then Jules then Tilda and then my mum.

"Well Hello darlings, Lucy congratulations! Who might these lovely young ladies be?" it was Harriet Bartlett my recent fave fashion designer!

"Hello Miss Bartlett. These are my best friends Jules and Tilda," I pointed to them, "and this is my mum."

Mum held out her hand to shake "Hello, nice to meet you." I expected her to go diva and refuse to shake a commoners hand but she shook quite happily.

"Lovely to meet you to! And lovely to meet you!" she shook hands with Tilda and Jules but I got better. She HUGGED me!

"Lucy, I am so happy for you. Your design was amazing, wonderful use of colour!" she said.

"Thankyou so much!" I grinned whilst blushing.

"Well, I'm guessing you girls are tired after your flight!" Harriet waved a man that was beside the desk to come over.

"Mark, take these girls to their room with the luggage. I will have a word with Ms Hartley if she doesn't mind?" she was talking to Mark but asking my mum to stay at the same time.

"Yes that's fine; I'll join the girls once we've talked." My mum smiled stepping away from the door giving us room to leave.

"Good good, well you girls go and refresh yourself and I will see you tomorrow!" The door shut and we followed Mark in silence to a room. We didn't talk except from saying goodbye to him. Our room is very nice, 1 room with a king-size bed and another room with 3 single beds, that's our room. We have a toilet, living room but no kitchen. We are expected to use room service, eat out or use the hotels dining room. My mum came up about half an hour later. We had unpacked most of our stuff and taken HUNDREDS of pictures!

"Lucy dear I have the schedule for this week. Do we have a room service menu?" She asked me, I saw one on the table and gave it to her.

"Yes they do, we can't afford that can we?!" I saw some prices on it and they were shocking!

"You didn't read that info sheet did you? It said on it that if we show them the card, which I have just been given, and breakfast and tea is free. We only have to pay for dinner. So order what you want it's not like she's short of money!" My mum laughed looking at the menu.

"Okay, I feel like pizza. Jules, Tilda you feel like sharing a large pizza?" I asked them.

"Yeah!" Jules said

"Defo, pepperoni?" Tilda asked

"You know it!" I giggled. Mum rolled her eyes at us as we laughed.

"I'll have the Cesar salad I think!" Mum nodded picking up the phone and dialling the number. This is what was said (btw ... means someone else is talking on the other side of the phone)

Mum: Hello is this room service?

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Mum: Okay, I'd like a large pepperoni pizza and Cesar salad please.

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Mum: Oh yes, one moment. Girls what drinks do you want?

Me: Coke please.

Tilda: Lemonade please.

Jules: Coke for me thanks.

Mum: Can we have 2 cokes, a lemonade and sparkling water please.

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Mum: Thankyou, bye.

That was what happened. Our dinner was yummy and my mum showed us the schedule for the week. We have to go to Harriet's office to design some outfits for ourselves, tomorrow. Then we have to finish designing and start making it on Monday. Then Tuesday, Wednesday we're continuing to make it. Then Thursday we get finished designs and then practice for the even which is a surprise until tomorrow. Then Friday it is the event meeting for practicing ECT. Then Saturday we do what we want until 4:00pm and then in the evening we do the event! Then Sunday we say by to Harriet in the morning then go home. Gonna be a fantastic week I think. Anyway its 9:30, we're tired and we have to get up at

8:30am tomorrow. So it's bedtime for us. Well actually we'll be talking for awhile but still. Were sitting in bed! Night!

### **Tuesday dinner time!**

#### **At Harriet's office in the cafeteria with Jules, Mum and Tilda.**

It's 2:50pm and I've finished my meal of a bake potato so I'm going to quickly write what happened so far today. My mum woke us up at 8 but we didn't get out of bed for awhile because we were still tired so we ended up getting dressed to late. We rushed and my mum got out the map we'd been given from our hotel to the office. We decided to get breakfast on the way there. Once we were ready we started walking to the office. Jules spotted a breakfast café so we went in and got...

For mum: A coffee and plain bagel.

For me: Just an orange and cranberry bagel.

For Tilda: A croissant.

For Jules: A cheese toasty!

And then we ate as we walked. It wasn't that far away only 20 minuets from the café until we got there. By the time we did everyone had eaten and my mum was finishing her coffee.

"Here we are, let's go in but DON'T touch anything without being told to okay girls?!" Mum shook her finger at us.

"Yes mum." I said wanting to get in!

"Yes Ms Hartley." Jules and Tilda said. Mum led us in, me following closely. Tilda and Jules stood either side of me as we walked into the gold and white building. As soon as we stepped into the lobby I saw 2 escalators, a high glass roof, 3 floors, lots of people in pencil skirts and suits with files and clip boards and blue tooth's, a front desk, some sofa's and chairs, potted plants, white walls, marble floors, gold finishing and lots of offices and rooms. I took a picture and then we walked over to the front desk. A woman was on the computer there so we waited for her to talk before we did.

"Welcome to Bartlett studios, how can I help you?" The lady said looking up and getting out a pen.

"Hello, I'm Ms Hartley, were here to see Miss Bartlett." My mum said politely.

"Okay let me check with her, one moment please." She picked up the phone and pressed some buttons then spoke into it. The phone call lasted a few seconds and then she put it down.

"Yes she's free," the lady pulled a red leather book out and opened it to a page with a half filled grid, "Can I get all your names please?" she asked poising her pen at the first box.

"Yes of course. Lucy Hartley, Matilda Jane Van der zwan, Julietta Garcia Perez Benedicionatorio and Ms Hartley." My mum said.

"And you're here to see Miss Bartlett on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am. Okay, when you leave can you just come back here and sign out. And just sign in that box

please." She put the book so my mum could reach and put the pen tip in the box.

"Yep, we'll come sign out later. Where is the office?" Mum asked.

"Oh yes, one moment," the lady stood up and looked around, "MARY! Can you take these ladies to Miss Bartlett's office please?" An old lady came over and smiled at us holding her hand out and waving for us to go in that direction so we did. We went to the very top floor and then stopped at the 5<sup>th</sup> room.

"She's just in here" The lady did a weird knock on the door. It was like KNOCKKNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCKKNOCK!

"Thankyou" we all said as the lady opened the door.

"Hello Girlies, are you ready to do some designing?!" Harriet asked stepping away from her big window.

"Always!" I said.

"Yeah!" Jules and Tilda said nodding at each other.

"Good thing because we've got a long afternoon ahead of us!" Harriet winked.

"Yay can't wait! Is my mum going to make something?" I asked Harriet smiling.

"It's up to her. Would you like to make something?" Harriet asked my mum. She blushed slightly.

"Oh I doubt I'd look good in a dress now days!" My mum said. If I'm honest she isn't that old and she looks good for her age!

"I think you'd look lovely in a dress mum, you don't go out much anymore you should get dressed up! Do it mum, for me?" I said trying to get her to do it best I could.

"Okay, okay chill Lucy if it's that important then I will!" Yes, I know I could get her to do it!

"So all of you are doing it, let's go to the design room shall we!" Harriet put her arm along our shoulders and took us out of the room and mum followed. We went down a floor and into a room there. It was big, light, full of computers, some people sitting at computers and a rack with some materials hanging off it. It was what you'd imagine that kinda room to look like!

"Welcome to the computer room ladies, this is where we'll be drawing out your designs and putting in colours and patterns so they can be printed!" Harriet said leading us over to a row of computers.

"This is so cool!" Jules gawped at all the hi-tech computers.

"We like to think so! These are the people who will be working with one of you. Katie, Jessie, Hannah and Melissa. If Ms Hartley you go with Katie, Jules with Jessie, Tilda with Hannah and Lucy with Melissa. We all went and sat with the people we had been put with. We introduced ourselves and then started. I don't know what went on with everyone else, I was busy acting professional with the SUPER nice girl Melissa. She had a black and white dress on with brown hair in big curls around her shoulders. Her nails were painted Black with white flowers on and look so cool!

"Before you all begin on designing I will reveal to you the event you're creating for. You are all going to...drum roll please...A RED CARPET EVENT!" Harriet

announced! We all screamed but I turned it into a cough after realising how unprofessional it was.

"Woah, that's gonna be awesome!" Jules said grinning.

"Is there going to be camera's and stuff on the TV and in the papers?" Tilda asked showing her nerves.

"Well yes but they'll be more focused on the big starts coming. You will be on video but only in the background, unless you want to be on talk to them." Harriet reassured her but she didn't do very well at it. After that we all got to designing Harriet kept having to go out to take phone calls but helped us when she was in. All we managed was to pick an outline and a base colour. For mine I mixed a halted neck top and a flouncy skirt to make a full dress. The base colour is blue/turquoise and I'm going to put some leopard print on there to make it sassier! Anyway best go back to work mum's finished her pasta salad, Jules finished her cheese sandwich and crisps and cupcake and Tilda has nearly finished her pudding. Talk tomorrow.

Bye!!

### **Wednesday tea time!**

#### **In our hotel living room eating the KFC we just got, yum!**

Today I managed to finish my design for a dress and it looks so fabtastic! I did put leopard print on it and added a clutch bag, heels and a shrug. I can't wait to see it made! I need to help Melissa finish adding colour to something's tomorrow and then it can start being made! It seems weird making a dress on a computer and even weirder having everyone make their own. I usually make them dresses for them with Nan I mean Delia but this time there making their own! I can't wait to see my mum in her dress; she said its red and black. As far as I can tell from her description it is long and red with a black sequined ribbon around her boob area (embarrassing talking about yours mum's boobs!) and around the waist. Also it is a strap top so she has a glittery black wrap. She will look amazing! Me, Jules and Tilda are keeping ours a secret until the night which makes me want it to come sooner!

Today nothing exciting happened so nothing much to explain but after we finished the session with Harriet and her team we came back and went into this library/computer room so Tilda could email her dad, Jules could email her parents and I could search the web for info on the Red Carpet event. Btw I would email dad but he doesn't have an email address yet so I can't. Anyway I found out some people going to the Red Carpet event and they are...Jessica Moon! Scouting for girls! Rhianna! Jonny Depp! Katy Perry! Bruno Mars! And some people that were famous in my mum's time. It's an event for the realise of Harriet's new collects SUMMER ROMANCE and she has invited celebs that wear her clothes. She has all different men's and women's clothes and accessories. That was all I could find out but it seems to have a lot of publicity! Hopefully we will get in the back ground of someone's interview then we can show of our outfits!

I'm just going to finish the rest of these chicken nuggets one min...  
Okay I'm back! Jules and Tilda say hello! My nuggets were yummy! I have chips or should I say FRIES and chicken nuggets with a diet coke. Jules and Tilda had a veggie burger and lemonade. And my mum had a cheese burger and water. We all enjoyed it, I think we were ready for it after a long hard day!  
Well I'm gonna have a shower and then take some more pictures!  
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!

### **Thursday dinner!**

**Waiting at the table with Jules whilst Tilda and mum bring the dinner over, they're in the Que.**

I have ordered a ham baguette and Lime flavoured water, Jules ordered a cheese and bacon sandwich and a milkshake, Tilda is going to order a Tuna sandwich and a milkshake and my mum is ordering a chive and mushroom omelette with green tea. No pudding today because my mum has to pay. That rhymes!! Anyway, I had a good day in the office today! We all finished our designs and had to get the material with the patterns and colours we wanted on them. So we went with our helpers to a room where the fabrics were stored. There were so many fabrics. There were nets, animals print, luminous, floral, fluffy, just coloured, lace, tartans, patterns, Halloween patterns loads of stuff! My mum was first to choose and then she went with her helper into another room, then Tilda followed, then Jules and then Me. We all had our fabrics and were ready to give them to our helpers so they could print and sew our designs together. We were all hungry so decided to come for dinner but our helpers stayed and started work on the cutting and sewing machine work that we couldn't be around for. So we are sitting here in the café at the office watching as mum and Tilda pay for the meals and come back...Now they are back! Yay, finally time for food! I'm starving! Going to finish writing now so I can focus on eating. Back to designs later!  
Chow!

### **Friday dinner!**

**We got our FINISHED outfits back!**

I love my outfit. It's so nice! The colours are so pretty and sassy! I have seen Tilda and Jules's outfits and they are stunning. Tilda has a purple dress that goes to her knees and puff out at the skirt. There is a orange ribbon around the rim and as the straps. She has a side bag with a silver chain strap and orange flowers (fake) sown together to make the bag. Jules is wearing a very dark purple dress with slits dotted around revealing some black lace underneath. She also wears some black net tights and black purse! We haven't tried them on yet; we're going to do that tomorrow before the event. We get to take a LIMO to the red carpet. But Harriet is going to be in the limo with us! I get to get out straight

after her! Then Jules, Tilda and mum. I can't believe how excited we are! I want to see everyone in their makeup and dresses, they will look beautiful! After we've had our dinner we will be meeting in Harriet's office and chill for a while then go to a rehearsal for the red carpet event. Only the driver and Harriet know where it is because they don't want loads of people knowing and coming to see the celebs.

I have turned the flash off my camera and taken secret pictures of me and my friends working in this awesome place 'Bartlett studios'. I got one of me and Melissa but I really want one of me and Harriet! I don't want to just ask because that would be embarrassing and unprofessional! I'll find a way of getting one...but how?

Yum, I've eaten my bacon Panini and am now eating my chocolate shortbread! Very tasty, I got a smoothie as well! My mum said we could all have pudding because it's our last dinner here.

One second...We just had a picture session. Now I have 2 of me and my bff's and 1 of me and my mum in the café! We've taken so many pictures but you can't take enough to show how happy we are to be here and have this opportunity!

Anyway best go and meet Harriet, don't want to be late!  
BYE!!

### **Friday at 7:50pm**

#### **Chilling at home taking pictures and watching TV after the red carpet meeting!**

The red carpet meeting was so cool. We had been sure to wear our best clothes (other than our dresses) in case we saw someone famous! I'll start from when me, mum, Tilda and Jules were chilling in Harriet's office with her.

"Girls I just want to let you know that they will most likely be celebs there. Just a warning so you don't start screaming when you see someone famous." She winked cheekily at us and we all giggled a little.

"We can try!" I said in a non promising voice. We all laughed and I got a picture of Tilda on a chair laughing, I took it by casually moving my camera in her direction whilst I was laughing and using that bulgy bit in my palm to push the button. It's a good picture actually! I thought Harriet noticed at first because her face went straight and she looked at my camera but thankfully she then said "I can't believe I forgot! Would you girls like to take some pictures?" Harriet asked.

"I think the girls would love some photo's wouldn't you girls?" My mum said.

"I would!" I said hoping up and giving my camera to mum. I finally got a picture of me and Harriet!

"Tilda will you take a picture with my mum in with us please?" I asked Tilda even though I know she would!

"Sure, after that shall we have one with me and Jules in?" Tilda questioned taking the camera of my mum as she came over.

"Defiantly!" I said beginning to smile.

"There you go. Ms Hartley will you take on with us in please?" Tilda pulled Jules out of her chair and passed the camera to my mum.

"Smile girls!" Mum said as she took the picture.

"There we go Lucy you're done, Tilda dear would you like one with me and then Jules?" Harriet was so nice making sure we all go a picture with her!

"And just my mum?" I asked.

"Yeah, we'd like one!" Jules said. They had there pictures taken and then so did my mum and all the pictures were done!

"Well girls if you follow me we can get into the car and go, we shall be fashionably late. For future reference that's 5 minuets or 10!" We followed her down and my mum got a great picture of me, Tilda and Jules side by side on the escalator. Facing the posh office lobby, I am defo getting it printed!

We went in a Rolls Royce and took yet more pictures! When we got there we all kept quiet and followed Harriet.

"Miss Bartlett you're here," a girl at the door smiled at us, "You are needed behind the curtains madam!" she wrote something down on her clip board and left Harriet to take us in.

"Right Girls if you can just go and sit somewhere, I will be coming onto that stage and talking about everything in a few minuets. Make yourself comfy and if your going to take pictures," she leant in close to us, "turn your flashes of" then she was gone with a blink!

"I already do!" I whispered to Jules and Tilda as mum rushed us to the side so we were out of the way of the celebs. We took some pictures but some didn't come out well. I got rubbish ones of Jonny Depp and Rhianna. They were fuzzy from non focus but I got a good one of Katy Perry when she was laughing at someone's joke! I got some later in the evening that were quite good as well! After we had sat through all the talking and done a bit of practicing and everyone knew what they were doing it was time for quick refreshments and then home or in our case, Hotel! Harriet came down the stage stairs and straight to us. We got up and together started walking towards the refreshment table.

"Harriet Bartlett!" A male voice came from a chair.

"Yes," Harriet turned around, "Karl Martin!" She kissed the cheeks of this 50ish year old looking man.

"You look fabulous! How have you been?" He asked. There was a lot of that for the next 10 minuets. You look amazing, how long has it been, what have you been doing, have you lost weight. There was a lot of those questions coming out of their mouths until thankfully Harriet said

"Well it's been great seeing you, we will have to meet up some time. Best feed my guest's though hadn't it?" She gave him a goodbye cheek kiss and continued walking with us.

We had all got some kind of posh 'snack' and drink and gone back to eat it at our seats. Harriet joined us after talking to some other fashion designers.

"You enjoying your snacks?" Harriet asked.

"Yes there really nice..." I began but I was interrupted by no one other than JONNY DEPP!!!!!!!! EEEEEEEK!

"Sorry to interrupt I just wanted to say hello Harriet!" He said. Jules doesn't watch any of his films so she just say back and looked at the other guests, Tilda went shy as always, my mum as looking at some man she used to love watching but I was 100% focused on HIM!

"It's okay Jonny. Hello. It's been such along time!" She saw me bite my lip staring at him and smiled.

"Hasn't it, thankyou for the invite! Who are these young ladies?" He asked looking straight at me, I didn't my best flirt smile whilst pressing the capture button on my camera.

"Oh yes, this is my fashion contest winner Lucy Hartley and her friends Jules and Tilda and her mum." Harriet introduced us. He shook my mum's hand and also shook Jules and Tilda's hand. I thought they were the luckiest girls on the earth until this happened.

"Nice to meet you. I believe a congratulations hug is in order?" He said looking at me.

"Yeah." I said shuffling along my chair isle at the same time as him so we could meet at the end. I shoved my camera into my mums hand and looked at her trying to say 'if you don't take this picture then don't expect to get back to the hotel alive'. I think she got the message and casually turned the camera in our direction pretending to talk to Harriet about the ride home. Anyway back to the IMPORTANT stuff.

"Congrats Lucy, hopefully some day I will wear clothes created by you?" He said walking closer.

"Yes, hopefully you will." I said batting my eyelashes. And then it came I HUGGED JONNY DEPP!

Anyway after that we said goodbye and left in a car Harriet had called for us. I was still gob smacked. Who wouldn't be after hugging Jonny Depp? He is tree-huggingly-cute! And now we are sitting here after tea. Anyway need the loo! BYE!

### **Saturday at 9:05am!**

#### **Finally we get to sleep in. Also RED CARPET DAY!!**

To day is the day we get to do whatever we want until 4:00pm! Believe it or not I'm already dressed! I got up at 8:00am because my mum was making noise in the shower. Jules and Tilda didn't get up until 8:45am! Whilst I was waiting I helped my mum decide what to do today. We decided that my mum would go sight seeing and me, Jules and Tilda would go shopping! Mum said she's going to take us to a shopping centre where there are lots of shops and as long as we don't go outside. Jules has brought her phone so my mum will ring us to meet

somewhere when it's time to go. I can't wait; the shops here look so big and fun! I have a hand bag with my camera in and I'm carrying Jules's phone for her so she doesn't need to take a bag. Also I have everyone's money in all different purses. Tilda's is light pink snake scales. Jules's is black with a red skull on the front. And mine is hot pink with different types of high heels on it.

At the moment my mums looking at all the leaflets she's collected. Jules is packing away her curlers. Tilda is counting her money and I'm writing here. Mum's lending me \$15 and told me

"Buy your brother something with this. Try finding a magic kit but if you can't then just get him some dragon tattoos and sweets. As long as you DO get him something!" So I have to get him something. I'm going to get myself something of course and dad and Nan I mean Delia!

Everyone's telling me to stop writing so we can set of. Write later!  
See You Later!

### **Saturday still at 4:15pm!**

#### **At Harriet's office writing whilst I wait for my mum to get her outfit on!**

We had a good time shopping! Here are the things I've bought:

For Alex= A wizard hat saying 'New York is Magical' and a bag of fruit pastels!

For Dad= A big t-shirt saying 'New York Star!'

For Nan 'Delia= A pin cushion shaped like a heart with New York sewn onto it.

For me= A canvas bag saying I love New York! And a key ring of the status of liberty!

Me, Tilda and Jules got= A friendship bracelet with L and the America flag beads on mine and the same on Jules and Tilda's except there's have T and J on them. Also we went in one of those photo booths and had a picture printed out 3 times of us together!

That's what we got and I think mum got something where she was.

Anyway, my I'm sitting in a comfy sofa with Jules on my left and Tilda on my right watching as my mum gets her dress straightened and accessories added in. She is having her hair curled and lovely make up, nice and glittery. Her dress suits her very well! Ooooooh, she's done! Now it's Jules's turn to get dressed. I'm getting into my outfit last and I do it behind a curtain because mine is meant to be the most important 2<sup>nd</sup> to Harriet of course! Jules has gone behind a curtain to get into her dress but will come out in a minuet. I'm just going to take a picture of my mum one second!

SNAP SNAP!

Done it. I wonder if there will be any men interested in my mum. Hopefully a celeb. Or someone famous because then I'll get on TV! Well I'm going to go now, start picking my earrings with Melissa!

Bye for now!

### **Sunday at 8:50am!**

**Sitting on my mum's bed every now and then getting up for photos!**

Today is the day we go home and I REAAAAAALLY don't want to! I have had an amazing time! You will not believe what happened at the red carpet event yesterday! I will start from when I was getting into my outfit.

I was behind the curtain standing on a stool whilst Melissa rushed around me decreasing the skirt and positioning my bracelets. A woman was just finishing my hair by adding some clips to keep it in place, the makeup man had already gone. I was ready and Melissa held the curtain open as I walked through. I wish I could draw the image on everyone's faces. It's hard even to describe! Their mouths were slightly open yet you could tell they were smiling. Tilda instantly picked up my camera and got a picture of me and Melissa and me on my own and me and my mum and then one of the whole group!

Harriet came in after getting into her dark blue silky dress and complimented us on how good we looked. Then we rushed out into the limo and set off. More pictures were taken (I have found out I've taken 124 pictures!) and then we arrived.

"I will go out and Lucy you follow then just go in the order you're sitting in." Harriet said just before a man opened the door and I caught a glimpse of cameras and red! Then as I shuffled along to step out I turned to my friends and mum and whispered

"Good luck to you! Here goes nothing." And then out I went! That very moment when screams blew out of the crowd and camera's flashed from all angles I knew that this was going to be the best time of my life! I grinned as Harriet turned around and gave me an 'I knew you'd love it!' smile. I stepped away from the car and waited for Jules to join me. Even though it was Jules she still grinned like mad! Her whole face lit up and she came over and stood by me.

"Thankyou SO much Lucy!" she whispered through her smile, for once she wasn't being sarcastic! Tilda came out slowly (shyly) but surely and even she managed to smile even though her throat was dry. My mum came out and people must of thought she was famous because the cheers went up! My mum started walking over to us but a white haired man came over and held out his arm. He must have been someone my mum knew because she blushed and put her arm around his. She looked at me and then moved her eyes in the direction of the carpet because we hadn't started walking yet. But I did thanks to her. We started walking smiling at all the camera's stopping every time a camera jumped in front of us. Harriet was with a reporter and waved her hand for me to come over. I left Jules and Tilda to walk and joined Harriet. The report went like this:  
Harriet: Here she is. The wonderful Lucy Hartley!

Reporter: Hello Lucy, congratulations on your winning!

Me: Thankyou

Reporter: How has it been working in Bartlett studios?

Me: It's been a good experience and thanks to Harriet we've had a great time!

Harriet: Thankyou Lucy, you've been wonderful!

Reporter: You brought some friends didn't you Lucy?

Me: Yeah, Jules and Tilda also my mum.

Reporter: Wonderful, could you call them over?

Me: Yeah (I waved them over to us her btw) this is Jules and Tilda. My mum's over there with that man (I pointed to mum)

Reporter: We'll leave your mum then. So Jules, Tilda have you had fun?

Jules: Yeah, thanks to Lucy and Harriet we've had a great time!

Harriet: I have enjoyed having you girls!

Reporter: Brilliant news! So who are you girls looking out for?

Jules: Bruno Mars (brushed)

Tilda: Katy Perry (quiet!)

Me: Jonny Depp (blushed and smiled)

Reporter: Well I hope you'll see them! I'm sure they will be happy to talk to you!

Thanks for your time girls, enjoy!

And then we left the reporter and Harriet and continued down the carpet. Tilda saw Katy Perry and nudged me

"It her!" she whispered.

"Katy Perry? Go talk to her!" I suggested.

"No way! She's a celeb, I can't talk to her!" Tilda blushed as Katy looked at her.

"Just GO!" Jules said.

"Fine, but you to have to talk to who you want to as well!" She said as we headed for Katy. Me and Jules nodded and as soon as we got near Katy she said hello and asked if we were the comp winners and then me and Jules started backing away and then walked off to find Bruno! I spotted him to the side with his back to us and decided just to walk over and push Jules in his direction before she knew. I did that and Jules non-shyly said "Hi, I'm a big fan of your music!" and I stood for awhile then as they started walking together I left not wanting to look like the odd one out! I carried on walking and was stopped a few times for a picture with Rhianna and Scouting for girls. Never for Jonny, I couldn't find him anywhere! Then suddenly I felt someone's hand on the top of my back. I turned and there he was smiling down at me. I hadn't realised that a camera person had seen me and Jonny behind and asked for us to get a picture. I smiled and so did he then he held his arm out...FOR ME! My mum turned and saw me and then winked, I blushed as we walked down. Tilda had started walking with Katy so people could photo them and so had Jules and Bruno!

We were coming to the end of the carpet and I saw people standing in front of a large board with loads of the Bartlett studio's logo's on it. It was where all the celebs go and have pictures taken! My mum was there with the man and Jules and Bruno were just about there. Tilda was behind my and Jonny by 3 meters. Camera people waved for us and instead of going through it all I'll just say by the end of this the pictures were: Me and Jonny, Me and mum, me and Tilda, me and Jules, me and my bff's, me and my bff's and there fave people, me my bff's and mum, me and Harriet, me and Harriet and all of us (including mum) and finally one of me and Harriet and my bff's! Lot's of pictures! The person taking them said I can download them for free from a website and gave me the card for it. I will DEFO be doing that! The rest of the night was speeches from celebs and

some clothes viewing and then we went back to our hotel. Now I have to go because we're going to say goodbye to Harriet. Will write on the plane but by then it will have been.

BYE, BYE NEW YORK!

### **Sunday 1 hour away from landing!**

#### **On the plane, already missing America!**

We had tea on the plane again this time it was sausage, gravy, peas and potatoes wedges with apple juice, a bun, some dried apricots and a small tub of ice cream! Very tasty! My mum got a newspaper (on the plane) and is reading it now. Jules spent her last \$3 on some eye liner in an American flag tube that was only \$1.99 (on the plane again!). Tilda got a post card with a view of one part of New York but you can see our hotel (at the airport)! I'll tell you about the goodbye we had with Harriet.

We went down to her office and got shown into her room. When we walked in Harriet popped a party popper, it was quite funny actually! She said (exactly!) "Girls I will miss having you here! You have been so much fun and really did make some wonderful outfits! Lucy I'm am glad you won and hope you continue to for fill your dream and become a fashion designer. If you ever need somewhere to start you know where my office is! I got a present for you all, there was supposed to be one each but unfortunately my assistant only ordered one. So you will have to share it!" She gave my mum a box wrapped in purple paper. Mum opened it and there was the most lovely collage of the hotel, the office, the red carpet and pictures of us working and at the event!

"Wow!" we all chorused!

"I think Lucy should have it!" Tilda said looking at her feet.

"What? It's for us to share!" I said shocked that the one time Tilda spoke her mind it was about something that surely she would want!

"Tilda's right Lucy. We can't share one photo, only one person can have it. And if it weren't for you we wouldn't even be here!" Jules added to Tilda's vote and stood opposite me as if they were making a group. Suddenly my mum got out of her chair and stood with them and Harriet after her.

"Purely democracy Lucy!" Harriet said giving me one of her winks.

"I'm happy to take it, but are you all sure that you don't want it?!" I said raising my eyebrows.

"Sure!" Everyone said nodding their heads. Mum passed it to me and I held it close to me. Then put my hand out. Everyone looked at me strangely.

"To the best holiday in history!" I said. Then everyone put their hands in and shouted "TO THE BEST HOLIDAY IN HISTORY!" and threw their arms in the air! I think you know by now that we took more pictures and then left after giving Harriet a goodbye hug. And now we are here. Running out of pages now so I will end with this...THIS HAS BEEN THE BEST HOLIDAY EVER!