

French students' impressions

ELIE ALAWOE

It was totally amazing to see how a group with several nationalities could debate around in a common language. I really enjoyed to meet these people, it was a good experience, maybe one the best for me !

THOMAS BAYART

At first, I felt it strange to receive someone from another country that I didn't know. Yet, after we had exchanged a few words , I knew that all the moments I would spend with my pen- friend were going to be really good ! I spent good moments with the other students during a party we organized.

So I can say (that) the Comenius project is a really great thing, i met many nice people, who are now my friends.

Thanks you to the Comenius project!

MELODY HANIQUE

Comenius programme:

I am happy to have participated in the Comenius project. I find this is an interesting project for enriching our general culture and practice languages. The conference was interesting. I learnt the habits of other countries.

I was surprised to see the level/standard of the Comenius participants' language and their sociability. (They talked about their habits with much ease which was nice)

I will keep very good memories. I hope to continue in this project.

MARINE SIX

I was the host of a Greek student named Penny. She is very nice and we had a good time together, and with my family. We understood each other in English. With the Polish and the French students, Penny and I went to the laser game and the bowling, it was super. The last night, Greek, Polish and French students did a party, it was good. I love the Poles, I mainly spoke with them, they are very nice and funny. The Poles said a lot of jokes in English and it was pleasant to laugh together. Now, I speak again with the Polish on the internet and they

would like to come back to France this summer, I hope it will be possible.

The Comenius project enabled me to speak English better, to meet nice people, to discover the habits of other countries, to discover how to be a host family, and it's interesting because when I went to the USA, it was the contrary, it was me who was in a host family, and now I have done both experiences.

So to conclude, I would like to say that this project was a very good and very enriching experience, and I hope I could continue this beautiful experience in another country, and rather in Poland to see my Polish friends because I miss them very much

FLORIAN MORLIERE

To begin with, let me tell you that I took a real pleasure to get involved in this experience, I'm so sad because I couldn't host a pen-friend because I haven't got enough space in my room.

Moreover I think that this international experience is a very good idea to open a student's mind. Thanks to this experience we could discover new people from other countries with different ways of life. I think it's a way to make us grow up, you have a responsibility you have acquaint your pen-friend with your way of life, it makes you more autonomous. Also your duty is to make your pen-friend's stay in France the best as can be. Even if I didn't host a student I really liked to speak with them they were very nice and open-minded. We spoke a lot together about their way of life in their country, the difference of the weather and a lot of other things...

I think it a very enriching experience for a 16 year-old student !

CAMILLE LAIGLE

Impressions of living with foreigners:

I spoke with an Italian correspondent of a girl-friend Leah, and he was quite shy. While the Spanish girl Pauline was interesting and funny, this is normal because she had come twice to France. They told me they loved France and they will come back. But they hated the food in our canteen. They speak good English. The trouble is that the stay was too short, I would have preferred a week. And there were only a few people registered.

PERRINE LOSETO

Receiving a foreign student was a great experience for me because I expanded my English vocabulary and I met somebody new. Besides, the Greek student, named Andriana, discovered a different culture from hers and she lived the French way of life during one week.

When she arrived on Tuesday evening, after several hours on the plane, the first thing she did was to go to the toilet. At that moment, she said to me : “Oh ! Your toilet smells very nice and your high school is very clean ... wonderful !”

When we came back home, we watched a film in English in order to have a rest, but we spoke together more than we watched the film ! For lunch, my mum cooked pizzas: Andriana enjoyed it very much. On Wednesday, after school, we went to the “lazer game”, a famous American game, in Bruay la Buisnière. Andriana was very excited because she had never played it. Besides, we were with one of her Greek friends, also with one of my friends. As they were not tired, we had a drink at the bowling and we had a lot of fun ! To finish the day, Andriana, I and my family went to the restaurant. The beginning was quite difficult because I couldn't translate some words from the menu. But I drawn (?) it with my parents and we taught each other some vocabulary. On Thursday, Andriana went to Lille with all the foreign students. In the evening, she was happy to show me all presents she had bought for her family. On Friday evening, we went to a party with Greek, Polish and one Italian students. Andriana didn't have a lot of fun because most of the students were younger than us: there was more sophomore than junior, so it was quite boring because the sophomore didn't speak with us ... We came back home at 1:30 am and we were very tired on Saturday. Before leaving the house at 7:45, my family and I had offered to Andriana some French specialities such as sweet waffles, caramel or the famous “bêtises de Cambrai”. Likewise, Andriana gave us some presents: a small figurine representing the White Tower, a famous Greek monument, a bottle of wine for my father and different Greek cakes for everybody. Then she took a lot of photos of us, of my family and of my house.

Finally, we arrived at the train station at 8:00: we were the first. We didn't cry but I felt like crying : we were quite sad to part because we had a lot of fun and we became accomplices.

Briefly, this week was a great experience which I won't forget. It enabled me to speak English and make friends with a very nice Greek girl with whom I shared very good moments. I would like to go and visit her in Greece to live another week with her and discover her way of life.

LAURA FOCQUEU

I'm a French student at lycée Anatole France. I took part in the Comenius project and I was surprised because the other foreign students spoke English so well.

The Comenius project is a good idea to learn other languages, other cultures and meet foreign students.

During the meeting, I was surprised by the answers given to the questionnaire by Italy. They were different from our answers but it was interesting. I understand the culture and habits of our European partners better.

I was not able to meet my pen- friend because he didn't belong the delegation that came to France. But I was very happy to meet the people that came to see us.