

"Her personal character is reflected in the way she gets involved with her teachers and her schoolmates"

Lär känna Josephine

Josephine är född 2006 och kommer från Belgien. Hon kommer i augusti 2024 och stannar under ett läsår. Intressen är bl. a hästar, sömnad, teckna/måla, sällskapsspel och musik. Hennes favoritämnen i skolan är språk och historia.

Dear Host Family

It's so exciting to be able to write to you to give you a better idea of who I am and what I'm like as a person. My name is Joséphine and I come from Belgium. I'm seventeen years old but during my exchange year I will be eighteen. If I have to describe me with 3 words, I will begin saying that I'm a smiling person. I see the life in a positive way, there are no problems, only solutions. I'm almost everyday in a good mood and it's important for me. I'm also a generous person. I like giving and helping other people. I will give everything I have to help someone and to make him feeling good. Last, I'm open-minded. I won't judge without knowing every point of view of the situation. I'm keen on knowing as much as possible. I love learning and discovering new things and people.

I come from a quite small family. I live with my two parents and my little brother of fifteen years old. We are really close to each other, we speak a lot about our days, problems, news, school. Everyone like learning so we do a lot of activities related to that. My parents have always encouraged me to read so naturally it became one of my hobbies but I will explain later. We also like visiting museum, exhibitions, theater,... When we are on a trip, we are fond of visiting cultural sites. We can't stand laying on a chair near the pool, we have to move. Eating together each time it's possible is really important for us. We have a lot of activities so the dinners are a moment when we can really share. In the house, everyone helps. We don't have specific tasks to do but everyone knows what he can do to help. For instance, I take care of my bedroom and my bathroom because they are my rooms moreover I put and clear the table with my brother, I vacuum the living room, sometimes I make the dinner,... It really depends of what we need.

I live really close to my school so I can go by feet and I really enjoy it. It's my alone time outside before a big day at school. I have always been on the same school since nursery school so I know the building like the back of my hand. It's an ancient abbey which looks like Hogwarts (if you know). I'm in my last year that is called rhéto in Belgium. I'm taking classical courses like maths, sciences, history, geography and French. I also have a lot of languages. I'm learning Dutch which is one of the three official language in Belgium, English, ancient Greek and I have more French than most other students. Learning languages is what I prefer the most. It allows me to understand another part of the world, to open my mind and to travel. I can discuss with people from all over the world. And ancient Greek is my favorite one because you really see how a languages function. Moreover I'm crazy about history but above all Antiquity. According to me, understanding our past is a key to have a good future. Then school is quite important for me. I have always worked a lot to succeed and to have pretty good grades and I'm proud of that. So I can invest me a lot when things are significant for me. Lastly, I'm a delegate. Simply, I represent my year and I organize with other delegates all the activities during the year like St Nicolas, 100 days, the prom ball, ...I have many hobbies and consequently I don't always have enough time to enjoy all of them in one day especially because I work a lot for school and I'm learning Swedish which takes a lot of time. A thing that never change is that I'm always listening to music. I hate the silence and music makes me feel so happy. Each activity I do, I'm listening to music. My favorites bands are ABBA (which maybe influenced me a bit when I chose my destination), Jamiroquai, The Beatles, The Bee Gees, Amy Winehouse, Mac Miller and many other. I like many different styles of music. Then I'm fond of outdoor activities. I do horse riding twice a week for twelve years. I don't have my own horse but I ride club horses. I'm keen on taking care of horses and helping in the stable. With my friends we clean the stable, we help the little horse riders, we clean and feed the horses,... I enjoy the contact with the animals which calms me and allows me to think about nothing. I chose Sweden as my future host country since primary school. I had to do a presentation about an European country and I fell on Sweden. I fell in love with the landscapes, the lifestyle, the architecture, the food, and the most important, the snow. In Belgium we don't have a lot of snow and I really want to experience the life in the North. I want to discover this land which seems beautiful. Moreover I like learning new languages and learning Swedish is like a challenge for me.

Thank you so much for considering me as your host daughter and, I hope that we can speak soon. Yours, Josephine



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