## Yearbook 2020 - 2021



#### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**



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Travel the world. Understand different cultures. Be inspired by beauty everywhere. Make friends all over. Be a citizen of the world.



## QUI SOMMES NOUS ?

Depuis 30 ans, Langues Vivantes permet à de nombreux jeunes de concrétiser leur projet d'études à l'étranger. Nos programmes scolaires représentent l'occasion unique de découvrir un nouveau pays, de s'adapter à une nouvelle culture et de pratiquer une langue étrangère tout en croisant le chemin de personnes extraordinaires. C'est une véritable expérience de vie qui permet aux jeunes d'appréhender l'avenir avec un nouveau regard.

# LES DESTINATIONS





HUGO 18 years old





NAGUI 16 years old





EMMA 18 years old



MÉLINE 16 years old



LOUIS 18 years old



LUU-BINH 17 years old



AMÉLIE 18 years old





ZOÉ 18 years old







ZACH 18 years old





MANON 17 years old

# WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD?



I chose to go to England because of my interest in its culture, the beauty of its landscapes, and also because it is not too far from Belgium!

The biggest reason why I decided to study abroad is to improve my English but also to make a lot of new friends and discover a new culture.



Louis, 18 Brockenhurst, England (9 months)



Hugo, 18 Castlebar, Ireland (10 months)

I decided to study abroad because I like to discover new cultures and learn English



I wanted to improve my English and because I always wanted to try it, since it was my dream. Being away from home, being able to do what I want, being responsible, was something I wanted to experience in my life.



Méline, 16 Rosehill, Ireland (4 months)



I chose to do this experience to improve my English, meet new people and discover another culture.



Nagui, 16 Southampton, England (10 months)

# WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO GO ABROAD?



Zach, 18 Terre Haute, United States (6 months)

> I went to Ireland because my trip to Australia was cancelled and I chose to go to Canada because I wanted to get out of Europe for the first time. I decided to study abroad to break my Belgian routine and because I wasn't ready to go to university yet. I knew that a year abroad would give me the necessary maturity to go to university later on.

I left France for the United States because it was always my dream to study in an American high school.

> I wanted to be more confident, to grow up, to expand my circle of friends and see more of the world.



Errma, 18 Canada & Ireland (9 months)



Amélie, 18 Ireland & Canada (9 months) I wanted to learn English, travel and discover new things so I decided to go to Canada.

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I came to Canada to learn English and to gain some independence and distance from my home.



Manon, 17 The Netherlands & Canada (9 months) I noticed that the biggest difference between France and the US is that everything is bigger and the relationship with food is not the same. They don't really eat in the middle of the day, lunch is just a snack, they have a big breakfast and dinner around 6pm.



Zach, 18 Terre Haute, United States (6 months)

### ABOUT MY HOST COUNTRY

In Canada, the city where I live is like a chessboard. There are lots of houses stuck together and the city is so big. My host parents don't consider Winnipeg a big city, so we don't have the same definition of a small town. There are lots of places to eat and drink all over the city, which is cool.



Еллта, Л7 Canada & Ireland (9 months)

The main differences between Ireland and Belgium are people, food and sport. When they say "god sake" or "christ" it is polite for them. They also like to use sarcasm to confuse people by saying "How are you?" which you should interpret as "Hello" in fact. Their favourite subject at school may be anything but Irish. The atmosphere at school tends to be enthusiastic, especially outside the classroom.

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Longford, Ireland (9 months)

Luu-Binh, 17



## ABOUT MY STUDENT LIFE



I have a very good relationship with all my teachers, especially my PE teacher and my English teacher. My favourite subject is PE because I like sport, but I also like English and Business, both of which are very interesting.





The differences with Belgium are huge! The way courses are given are immensely different. The relationship students vs teachers is informal. The students call their teachers by their names and not with Mr or Sir.



My favourite subject in Canada is food and nutrition, because we learn a lot of interesting and useful things about food on a daily basis. We also do a lot of cooking labs, which is good for me because I'm not used to cooking at all and it takes me out of my comfort zone. I've realised that cooking is fun because of this course and I'll definitely continue.

In Ireland, my favourite subject was history. The teacher was the most amazing teacher I've ever had and his teaching style was different. He really cared about his students and really wanted us to be more aware of the world and I thought that was wonderful!



Louis, 18 Brockenhurst, England (9 months)



Errma, 18 Canada & Ireland (9 months)





During my quarantine, I mainly stayed in my room, played video games and watched a few series and films.



Nagui, 16 Southampton, England (10 months)

### QUARANTINE

I watched a lot of TV shows and films. I also read a lot and talked with my host family and friends.



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I had to quarantine with my Austrian host sister when I came to Canada. We had a big TV, a small fridge to store some food and our own rooms. It was nice that there were two of us so we could talk or play together and feel less lonely.

My school district brought us lots of things to keep us busy, like friendship bracelets, card games... We also had a daily one-hour zoom call with our school counsellor and other international students.

> Manon, 17 The Netherlands & Canada (9 months)

Canada & Ireland (9 months) Exma, 17



In Ireland I did my quarantine with my host family, whereas in Canada I did my two weeks quarantine in a hotel near the airport. I felt that my quarantine was very long in Ireland, whereas it went by very quickly in Canada in a way. Not being able to go out and do much was hard so I was happy when it was over! My host family is a couple who have been married for 30 years, they have 3 dogs and a cat. I do a lot of activities with my host family and I am really happy to live with them.



Zach, 18 Terre Haute, United States (6 months)

ABOUT MY HOST FAMILY

My best memory with my host family is probably Christmas night because the whole family was in the house and we had a lot of fun. mother was lovely, my host father was very funny and my host sister was like a real sister to me.

In Ireland I got on very well with my host sister

and my host family was also great. My host

My host family in Canada is great, I am a full member of the family. I get on well with my two host sisters, even though we are very different. My host mother treats me like her own daughter. We plan to see each other again once we are in



Amélie, 18 Ireland & Canada (9 months)



Hugo, 18 Castlebar, Ireland (10 months) I did many activities with my host family. I went to Dublin a few times with my older host sister and Kaitlin (my older host sister's best friend). It was a lot of fun. They showed me the most famous places in the city. I watched several movies with my little host sister. We watched the Twilight Saga, Back to the Future, Grease, and many other movies.



Méline, 16 Rosehill, Ireland (4 months) Brockenhurst, England (9 months)

Louis, 18



The welcome I received was very warm. All my friends at the college are international students from all over the world, especially from Germany. The local English students are very friendly when you approach them. The general atmosphere at school and in my family is perfect, everyone I meet is very friendly and kind to me. I have met a lot of new people during this year and I have made a lot of new friends, I am very happy about that.



Hugo, 18 Castlebar, Ireland (10 months)

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I have a lot of American friends who I go out with a lot and I love American teenage life!

Zach, 18 Terre Haute, United States (6 months)





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I made a lot of foreign friends because there are a lot of foreign students in my school. I also made Canadian friends, but sometimes it's harder to make Canadian friends than foreign friends.



Manon, 17 The Netherlands & Canada (9 months)

# WHAT DID YOU GAIN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE?

I am now more independent than before I left. I have gained my parents' trust and they feel less anxious when I travel without them or when I just go somewhere alone. I also believe in myself more and have more confidence in myself.



Amélie, 18 Ireland & Canada (9 months)

I had a business lesson where I learned a lot of new thoughts on the subject such as customer service. I also had a course where I only used my laptop and used some very useful applications that I didn't use before. As you can guess, I also improved my English a lot. I couldn't even speak English before and now I am almost bilingual. The Netherlands & Canada (9 months)

Manon, 17



gained independence and confidence in myself and my decisions.

> I didn't want to leave, it's a dream come true and if you have the chance to do something like this, go for it. It has changed me. I discovered myself as a person and I'm really proud of the person I've become. It's one of my greatest achievements and I hope it won't be the last.



Méline, 16 Rosehill, Ireland (4 months)



Nagui, 16 Southampton, England (10 months)



































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