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Our year in Jean-Vilar

Our first year in the high school Jean Vilar has been a good experience. It's fun to be in a new school because all the books and materials are new, the classrooms are big and there are many computers. It's a very modern school! But there are also a few disadvantages: the high school is not 100% finished and we are testing lots of things. Most of the rooms are very well equipped but we have not got enough material for biology and chemistry but it does encourage us to work in groups which is a good thing! There are only the 2nd so there are not a lot of students. Some students like it, others don't like it. The lessons are more difficult than the secondary school but we feel more adult because we have more liberties and more choice. All the teachers are new and motivated even if we know already some of them.

PERROT Anaïs & Chopin Camille

Blenheim Palace

Within the framework of the journey to England planned from 10 till 16 June, we are going to tell you about Blenheim Palace, Churchill's birthplace. Blenheim palace is a big and monumental residence of English countryside situated in Woodstock, in Oxfordshire. The palace, one of the biggest of the country, was built from 1705 to 1722.

The monument was intended, originally, for the duke of Malborough on behalf of the national community, in reward for the military victories which he won against France.

The palace became however, fast the source of political intrigues which entailed the exile of Malborough. The disgrace of the duchess is a sad story for the reputation of the architect Sir John Vanburgh. Conceived in a typically English baroque style and, for that reason, very rare, the Palace is the object of differing opinions, today as in the 1720s.

Winston Churchill, grandson of the seventh duke of Malborough, was born there in 1874.

The Palace is classified since 1987 as a UNESCO world heritage site.

Gauthier Laura, Ferrand Aurélie, Steiner Camille

My first year at Jean Vilar

To tell the truth I was very worried about going to the high school: a new school, new teachers, new students, more liberty... I was preparing for that for a long time. On the first day, I met old primary school friends, and we visited the high school. It seemed to me so big compared to the little «college» where I was last year, so I was a bit lost. I found the high school Jean Vilar very nice: modern, new equipment, an amphitheatre, sport fields, gymnasiums, large spaces ... With time, I feel the architecture, the trees have not grown yet, and the grey paint is a bit like a prison, but like many people of my class, I really prefer to study here (in the «garrigue» countryside) than in the town of Avignon.

Milan R.

The European class.

This class is composed of a majority of girls. There are only six boys ! There is a good atmosphere even if sometimes we would like to strangle some people. (it's a joke !) Camille de Boisse (a pupil of our class) left for India, but some days ago she came back and we did a little party for this occasion in Brimboration park ! Nicolas played the guitar, Jean and some girls lit on a fire and we burnt Marshmallows. It was a great souvenir.

As we are a European class, foreign pupils come in our class for study French : Nina from NY (USA) was the first, next, Chanel from Ontario (Canada) and then Iris from Aargau (Switzerland). It's a very enriching experience... even if the 3 of them are not European, we share our way of thinking. Our principal teacher, Mr. Webber, teaches us to be open minded and have a good pronunciation: particularly on « the » ! He asks us to present subjects to the class, for example : the Royal family, Oxford University, Winston Churchill, London ... In some weeks, we are going to go to England, but unfortunately, we won't be allowed to do any shopping !!! Even so, we are very impatient to visit this country !

SEINCE Camille, McCARON Kathleen, BORDAT Stéphanie

OPEN DAY

Last Saturday, we received pupils of « troisième » from different establishments, for the Open Day of our school Jean Vilar.

Various activities were proposed, teachers of all the subjects presented their subject. In biology, teachers took advantage of the visitors' attendance to try very very strange experiments on them. . . Of course it was only for the benefit of science !!! In physics, in a very dark room, teachers created suspense for visitors admiring the experiments.

The plastic art exhibition was really great, but you know, it is art! It was sometimes too abstract for our «scientific» minds. In the language lab we presented the posters on our future trip to England.

Also the visitors could see a real glider in the hall!!! I am going to deceive you, but there IS NOT a glider club in the lycée . . . not yet anyway !

Finally, we interviewed some future students of Jean Vilar, and they all said to us, without exception, that they enjoyed the lycée, even if they were already lost in this new big school !!!

Laville, Cantoni, Sanchez

THE THIRD TERM: What a term !

In the middle of March, the third term began, before the Easter holidays ! Pupils were overworked & tired, and the teachers needed a rest... So the first bad marks were at that date! Nobody was happy and parents screamed at their children. But fortunately the Easter holidays arrived just in time! Everybody was happy in paradise !

After two weeks, May began with a lot of bank holidays and also with - too many pupils would say - tests and too much stress! Too much work ! Too much !!! The term has been really short and pupils are now worried because of their careers options for next year (S, ES, L, STG... ???).

Today, we can say that the Summer holidays will be very welcome!

What a term !

Oms, Fischlin, Imbert & Duneau 2nd2.

The greatest cafeteria in Villeneuve !

The Jean Vilar's cafeteria opened during the second half of October. At the beginning you could just eat croissants and similar products for the morning but now the cafeteria is also open at lunch on reservation.

So, because of its success and popularity, the cafeteria will develop and the result is that today, if you are hungry at 10:00, different kinds of drinks and food are proposed to you. And at 12:00 you can buy a sandwich, a pizza or a salad, with a drink.

The cafeteria has become an enjoyable area, where you can have good times and see your friends around a good meal !! But it will take time to be as successful as the self service canteen, and it only depends on YOU !



MONTI Lisa PIMOR Alexia

Our first year in the high school

We have just passed the last year working hard in our new high school. And at the end of the third term; we can say that we had a good time during the year. When we arrived here we wondered what we were going to do. It was new; it was a modern school; we were the first students. We were proud to be the first teenagers learning in this high school.

We have met a lot of new people and we made friends.

We found out that the school is environmentally friendly because it's made with ecological products but one of the bad points (in the winter) is that the corridors are outside.

The school has a big playground but, when it's windy, it seems like we're flying: the teachers say it is good for us to get some fresh air!

The canteen tastes good and there is something nice about it: we can reserve in the morning for lunch. We can't smoke of course in the high school but we can go out at break and there is a supermarket nearby. We have a great doorman named Laurent (Lolo) who is very nice with us. The teachers are pretty good and with some of them we have a great time in class...

To resume, it's a good school, and we're happy to be here.

Jean, Eva, Mélanie

JUST AN EXCEPTION

Our high school is modern, beautiful, happy & exciting but there is just something which unsettles us. It's the wind. In our area, there is too much wind. The high school is wind-swept and we can't do anything against this. Anywhere we are, in or around the buildings, we can feel the wind. Sometimes, it may last a very long time (like 1 or 2 weeks). In the end, it is very annoying particularly when you try to do your hair or put up an umbrella. The big advantage of the mistral however is the wonderful blue sky. It is grat to look at the garrigue and the Ventoux with a blue sky! So, if you are new to our area it's windy, be careful !!!

Correnson Gaetan & Lacroux Alexandre