

## COMENIUS : TOGETHER IN EUROPE

### A day in the life of a European teenager

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS	GERMANY	FRANCE	BRITAIN	POLAND
What do you have for breakfast?	Bread, fruit, milk, cornflakes, tea	Cereals, chocolate, milk, bread or "viennoiserie "	Full English breakfast. bacon, egg, tomatoes, black pudding.	Ham, bread, tea, milk, coffee, cornflakes
Is there any special food in the area?	none	Rillettes (kind of pâté) , chicken from Loué, la "marmite sarthoise" (stewed cabbage, carrots and potatoes, with veal, and rabbit, cooked in Jasnières), Jasnières (dry white wine)	Black pudding and meat and potato pie with either red cabbage or beetroot.	Bigos, dumplings
What type of school do you visit?	1600 pupils / 120 teachers	397 pupils / 28 teachers (some part-time)	1200 pupils / 75 teachers + support staff	300 pupils / 60 teachers
Are there pupils of foreign origin?	Growing minority	10	Yes. Often Polish, Italian, Ukrainian.	From Ukraine, Japan, Vietnam, Chechnya
Is your school coeducational?	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes
Is it a religious school ?	No	No	yes	no
What are your school hours?	7h55 to 13h15 or 15h30	8h30 to 17h00	8h30 to 15h00	8h30 - 15h20
What are your Bank holidays?	Easter, Christmas, Ascension, Reunification Day, May Day	Armistices of the World Wars, May Day, 14th juillet, Christian religious feasts	Christmas, Easter, Summer and May Day.	Christmas, Easter, Summer/ Winter holidays, May Day, 11 <sup>th</sup> November

What school holidays do you have?	6 weeks in summer, 2 weeks in autumn, 2 weeks for Christmas, 2 weeks 1/2 for Easter	10 days in October, 2 weeks for Christmas, 2 weeks in February, 2 weeks for Easter, 7 weeks in summer	7 weeks in summer, 2 weeks at Easter, 2 weeks at Christmas and 3 separate weeks during half terms.	2 weeks in February, 2 months in summer
Is there school on Wednesdays or Saturdays?	Not on Saturdays, on Wednesdays, of course	On Wednesday mornings	On Wednesdays but not Saturdays.	
When do you finish school?	18	16	16	
How do pupils get to school?	Out of 27 pupils : 19 by bus 6 by bike 2 by car	Out of 26 pupils : 12 by bus 4 by bike 2 by car 8 on foot	Out of 28 pupils: 10 by metrolink 10 by bus 4 by car 4 on foot	
What is the name of the headmaster?	Mrs Gratza-Luethen	Mr Lebert	Mr. F. McCarron	
What do pupils do when a teacher's not there?	Stay in the caf��teria or library	Stay in " permanence" or work in the CDI (kind of library) or go back home	If notified in advance supply cover is given, otherwise teachers supervise classes losing their no-contact time.	
What languages do pupils study?	English French	English Spanish	English Spanish	

	Spanish Latin	German Latin	French Italian Mandarin	
Where do you have lunch?	It depends : in cafeteria on the longest days, or at home	in cafeteria or at home	Cafeteria only.	Cafeteria or at home
Do you wear a uniform, what is it like?	No	No (it was suppressed in the 60s)	Yes	no
Do you stand up when a teacher enters the classroom?	No, but some teachers want to	No, but some teachers want to	Yes	No, never
Do you have a library? What do you do there?	Borrow books, use computers, for a research or to choose a book	Borrow books, use the comuters to find books, carry out research, consult the internet. It is opened every day except Wednesday, the whole day except 1/2 hour at lunch time	Yes, it is referred to as the Learning Resource Centre. Used for borrowing books, research, internet access, homework and classwork.	Yes, we have. We do mostly nothing there ! We go to Warsaw University Library
Do you go on trips?	Once a year	3 days away in our first year (integration trip), 1 week to go skiing in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, Wales in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, Berlin in the 4 <sup>th</sup> year.	Various European destinations, exchange visits to France and Spain, skiing and educational visits.	Yes, every three months

Do you play games at school when you have got free time?	Football Table tennis Basketball	Table tennis squash clubs : gardening, scrap-booking, sport, choir	Yes. Football and cricket in the summer.	Not really
Do you change rooms between two lessons?	No, sometimes for special subjects	Yes, all the time	Yes, all the time.	Yes, all the time
Can you use the internet freely?	Under the control of an adult, and if needed for school	Under the control of an adult, and if needed for school	Yes, but under adult supervision.	Yes, without any supervision
Can you play on the internet?	Not officially !	Not officially !	No, unless of educational value.	Yes (some people play on their netbooks)
Do you have a lot of homework?	Yes : 1h / 2h a day	Yes 7 pupils : less than 1 h 12 : 1h / 1h30 5 : more than 1h30	Yes - 1 to 2 hours per day. Probably more for the weekend.	sometimes
Do you have to raise your hand before talking in the class room?	Usually yes.	We are supposed to !	Yes	no
What are the sanctions if you do something wrong?	There is a catalogue of things that can be done ...	Depends : simple observation for parents, detention, getting expelled for a few days or definitely	Discipline policy. Detention, parental notificaiton, isolation and exclusion.	Depends. Same as in France
Do you enjoy yourself at school?	Yes, sometimes	Yes : 15 No : 0 It depends : 11	Yes.	yes

What do you do during your free time?	Computer games, see friends, watch TV, sport, look after animals, listen to music, playing music (10 pupils), drawing, chat on the internet	Video games, TV, Friends, homework, reading, play with brothers and sisters, sports	Video games, TV, friends, reading, play with siblings and sports, listening to music.	Friends, PC, sports, music, homework etc...
Which sports do you do?	Swimming, football, volleyball, judo, badminton, tennis, dance, hockey,	Football, track and field, dance, swimming, table tennis, gymnastics, basketball, horse -riding	Football, athletics, dance, swimming, gymnastics, basketball and netball.	Football, tennis, basketball, swimming, gym, dance, volleyball, horse riding
How many inhabitants are there in your town?	20 000 hbts in Bad Nenndorf	3 500 hbts in Champagné	30,000	3 millions
What is the weather usually like?	Cold in winter but not that much, not too hot in summer		Can be very cold in winter with snow, pleasant in the summer with variable high temperatures.	It changes often. In winter, can be very cold (up to -25°), in summer, can be + 35 ° !
Where do you live?	Most of us in a house		Residential housing.	Flats and houses