

FINAL REPORT

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1. Information and support

- **Of the PH Zug / Of the International Office PH Zug**

Months before our arrival, we received a lot of information about our internship and accommodation. We know that the organisation of this experience took a lot of time, and we really appreciated, because it made us feel more confident.

Once we arrived, the first day we met Stephanie, and she was very nice to us. She explained us everything about our stay here. Also we met our first buddy, and she was also nice, she took us to the Elementa Tagesschule, showing us how to get there.

Since that date, we have not received any news from the University, but we have always felt that we could go to them if something happens. We appreciated that the PH Zug, has organized different activities for us, such as the city tour and German classes.

- **Of your classroom teacher**

Monica is our classroom teacher. The first day, she explained to us how the school works and the different activities we had to do here. Also, she showed us the school and its different parts. She introduced us to the other teachers and to the students.

The days went by and our relationship with her began to get distance. Sometimes, we did not feel free to ask her questions, because she was very busy and we did not want to disturb her. Also, when we did different activities that took us a lot of time and effort, she didn't even gave us the feedback immediately so we weren't sure about how we did it. On the other hand, she did not bother on looking at our work and say something good to us.

Although, during the week she did not give us the feedback, on Fridays she did it. She also gave us time to talk about the next week and gave ideas of the different activities we could do. Sometimes, she talks to us in front of the children not in a very good way.

- **Of your buddy**

As we already said, the first week we had a different buddy, because Viviana was not here. We met Viviana in our second week. We talked to her in Spanish, it was very nice! She also gave us her mobile phone to contact her at any time. We really liked meeting her.

2. Overall programme / living situation

- **Teaching practice programme (school, subjects)**

During this month, we have been able to observe a new methodology very different from the one we are used to, but also, at the same time, we have been able to carry out different activities.

This has been very useful for us, but it has also been a challenge, because it is not our mother tongue and also, we don't know the kids.

One of the things that surprised us, is the small number of students. This allows to work in an individualized way and to know the students better. Another thing that surprised us, is the subjects they have here, because they are not the same as in Spain.

Finally, we want to highlight the opportunity we have had to go to a public school, in order to observe the differences between one school and the other one.

- **Programme at the PH Zug**

During our stay in Zug, the PH offered us two different activities. On the one hand, the German classes and on the other hand the city tour. First of all, we think that the German classes are useful for exchange students but not for us, because our stay here is very short and we have only two classes (2 hours), and this is not enough to learn a new language as difficult as German.

Secondly, the city tour, was great. We really like it and we recommend to keep doing it, because it was very useful. The lady who took us, was very nice with us and she also explained the history of Zug very well. We had a perfect afternoon, she invited us to have some tea in a very cute place and gave us a typical Swiss dessert to have a try, it was delicious!!!

- **Living situation (accommodation, costs)**

First of all, we are very grateful for all the effort you made. We know finding an accommodation for us was very very difficult. Also, we are very lucky because the places and the persons we are living with are very nice to us, and makes us feel like if we were home. Thank you very much again.

Secondly, we have noticed a big difference in the prices. Although, our short stay here, a cheap accommodation and having lunch at school, has made things much easier for us.

3. Goals and professional benefit

- **Personal goals for the placement and acquired competencies**

- Get to know a new culture and a different way of life.
- Get to know a different school and its methodology.
- Improve our level of english.
- Adapt to a new accommodation.
- Be part of the school's teaching team.
- Bring our culture to school/accommodation.
- Make different activities for the school lessons.

- **Benefit for your future studies and profession**

The main benefit is to live an experience in a new country, this is always very enriching because it makes you grow in a personal and in a professional way.

We think that knowing and experience different methodologies and education systems, allows you to choose the best of each system and makes you a better professional, in our case, better teachers.

4. Personal evaluation of the stay

- **Recommendations for future students**

We really recommend to have the experience we had to future students, we think it allows you to open your mind, share different ideas and points of view and this is very enriching for

anyone. So if you have the opportunity to come, don't hesitate to come, you will have a great time here.

- **Personal evaluation**

First of all, we are very proud of ourselves because this has been a challenge for us, not only the school, the whole experience.

Regarding to our personal evaluation about school, we have done the best we could. Also, we think that the different activities we planned, were very well done. Although, we think that we have many things to improve and work on it, so we become better teachers.

To finish this report, we are very very happy and grateful for living this experience in this beautiful country as Switzerland and we hope to come back one day.

Here are some pictures of some of the activities we have made:

