

My Life in Hong Kong

你好! My name is Goele Reynders and I am an exchange student from Belgium. I am 18 years old and I will spend my gap year with my lovely classmates of 5E in Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School.

I arrived at Hong Kong on August 19.

My life has been nothing but usual since then. Sleeping on the 22nd floor, having dim sum, learning a bit of Cantonese are just a few things I like to do.

Every morning, I wake up at 6.30 am, get dressed in my uniform and leave with my host sister to school. When we are crushed in the LRT, I can see the elderly doing Tai Chi outside. When I arrive at school, I say 'jo san' to my classmates and get ready for the morning assembly. In Belgium, I ride the bicycle to school and do not need to wear school uniform or have morning assembly.



My classmates threw me a welcome party!

Despite all the differences between Belgium and Hong Kong, I have adjusted life quite well here.

I am very glad being an exchange student in Madam Lau Kam Lung Secondary School. With the many after school activities, helpful teachers and funny classmates, I feel very good at school. I joined the cheering team in September. I have made new friends with schoolmates from different forms.



Enjoying the mooncakes

One of the things that I like the most in Hong Kong is the food! Being able to order or have lunch in a local restaurant makes lunch a great experience.

More about Belgium

I live in the Flemish part of Belgium and therefore I speak Dutch. I have also learned French since I was ten years old and have studied English from the age of 14. I live in a house in a small city, called Hasselt. My school is only one street away from my home, so every morning I walk or ride my bicycle to school. In my secondary school, I studied 11 subjects, a lot more than in Hong Kong. The school curriculums in both countries are quite the same. However, there is not much pressure for students in Belgium. Students are not reminded to do their homework.

My hobbies in Belgium are horseback riding and going to art school. Unfortunately, I will have to drop the horseback riding for a while but I will participate in some art activities at school.

I will return to Belgium at the end of June. In the meantime I am trying to experience as much as possible and I am doing my best to learn Cantonese. I have to hurry as time passes so fast!