

Sharing with Classmates

Background

Full name:	Goele Reynders
Age:	17 years
Gender:	Female
What city/country do you live:	Hasselt, Belgium
Name of school (home country):	Kindsheid Jesu Hasselt
Star sign:	Virgin

1) How would you describe the city where you live?

I live in Hasselt situated in the north-east of Belgium. It is a rather small city but it still has a lot of facilities like its own university. It is also the capital of the district Limburg in Belgium.

2) What subject do you have at school?

I follow economics and math at school. This includes the basic subjects Dutch, French, English, history, biology, chemistry, physics, P.E. and art history. With these I have also 4 hrs economy and 6 hrs mathematics.

3) How would you describe your school life?

School starts at 8.30 in the morning and ends at 15.40 in the afternoon. I live one street away from school so I can sleep quite long. When I come home I do my homework and go to bed, it is not usual to hang out with friend during the school week. During the school year we have a sports day, a friendship day and we go on excursions. I am in class 6D with 24 classmates, every year the classes change so we sit together with other students. Therefore most of my friends do not sit in your class. Did you know we do not have to wear school uniforms in Belgium?

4) What's your first language? What other languages do you speak?

My mother tongue is Dutch. Since I was 10 years old I study French and from 14 I learn English.

5) Where do you hang out with friends and what do you do with friends?

I mostly go to a friend's house or we go to the city and go shopping or watching a movie.

6) What do you do in your free time?

I go horseback riding in a club and a follow art school. I have riding lessons on Wednesday and art school is every Friday evening.

7) Where do you go for holidays?

I stay within Europe.

8) Can you describe the food you usually eat at home?

For breakfast we eat cornflakes or bread. At school we bring also bread. And in the evening we eat a hot meal. This is traditional potatoes with meat and vegetables but I do not like this so we often eat Italian, Indian or Indonesian food.

Belgium is well known for its French Fries, we order them in 'de frituur' . We eat French Fries only once a week because it is quite unhealthy.

9) What kind of clothes do you wear? What is your style?

I mostly wear a pair of jeans. I like clothes from H&M, Zara and the Belgian brand Essentiel.

10) Do you have any pet? Tell us more about it.

I do not have a pet.

11) Who's your favourite idol? Why?

None.

12) What is your favourite hobby?

Horseback riding! I started horseback riding when I was six years old and I still like it. I learned some skills since then I like dressage and jumping. I do not have a horse of my own.

13) What do you like most about your country?

Nothing special

14) How would you describe your personality?

A little bit shy but adapt to changing circumstances rather easily.

15) What kind of music and movies do you like?

I like all kinds of music and movies. I prefer American movies.

16) How would you describe teenagers in your country in general?

Very different personalities.

17) What do you want to do in the future?

When I come to Hong Kong I am already graduated from high school. When I am back in Belgium I would like to go to university and study design or architecture.

18) What's the most important festival in your country? How do you celebrate it?

The most important festival in Belgium is Christmas. We decorate our Christmas tree and buy a lot of gifts. We celebrate Christmas eve together with our family, opening gifts and at Christmas day we have a large dinner with the rest of the family. There are also Christmas party's at school, sports clubs, ...

19) Have you travelled to other places?

I have already been in The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, France, UK and Sweden.

20) Have you been to Hong Kong? If so, when was it? What do you think about Hong Kong?

No