

# My Life in Hong Kong

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**Here I am: Hi to everyone!**

**My name's Noemi . I'm 18 and I live in Latina, a town near Rome in Italy. My family is composed by three people: my mum Maria, my dad Giovanni (we call him Franco), and me . I'm the only child but I'm not spoilt how the majority of people usually believes.**



**My parents are older than the others so I grew up with different values than my friends . From my point of view I possess a very useful skill which has helped me to develop my open-minded personality.**

**My parents have thought me to be responsible since I was a kid and up to this moment, I think it's a great treasure for me !**

**When I'm with my friends , I'm the most responsible and independent one . I love writing and inventing stories. I like also reading books, especially mangas. Unfortunately , I ca n't spen d much time on these activities because I usually spend more time on study.**

**I played recorder and sang for three years, at the secondary school, before high school. While my mother loves visiting art museums I dislike them . I n my opinion they are too boring! I rather prefer visiting science museums because I'm interested i n chemistry and biology. Moreover, I particularly love philosophy.**

**Many people, including me, think that I'm a philosopher inside. I love travelling and in the future I'd like to do a job where I have to travel. I don't know what I will become but I chose to join the AFS program because I'd like to learn new languages and cultures.**

**你好! 我係 李怡霖 !**

**I have spent almost 9 months here in Hong Kong and I can strongly say “ 我愛香港 !” I, as my life, h as completely changed since my arrival.**



MY HOST FAMILY



MY CLASSMATES - 4F



A SCHOOL DAY WITH THE EXCHANGES

**At the beginning , I was not able to speak English fluent ly . Hong Kong gave me the opportunity to study and improve my second**



language. However, the school system is very different from the one in Italy, I got used of it quite quickly. At LKL there are many extra-curricular activities which I have never experienced before in my home country. In fact joining various clubs at LKL has helped me to create strong friendships with LKL students.



I can't hide that I faced problems which I couldn't even imagine when I chose to come to Hong Kong. The cultural shock is something that others can't understand unless they experience it. Getting in touch with Chinese adolescents, especially girls have put me in challenge.

Overcoming the limits and affording the diversities is what an exchange student learns from a year abroad. Hong Kong has opened my horizons to the global world and undoubtedly it has allowed me meet people whom I will never forget and with whom I

**have deep exchanges of feelings, emotions and thinking. “An exchange year is not a year of your life, is your life in one year.”**