

## One year in England.

School in England is very similar to school in Germany, but on the other hand different in many ways. Spending my time here in year 12 in Sixth Form, the English 'Oberstufe' shows it. The first difference is the time spent in school. School starts at 8:30 and ends at 3:00, six lessons a day where I normally have about 1-2 free periods. So I am in school for these set times from Monday to Friday, spending my time either in lessons, in the study room or the common room. My free periods mainly consist of revising and doing my homework, as we get homework for every lesson which is, most of the time handed in to the teacher and marked. I also do most of my work on a computer, as everything here is, when it comes to computers and white boards in school, very different. Until now, I haven't seen one 'normal' blackboard in school. Every classroom has its own whiteboard and lessons are held using PowerPoints. The school has its own intranet and homework gets set through an online portal and often sent as an email as well.

The English 'Abitur' (A-Levels) is completely different as well. They only choose 3 or 4 subjects which they sit exams in and even then they can be completely different as well. The most popular subjects are Drama, Psychology and English Language. My subjects are Maths, Geography, PE and Film Studies. There are also subjects like Business Studies or Psychology, which we can't do in Germany. So here they have to decide what they would like to do at University after year 11 and have to choose subjects according to that.

Especially Drama is a massive thing in England. A lot of my friends are planning on getting into the best drama schools in London and especially schools shows are a big thing and are that good that they nearly count as much as a proper play in the theatre. When I heard about the show in my school, I was keen on getting involved. Because I have absolutely no experience (and talent) in acting and performing, I signed up for backstage. This year's show was Narnia and after my first backstage meeting I turned out to be the new Sound Technician for this year's show. The amount of work which goes into staging, lighting and sound is huge and the schools equipment is perfect to create an amazing show. The shows are so good that they often come out with making profit in the end which is then used to buy new lights, better sound systems and more things. My job for the shows (5 in total) was sitting behind the sound desk, responsible for the actors' microphones.

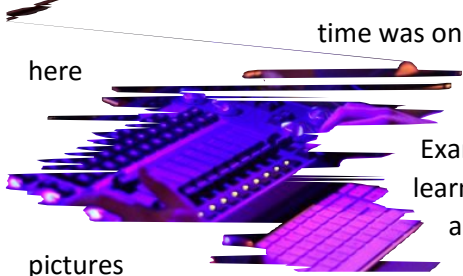


The show as success, acting



such was a huge with brilliant and amazing reviews. This

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time was one of the best in my year

and, even though I don't need it for any

Exams or assessments, I

learnt a lot and it was an

amazing thing to do. The

pictures

was and show how big Drama is in England.

In about two weeks my Exams start, which will make up my A-Levels. In England they only sit exams at the end of the year and there are no marks on how much you work in the lessons. So my end result will be the marks I get in my exams, apart from Film Studies and PE, where practical assessments also account into the final grade.

For everybody who is thinking about going to England, or somewhere else, for a year I really have to say that this is an amazing thing to do and if you have the opportunity to do so, do it! I've met so many new people and made a lot of new friends, and it was an amazing time. On the other hand I'm also looking forward to come back in the summer, to see all my friends again and start my new year at the CvO.

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