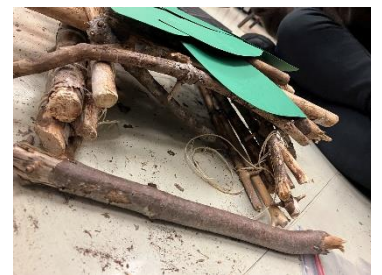


Hi everyone,

April is almost over. We all start thinking about what we really want to have done before we leave.

I've read three lectures in school this month. A French one, which was really hard to understand for me. In class we don't learn any vocabulary, we sometimes study grammar, but for the most part we read stories and discuss them. For me personally it is a big question how my classmates understand all these stories without ever learning vocabulary. On the other hand, the listening and writing exercises are very easy.

In English we have completed the second lecture, Lord of the Flies, and a third is starting next week. In contrast to Germany, we are not writing long essays for hours, instead we spend our time building shelters like those described in the book and painting a main character's face and how it developed throughout the book. This way of analysing a book is definitely way more fun.



Besides from school I spend my free time discovering new places like a boulder centre and a jumping place with many trampolines with my friends. Most of the time we organize our free time by ourselves, because our hostfamily does not do many activities with us. Taking the bus everywhere is included in this issue. You cannot really compare the public transport here with the one in Munich. It just includes buses, and most Canadians don't ever use them, because it takes half of the time going by car. It is always an adventure taking the bus. This month, I witnessed a woman grabbing a girl's hair, so the police was called. Despite questionable events, I met another international student on the bus, and we became good friends.

At the end of April, the last orchestra rehearsal took place, which showed me how little time is left. The vice president of Newfoundland and Labrador attended our final concert which was a big honour. She is one of the sponsors of my orchestra. Her job is to represent the King in NL. I would have never thought about meeting a person of such importance during my exchange year.



The last two months are going to start. I hope for more sunshine, although the temperatures are between zero and 10 degrees, which sounds pretty cold in the first place, but after the cold winter it feels like actual spring.

