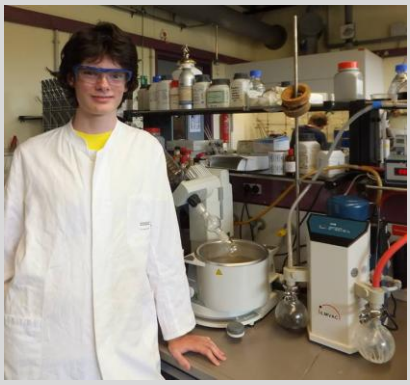
MY STAY IN NORWAY



What did I like the most were the people we have met. They are awesome folks, going to the school was great thanks to them. I was excited by their interest in our country, we didn't much expect that.

The most interesting was talking with the Norwegians. Different way of life, views on the world, on education and so on. No better way to get to know a culture than to talk with people

The biggest difference was the light. It was great to have light until 11 pm, but I couldn't imagine living there during the winter.

Big surprises were for example the fact that many pupils go to school by car, or that Norway was never a very rich country until the oil finds; the empty streets of Drammen; the school sports ground being three times larger than our whole school



Our stay in Norway was an awesome experience. The first three days consisted of trips to Oslo and Kongsberg. Each of those was a very interesting place where we have learned something new about Norwegian culture and history. We got to know many of the nation's past and current treasures, strengths and problems. Especially, Oslo is an astonishing place thanks to the modern architecture and the beautiful nature around.

The second part was at St. Hallvard videregaende skole. It is a modern school with excellent equipment for pupils and their needs. Before the trip, Norway's school system was presented to us as one of the world's best, so I was very interested in the way they teach. It seems that their system is based on a friendlier relationship between students and teachers and they also experience very little stress. I think I like our model more, as you need to know stress at school to be prepared for it later.

All the people there, both staff and pupils were amazingly kind. We worked together with them in workshops, during which we compared our cultures, politics, history and discussed many topics. We also had organized and unorganized free-time program together, which I greatly enjoyed. I have made friends there with great, interesting people and hope to see them again, when they come to visit us.