

How to be a good guest at an International Comenius meeting

I was already involved in the two Comenius meetings in Hannover and also had an exchange student from Spain in the first one. I would definitely say that I liked the second meeting most but only because of one reason: nearly all students were much more open-minded, talkative and interested in the project and that's also my main point in my "How to be a good guest at an international Comenius meeting" list:



1) DON'T BE SHY! Talk to other students or teachers, whether you know them or not and don't be scared of language problems; there's always a way to understand each other. If necessary you can also communicate with gestures and hand signs!

2) BE OPEN-MINDED and interested in a maybe completely different culture and try for example food you've never eaten before, when are you going to get this opportunity again?? Isabel, my Spanish exchange student, first looked really sceptically at her portion of Leberkäse but then she tried and loved it.

3) Don't behave like you're in a hotel – help your host parents for example by putting your dishes in the dishwasher

4) At the meetings with all other students and teachers it's always important to remember that you are a bit like a „representative“ of the school, so have some knowledge and be prepared to tell other people who didn't visit our school during the Comenius project how life at Schillerschule is

5) I think really important is also that you're really interested in the topic and want to do some (extra) work on it and don't just want to spent a nice week in Spain and have no school.

I'm pretty sure that you are a good guest at an international Comenius meeting if you take this serious and „stick“ to it.

And being talkative is so important because everything is so much easier and you get to know so many nice new people ;we are still in contact with the dutch exchange student and he already visited us during his holidays..! ☺

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