

Feedback on Biodiversity 2015

STUDENT EXCHANGE DAYS "MALIGNANI- PRESEREN - KOPER" (31st March and 17th April 2015) RECAP SHEET (summary of all students' comments)

Express your general impression of the day spent together. Why was it worth? Any curiosity?

It was surely an interesting day, very different from the usual school time. I enjoyed meeting new friends and having a good time with them. It is exciting to get to know teenagers like me who speak another language. English was our lingua franca and we succeeded in communicating with words and gestures. The Slovenian and the Austrian, who come from small schools (about 400 pupils) were very impressed by the huge size of ISIS Malignani and they liked the school tour organized by the Italian students. On the other hand, the Italian students liked the relaxing and cosy atmosphere of the small schools in Trieste, Koper and Althofen. Everybody agreed that exchange days are worth living because they are intensive and significant days of direct contact with peers of different nationalities but similar interests.

What have you discovered about your foreign partner? Mention differences and similarities.

There are more points in common than differences. Most of us like the same kind of music, hobbies and sports and hate the same school subjects (maths above all because it is so difficult). Some of us have different musical tastes and interests but we all like English because it is the easiest language of communication. Our daily routines are slightly different, but we all love socializing and lots of free time. We all prefer to stay with funny and friendly boys and girls and we are all obsessed by mobiles. The quality we like best in human beings are intelligence, generosity and happiness.

What do you think of the organisation of this exchange day? Any proposal for a future meeting?

Congratulations! The exchange days were well planned with plenty to see and do together. We loved talking to each other and we would have liked more free time. We suggest longer exchanges: two or three days instead of only one. Smiling at each other and chatting are excellent ways to establish good relationships and to look at the other without stereotypes or prejudices. The experience of the direct contact removes fears and generates trust and brotherhood. The more contacts the better.