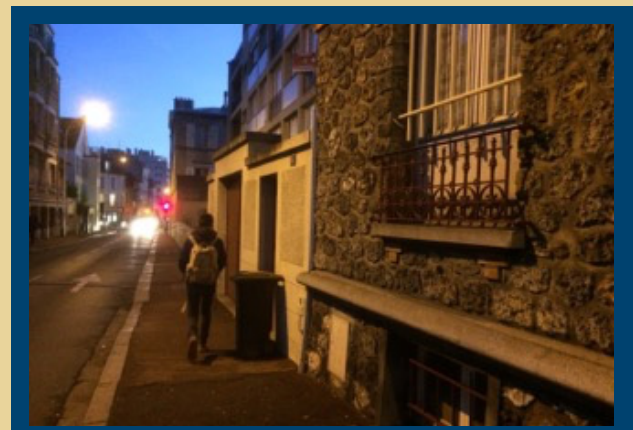


# A day in the life of Emmanuel

## a 7th grader (5ème) at the Collège Marcel Roby



I have been in the American Section since 1st grade, so for six years. I live in the center of Saint Germain en Laye, and Marcel Roby is pretty close so I have time to get ready in the morning. When I start early, I wake up at 7am, take a shower and have breakfast. I then leave my house at 8:05 to arrive at school before 8:30. It takes me around fifteen minutes to walk there. On Monday mornings I start with biology.

When I arrive at school I meet up with friends like Guylan, Martin and Elias. The gate opens at 8:20, so we still have a bit of time to ourselves before we head off to different classes.

Collège Marcel Roby is one of the two American Section Middle School campuses. I chose this one because it was closer to my home, so easier for me to get to. There are only Middle Schoolers at Roby, as opposed to the Lycée International which includes a Kindergarten, a Lower School, and a Middle School, as well as an Upper School.

There are around 1000 students at Roby. I love it at Marcel Roby because all the students are close and there is a good atmosphere.



My friends and I are about to go to a *Histoire-Geographie* class. In my French classes (5ème 3), there are twenty-seven kids: eleven from the American Section, six from the Spanish Section and ten students who are just in the French system. With this class, I have Math, French, Biology, Physics, History/Geography, and Sports.

American Section class has a warmer mood and the students are closer to the teachers. It is easier to participate in class and I feel more confident. French classes are good too, but since there are more students, you can't participate as much and the teachers don't necessarily pay as much attention to you.

I went by the American Section office this morning to turn in my paperwork for the Amsterdam trip. Every year, all the 5ème students from both the Roby and the Lycee campuses go to the Netherlands for three days to study World War II and to learn about "Tolerance and Diversity."

The American Section office is always open to us and the people that work there are extremely helpful. They know all the American Section students by name! It is nice to go in and be greeted with a smile and kind words.



When I have an hour of *perm* (a free period), I can go to the American Section library, which is just for American Section kids. We can choose books from a very extensive library for fun and reading and for research. We are allowed to take out four books at a time and we can read as many as we want in the CDI.

The librarians are always available to help us look for specific books as well as to find books suited for our needs. The library is also a place for clubs such as yearbook, Student Council or Book Club. When we have to work online during our American Section hours, our entire class comes here and we each do research on individual chromebooks or on the computers.

For lunch, I either eat between 11:30 and 12:40 or from 12:20 to 13:30. The food is really good here: we are always offered a four course meal with different choices. Today we are having *brochettes de veau* (veal), semolina, and vegetables. We can also have salad, bread, cheese, fruits, and yoghurt. I eat in the cafeteria with my friends, and we have time to play (sometimes soccer or ping-pong) and talk outside before going back to class.

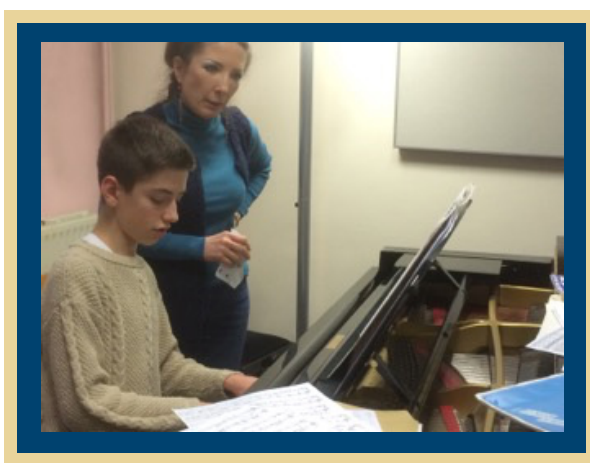


In the afternoon, I have American Section class. I have both English Language and Literature and History in Section. Today, I have English Literature. All the American Section kids from the different classes come together here. We have one or two hours of Section every day and six hours total per week.

We read and analyze books such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* or *The Giver*, we learn vocabulary with "Wordly Wise" and this year in History class, we studied Immigration and we are going to learn about the World Wars. Every time we finish a book, we have an essay and we are tested regularly on the words we have learned. The ambience is great as everyone is friendly and we know each other very well.

Neither my French nor my American Section teachers give too much homework, so I still have time to do extra-curricular activities outside of school. I take piano lessons on Monday nights for half an hour at the music conservatory in St Germain and practice everyday for a little less than an hour. I have been playing piano for five years. I have been studying musical theory for eight years, and that class is on Fridays for an hour and a half.

I also do athletics on Wednesday afternoons and I run track with my sister on Sunday mornings when I don't have competitions and races. I started archery this year which I really like: I have classes every Saturday for an hour and a half.



I get home a little before six every evening. I usually have about a half an hour of homework as I do most of it during the weekend to get ahead.

I have time to watch a bit of television before having dinner with my family. It is a treat tonight as two of my older siblings are home and our family is nearly completely reunited. My sister and brother are studying in England and the United States respectively, so during the rest of the year, it is just me, my parents, and my sister.

