

Erasmus +: My reflection.

I have many great memories of my year on Erasmus in Kecskemét. From college, teaching, parties and the people everything was great.

The lecturers in the teaching college that we had come in contact with were all very nice and extremely welcoming and helpful. Both Eszter and Atilla Racs were really nice and accommodating for us all. Attila Smuta was an excellent lecturer and he was very inspiring in terms of my musical education but also on a personal level also. We definitely want to come back to visit but also to keep in contact.

The time I spent in the Zrínyi School teaching was perhaps one of my main highlights here in terms of education. It was extremely worthwhile and has helped me develop a greater understanding of teaching English as a second language. The two teachers I worked alongside, Bernie and Aggie, were fabulous to work with, really accommodation and supportive at the same time. I developed a lovely friendship with both of them and they really took me under their wings! We plan to stay in contact. I loved teaching the children and they were all so lovely and enthusiastic about learning English which made my job easier and enjoyable. One of the highlights would have to be teaching them Irish songs and performing with them in the school talent show. I will always remember and miss all my students very much also and hope to visit them next year!

The parties that we had in Kecskemét were amazing! We really made the most of the city. We especially loved the karaoke nights in the synagogue and often had parties in our house beforehand which was nice as we got to know the other Erasmus students better outside of college and create new memories with them. The college parties in the Red Colt were also good although it would have been better if they were on more frequently!

Kecskemét ,itself, is a gorgeous town with really helpful and friendly locals. The local restaurants were great. It was really handy as well for going into Budapest as it was only over an hour away! It was a great base for us to travel also! We visited many places such as Vienna, Prague, Krákov, Split, Bratislava and Hvar as well as places in Hungary such as the Balaton and Pécs. But we were always happy to get home to Kecskemét! We really do think of it as our home and we will be sad to leave!

The trips that we had were very good. We loved the wine tasting trip. It was such a lovely day which allowed us to bond as a group! The trip to parliament was very interesting and gave us a great insight into Hungarian History.

Although the year was amazing overall, we were disappointed that we never got to observe a lesson in the Kodály school which was important for us to see. We don't really feel that we got an insight into the Kodály method which was one of the reasons why we chose to come here on Erasmus!

Thank you for an amazing year, one that I will never forget! We will be back to visit!













