

Candidate 2

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Task 2 — Study — essay

Write an essay discussing the benefits and drawbacks of exchange programmes* at school, college or university.

You should cover some or all of the following:

- cultural awareness
- language skills/barriers
- different educational standards/systems
- life skills
- time away from the normal curriculum.

You may also add your own ideas.

* a programme that provides students with the opportunity to study overseas for a period of time

You should write approximately 250–300 words.

Is exchange programmes good for students?

This is a discursive essay on the positives and negatives of exchange programmes

When students are ~~sent~~ exchanged to a new school in a new environment they get exposed to new culture and new traditions

This can have ~~a~~ positive outcome as students learn to respect and appreciate

the new values & awareness. e.g.

As per ~~tradition~~ in India students are required to wash their hands before eating as they don't use ~~cutlery's~~ cutlery but their right hand.

For a European student who use cutlery's can find this completely different & strange. However this will help the

student understand why they do it, making them more equipped to face life after

studies. As the ~~world~~ world is filled with ethnic diversity & ~~cultu~~

But this exposure to new culture can also have a bad turn of event as students

might face difficulties to understand the new culture. This can build a wall between new culture and as they ~~are~~ ^{are not} ~~not~~ ready to accept it. This can cause negative outcomes such as racism and this will not prepare the student for the life coming ahead.

Another difficulty a foreign student will face is language barriers. Students will not be able to express themselves. And also will struggle keep a high moral.

However this can be changed as students will develop new skills to communicate. Students will pick up key words and phrases in the new language to help them. ~~across~~ this can be such an experience that they will hold this as a skill in rest of their lives.

However one main problem transfer student face is homesickness as they will mentally miss and think about their normal

day life.

The only solution to this is making friends who will comfort you the student in their needs.

Overall the transfer programme is a great idea for students to grow and learn about other teaching methods curriculum and cultures. Students are able to pick up new methods of ~~teaching~~ teaching problems from different environments. This will be a great life skill that they will not forget. ~~to conclude with every negative aspect of the exchange programme there is always a counter positive argument which states that this is a meaningful transfer programme as it gives the student an experience which will help them to tackle life better.~~

To conclude with every negative aspect of the transfer programme there is a bright side a positive argument that counter the negative

and resolves the ~~programme~~ problem. meaning transfer programme is an amazing programme for students. ~~experience new cultures and traditions which they gain~~ as they gain experience that will help them to tackle the diverse life ahead.