

Candidate 3

The evidence and commentary for this candidate were used within the ESOL Higher webinar in January 2021

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.

There are many benefits and drawback to the importance of student exchange programs at school, College or university.

Firstly, an exchange program can increase cultural awareness. In many schools this is a problem as students are not aware of how diverse another person's beliefs and culture can be. Because of this many exchange students are subject to bullying and discrimination. This will ~~also~~ hinder the exchange student's ~~base~~ experience. However, this can be easily resolved through "cultural ~~awareness~~ awareness classes" which are designed for students to gain a deeper understanding into the differences and contrast in culture. Imposing these classes makes students aware and gain respect for those with different culture. This is a benefit ^{to} exchange programs as the school is more diverse. This creates a positive image for the school and ^{supports} ~~protects~~ the differences ~~that~~ people have.

~~Secondly~~ Another important factor is that the exchange student can break down the language/skill barrier. Although learning to communicate in another language may be difficult at first, the student will be able to over time develop their language skills through communicating to others. Moreover, those who communicate with the exchange student can ~~learn their~~ compare thoughts and queries between them and develop a friendship. Also, students can ~~gain a deeper~~ ^{compare} ~~learn how different or comparisons to~~ their exchange student the differences and similarities. ~~Transferring~~ ^{ideas} Transferring knowledge and ~~discussions~~ can also help students gain a better understanding into ~~diff~~ the contrasts of their school and social lives. This may lead to changes in both students in their outlook at school. Motivating and pushing student academics and studies. ~~By the~~ Due to this the school will gain a positive working environment.

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Overall there are many drawbacks to the idea of an exchange student. ~~However~~ However, *such as bullying,

there are many positives that overcome these. The importance of an exchange student in the school is much greater than those without. An exchange student can bring ~~can bring~~ diversity and ^{knowledge} ~~experience~~ to many ~~state~~ peers and that alone is enough for schools, colleges and universities to ~~allow~~ engage with exchange programs.