



From year 8 students:

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Dear Maciene class,

I'm Lily, I'm 13 years old and in year 8. I go to Twyford C of E High School.

My school day starts at 08:30 and ends at 15:20. We have 5 classes a day. Today I had science, citizenship, games, geography and French. During the school day, school provides lots of clubs such as sports like football or netball and music, where you can learn a musical instrument. I learn an instrument called the clarinet. I have just done my grade 3 exam.

My school is very big with 4 buildings and one big building for sports with a massive sports hall. The other buildings are for different subjects like maths, science and languages – these three subjects are together in one building; and English, history and geography are together in one building. All of our classrooms are colourful with all our work on the walls.

What are your classrooms like? Do you have to wear uniform? We do have to wear shirts, tie and a blazer. In our classes we have around 30 students of the same age. How many people are in your classes? Is it true that you sing the national anthem each day before school?

Yours sincerely,

Lily

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Greetings from here in Ealing – I'm Thomas Rooney and from watching a couple of videos focussing on your school life, I'm really fascinated by how different it is compared to us here. For starters, the fact that over where you are, wearing uniform is optional. Over here it is compulsory, which is very annoying at times.

We start around an hour and a half later compared to your 07:00 start (I normally don't get up until at least 07:30 anyway, so I wouldn't stand a chance!) and we also don't gather at the beginning of the day to sing our National Anthem. I'm curious to know if you sing your anthem at each day's start?

I'm also curious to know how long your school day is, and why you start at 07:00; I start at 08:35, have five 1 hour lessons with an hour lunch break and 15 minutes morning break. We finish at 15:20. Our average class size is 30 and I'm wondering what yours is?

I'm very interested about life in Mozambique and I hope you'll tell me.

Yours faithfully,

Thomas

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Dear Maciene class,

I'm Waseem, I'm 13 years old and year 8 and go to Twyford C of E High School. I am going to talk about my school, at the start of the school day we come to school. At 0830, we do not sing the National Anthem like you guys do. We have a form time, when our class have a time together



sharing our prayers. Then we have period 1 and period 2, when we have our lessons; then we have break time, this is when we have a break from our lessons; then we have period 3 and period 4; then we have lunch, which is another break. Then, last, we have period 5, then we're off home, and that's our school day.

How long is your school day?

How many students are in your class?

What is the oldest year in the school?

Do you have any computers in your school?

Do you have a PE kit?

Yours sincerely,

Waseem