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Meet Rebecca from Italy



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| Service Ref: | 18-04010 | GPA: | Good |
| Gender: | Female | Quartile: | Not Available |
| Age (at arrival): | 16 years | ELTIS: | 250 |
| Program length: | Year | | |
| Graduate: | No | | |
| Religion: | Catholic | | |

Close to family and friends, Rebecca's curiosity and determination have led her to challenge herself by going abroad. She firmly believes, "Changes are challenges to be overcome." Because she is outgoing, she makes friends easily. Her interests are in literature, languages, philosophy, music and drama. She and her family spend time together, but she also likes to organize activities with friends. Although acting and singing are her favorite activities, she also enjoys reading, writing and art. She looks forward to experiencing life outside her hometown, making new friends and meeting people.

Good to Know

Cats & dogs ok

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MY PRESENTATION

Dear Host Family,

I'm Rebecca and I'm currently only 16.

I'm dying to meet you and I just hope you will like me. My family is composed of my mom Lorenza, my dad Sami, my sister Sara (14 years old) and me.

I have a very beautiful relationship with them. My mom is really close to me and Sara; she always cares a lot about us, even though she works every day during the week. When we disagree about something, we usually talk about it and discuss it together. She taught me that I can talk about everything with my parents, even when I do something wrong.

My dad is a really special dad: he always listens to us and he always helps my mom with everything. He even likes to cook and he's really good at it! He used to always play with us when we were young but even now he's still really playful and sporty. He is also really wise.

When I have something important to decide, I always ask them for advice, even though they always tell me that the final decision is up to me.

My grandparents are also really important members of my family and I have a very unique relationship also with them. They have always done everything for me and my sister and we have spent a lot of time with them since we were little; so they became like my second parents.

Beside my family, other people that are really important to me are my best friends. They are six and, of course, they are all taller than me, and they tease me a lot for that.

It's funny how we are all very different from each other, but we get along so well. We also attend different schools, but we manage to meet at least one day every week. I really love them and they became a sort of second family for me.

Despite our differences, we are all interested in almost the same things.

Both my family and friends think that I'm quite talkative, nice and curious, I'm really stubborn, but also determined and a little naive too.

They say that I'm a dreamer and maybe it's quite true.

As you can tell, the most important things for me are family and friendship.

I have a lot of passions: I love acting and singing.

I did a lot of performances and musicals. I have loved reading since I was really young and I like writing stories and poems. I also really like cinema and every kind of art. Travelling makes me really happy: meeting new people, new traditions and habits different from mine, visiting new places and trying different dishes.

Something that I find really frustrating and that doesn't make me happy at all is thinking about staying in my city even in the future and doing the same things everyday. Since I was little, I have told to my parents that I wanted to go study abroad (even for university).

They always tried to help me following my dreams.

That's why I think the intercultural program can help me to achieve my ambitions: leaving my city to know another world with culture and traditions different from mine, getting experience and getting to know another way of thinking.

I'm pretty sure that I will become a different person, more mature, with more experience and happier (at least I hope so!).

These are my goals for this intercultural exchange program.

I'm not really scared of dealing with another language; it's rather a new motivation.

Anyway I could speak in English for the first period. An alternative could be French, that I'm actually studying at school, and maybe also Spanish, that I would need to revise because I studied it at middle school.

When I was eleven and I had just started middle school, I had to face an obstacle, that in that period I found really hard. I found myself in a school that I didn't like. I was almost scared to go to school because there were boys a lot older than me that failed many years of school. They were like bullies and everyday they liked to scare other students. One of my friends was even beaten up by one of them. I talked about that to my parents, so they decided to go speak to the principal of the school, but they understood that nothing would have changed.

I went to another school and that obstacle became a new opportunity. I found a place where I could feel happy, I met my best friends there, and other beautiful people that made me a better person.

I think I'm a good student, especially because I always put effort on everything I do.

I always try to participate during the lesson and also during team work.

I like my school because we have really a lot of subjects, which can seem difficult, but it's also very complete: we have 14 subjects and we stay at school for 9 hours everyday. Sometimes my school organize also a lot of activities, like drama (that it's one of my favorite hobbies) and I always try to attend every activity, also because I can organize myself pretty well with my studies.

I have quite high grades in every subject. My favorite subjects are literature, foreign languages and philosophy. I like math and physics a lot less, but I'm not much worried about that, because I try to put effort also on those subjects.

My future goals are certainly to go abroad for University and do a job that I will love, something related to the things I like and my hobbies: foreign languages, music, drama, literature and travelling.

As you can see, I really like talking and writing, I just hope I didn't bore you too much!

I wish time pass fastly and we can meet in person.

All the best.

Rebecca