

Careers advice in schools - Orientierung an den Schulen- A Report of the teachers - Short exchanges

My Name and a short introduction of myself *

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The report of the methods used during the exchanges *

We have seen a range of classes in both the high school and secondary school, but mainly in the high school. The aim was 'preparation for the future'. We saw a range of teaching styles from traditional through to flipped learning, distance learning and digital examinations. We visited Jyväskylä University to see the History and Education Departments with some students from Litin Lukio. Students' prepared a number of talks to explain about the student council, life at the school and local life and culture. Teachers have demonstrated a range of techniques and technology they regularly use in lesson such as 360 degree digital cameras, VR and drones. In preparation for their future career, students form entrepreneurial companies and we were introduced to the programme of activities including the student camps.

Something else interesting *

Of note were the following;
Calming music and thought of the day
Student well-being questionnaire app
The hidden underground student room 'Monttu'
Frequent breaks during the day
Calm and productive atmosphere
less frequent testing

The best things I have seen *

We cannot choose a single best thing. However, we find the flexibility and informal style of teaching the most different thing to the UK education system. We think this works extremely well in getting the best out of students.

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