



News-letter **Bilingual Education (TTO)**

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As the first Elde week draws to a close we realise that the first term has come and gone in a flash. A new school year which started in the sunshine is progressing as the leaves fall and as we wait for the Autumn break to start we can look back on an extremely busy first term.

The first years have settled in and as to help them get used to the expectations of the bilingual stream they went on their Boost Camp. One of the hottest days of the year even though it was already September. The second years have already been to visit their exchange partners and the fourth years are there right now. Our alumni came back to visit as they received their IB certificates as well as the Senior certificates for completing TTO. Likewise the Junior certificates were awarded to the fourth years together with the CAE diploma.

We have received guest speakers about a variety of topics such as AI, Ethics and Big Data. One was particularly interesting as he explained the American political system to our TTO 2-5. Therefore as we await the American elections to take place and we prepare for a very early morning here at school to watch the results coming in we will hopefully understand everything as it happens.

Our second years also celebrated the Day of Languages by going out to visit their primary school and teaching a short English lesson therefore helping to promote Elde College and bilingual education.

In short a fantastic start to the school year and with many more projects still to come no doubt a clear picture of what to expect in the upcoming months.

Enjoy the holidays everyone and come back well rested.



Exchange with Waldstraße – tVH2A



In the week of October the 7th the TTO 2nd year students went to Hattingen in Germany for 5 days in total for an exchange where we did a lot of games and activities to boost our English and learn about the German culture.



On the first day we went in the bus early in the morning and when we arrived we got to know each other by playing some running games in the sun. We then had a tour around the school - Waldstraße Gymnasium and ate pizza. After the pizza we had a tour with our partners through Hattingen.



On the second day we went to the Gasometer in Oberhausen for a project about the life in the water. In the gasometer were lots of photos about animals some were sad and some were nice. In the gasometer was also a lift so you can go to the top of the gasometer, a 3D video in the sea and a room with the sounds of the sea. We also made a presentation about it and presented it to the class. We also went shopping after we went to the gasometer and in the evening we went bowling with everyone.



On the third day we went to Cologne and visited the Cologne Cathedral and we did some exercises and a tour about the city Cologne. After the tour we went lunching and shopping in Cologne with our partners and friends. Unfortunately it started raining but that was okay.





On the fourth day we did the preparing and presenting of the presentations about the gasometer in Oberhausen and in the evening we had a disco in the school and it was really fun because we had music and snacks.

And then we unfortunately came to the last day of our exchange. We did some warm up exercises in the morning in the sun and after that we went to debate about the environment with different roles like: the sea, scientist, consumer and lots more. Then unfortunately it was time to say goodbye to our partners and friend and get on the bus back to the Netherlands. We all really enjoyed ourselves and some of us were quite sad to say goodbye but we are looking forward to seeing them again in April.



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Preparation for American Elections – TTO 2 to 5

Foreword

On Tuesday the 5th of November the whole of the United States of America is going to vote for who they want to be the new President. It was originally between Joe Biden and Donald Trump, but Biden has now decided not to do it for a second term and so now it is between the Republican Donald Trump and the Democrat Kamala Harris.

What did we do?

On Wednesday the 2nd of October, there was a guest speaker here at Elde College telling us all about the American elections between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. The guest speaker was here to tell us how American politics works. He was American and his name was Robbert Lafferty.

He started by telling us about the start of the American country and it's links to Great Britain. He told us why they split up and then he explained how their political system was set up. He told us what is happening in an election. What was strange to hear is that it is possible not to win the election even if you get the most votes across the country. Both Trump and Harris will compete to win contests held across the individual 50 states and it all depends on how many states they win which will decide the new president.

It was very interesting to learn how this works. At the moment, nobody knows exactly who is going to win and people have different opinions on who they want to win. I'm looking forward to see what the result is going to be!

Written by Tuur Franssen tvh2A





Trip to Normandy – twwo 4

As we go to print there are two more trips taking place. First of all we have our bilingual 4th years taking a trip to Normandy where they will be visiting a new French school called Gambetta as well as seeing for themselves the landing beaches of operation Market Garden. Here are a taster so far:



Exchange Treillieres in France – twwo 2

The second trip is with our bilingual 2nd years as twwo 2 go on the first part of their exchange to Treillieres in France. There they will be participating in a variety of trips around the region visiting places such as Nantes as well as the local beaches. A taster of the first couple of days:



No doubt there will be lots of information about their experiences in the next newsletter.



Day of languages Bilingual vwo 2 and vh2

As the official day of languages on the 26th of September came round again, our bilingual second years decided to share what they have learned by revisiting their old primary schools and giving them a short presentation on bilingual education followed by quick and fun English lessons. First of all they had to prepare a short presentation on what exactly bilingual education is here at Elde College. After this they were able to choose what kind of lessons they wanted to give.



This ranged from the theme musicals, sports the body and animals. One group was extremely creative as the primary school children designed and made their own island. Both our and the primary school pupils loved it.

A big thank you to all of the schools who allowed us to visit, especially those where we were able to take photographs: de Beemd, de Kring, Edith Stein, de Regenboog, from Schijndel, Petrus en Paulus in Eerde en de Heijcant in Zijtaart.





Guest speaker – Bilingual 2nd years

Covering three lessons over three weeks we had a guest speaker called Natalie Pollock at school who was going to tell us something about AI, Big Data and Ethics.

The 1st lesson was about big data and where all your data is stored. in the lesson she told us something about a Datawarehouse and a data lake. We learned that in a data lake all they information is laying around and in a data warehouse all special data and personal information is stored.

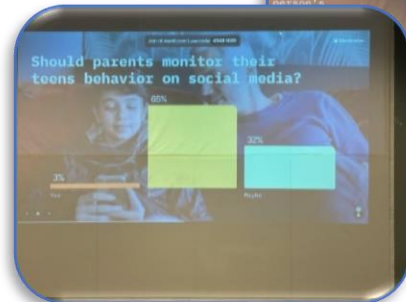
This is used by big companies to keep the data stored safely and where it is easy to use when it is needed. For the rest we learned that they use data way more often than you think.

The 2nd lesson was about AI (Artificial intelligence) and when you use AI in daily life. We found out about a lot of apps that were made by AI. We also saw a disturbing film where it AI can recreate a person's image or voice so that people

can be tricked into sharing personal information. This is often done to trick parents into thinking that their child has a problem so they will give them money.

The 3rd lesson was about ethics. In this lesson we had an interactive powerpoint and we were asked specific questions on the ethics of digitalisation and we were able to give our own opinion linked to these ethical questions such as should parents monitor our social media – no! We realised that there was a lot to think about when you consider about ethics.

Written by Stan and Raf tVH2A





Boost camp – Bilingual 1st years

During the first few weeks of bilingual education our TTO1 classes have a lot to get used to and are always the strangest. All of the teachers speak English, they are using words we simply do not know, but now we, the children, have to start doing that too. To help us settle in Elde College organised a Boost camp.

We spent two days at the scouting hut in Boxtel where we were able to learn about the expectations of TTO. All of the instructions were given in English and we had great fun. We played games together, we went for a trip through the woods and then we had fries from the 'chip car'.

Finally it got dark so then of course we had to listen to a scary story around the bonfire. Unfortunately it was really hot that day, 29 degrees, and so we all had to move away from the fire to listen to it. It was really scary and some of us simply had to stop listening.

After a night camping in the scouting hut we made a typical English breakfast, which was delicious, but not everyone liked the baked beans in tomato sauce. We then gave the presentations we had prepared the day before and we even put together small plays. All in English of course. A great start to the year.





CAE/IB, Junior and Senior certificate ceremony – tvwo4 and Alumni

At the end of last year our 6th years both had a tough time as they prepared for their exams. Not only did they have to sit their VWO final exam but also the long prepared for IB International Baccalaureate exam. While they had all moved on to college or university it was now time to celebrate as they all returned to receive their certificates along with the senior certificate from Nuffic which shows that they have completed six years of bilingual education.

Over a few drinks and nibbles they had the chance to come back and meet up with their old teachers and classmates as well as reminiscing as they watched a film showing some of their old trips they had taken while here at Elde College.

Joining them to help celebrate were the 4th years as they received their CAE exam diplomas as well as their Junior Certificate from Nuffic which shows that they have completed three years of bilingual education. They also were able to watch a film to help them remember their top moments of the junior school.

Now it's time for the seniors to enjoy student life and our juniors to prepare for the IB exam and all that the senior school entails.

Well done everyone.



TTO-Activities coming up in the next few months October-December 2024

Date	Activity	Students
Thursday 17 th October 2024	High Tea	Tvwo 1, Tvh 1, Tvwo 3
Wednesday 6 th November 2024	American Election night results	Tvwo 5
Sunday 8 th - Friday 13 th December 2024	Trip to Edinburgh	Tvwo-3
Monday 9 th - Thursday 12 th December 2024	Trip to Budapest	Tvwo-6