



Nieuwsbrief tweetalig vwo

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Beste allemaal,

Weer een bomvolle nieuwsbrief, en deze keer alles in het Engels! Bedankt nieuwsteam, Fleur, Jill, Lin, Fabian, Nour, Mees, Madelief, Sarah, Kyani, Corrina, Grainne and Mare van leerjaar 1, 2, 3 en 4, voor jullie inzet en enthousiasme.

Wij kijken terug op een heel mooi schooljaar. We hebben de doorlopende leerlijn tweetalig onderwijs verder kunnen implementeren zowel binnen als buiten de lessen. Hoogtepunten zijn natuurlijk de reizen en uitwisselingen maar zeker ook de TTO-dag die plaatsvond in mei waar Europarlementariër Vera Tax een workshop gaf, georganiseerd door en voor onze leerlingen. We hebben alle eigen leerdoelen én de leerdoelen van de kwaliteitsstandaard tweetalig onderwijs van het Nuffic behaald. Trots zijn we op de complimenten die we van Nuffic kregen na afloop van de visitatie in november. Sindsdien zijn we ook officieel een senior TTO school. Dit keurmerk houdt in dat ook de bovenbouw van het tweetalig vwo voldoet aan alle standaarden van het Nuffic. En, een langgekoesterde wens gaat in vervulling want ook havo leerlingen kunnen vanaf september tweetalig onderwijs bij ons volgen.

Na 9 jaar Elde zal Michelle Gimbrère, docent geschiedenis en global perspectives en tevens onze TTO coördinator onze school verlaten. Michelle, bedankt voor alles wat je voor onze school en in het bijzonder voor onze tweetalige afdeling hebt betekend. Onze nieuwe TTO coördinator heeft na een dagje meelopen en na gesprekken met leerlingen en docenten ons aanbod geaccepteerd en zal zich begin volgend schooljaar aan u voorstellen.

Veel leesplezier en vergeet niet ook de algemene nieuwsbrief te lezen.

Wij wensen jullie een heel fijne, ontspannen zomer toe!



Visit from partnerschool Hattingen – tvwo2



On Monday we began with some introduction games like the chair dance and Pictionary after the German students arrived. After that we had lunch, and the German students went together with their host student. When the lunch was finished, we started working on our project about making your own money. You had to think about characteristics of The Netherlands and Germany and those you could put on your money. In the afternoon everyone went to their host family and had dinner. We had no evening program, so we had a free evening! On Tuesday we went canoeing after the German students went to Den Bosch with their host student to go on a city tour and eat a Bossche Bol. They came by bus to Boxtel to go canoeing and the other students went by bike. The canoe trip was really nice but it was a bit long. But it was overall great fun! And on Wednesday we finished our project and then we already had to say goodbye. It was great with the German exchange students; we really enjoyed it!

It was nice to host a student to get to know someone new from another country and they were really friendly. The first evening they were with us, we went to the fair with all the Germans and host students it was really fun, and we did lots of stuff. The second evening we went to Jesse's house with most of the Germans and host students. We swam and did some other stuff. Then the third day the Germans left in the morning, and we said goodbye to them. The overall experience was fun and most of the Germans really tried to connect by talking to you.



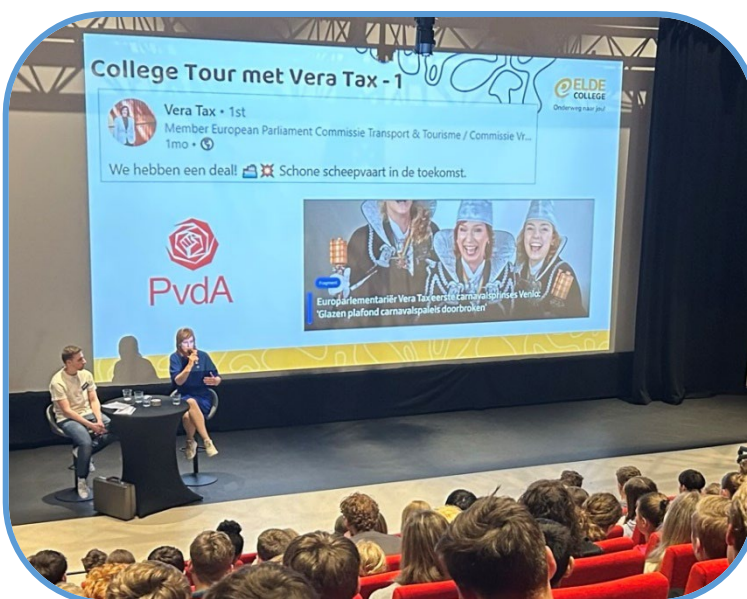


TTO day/European politics – tvwo1 to 5

Foreword



On the 12th of May the students of (T)VWO 1, 2 and 3 went to 't Spectrum for the yearly Europe day, which is usually celebrated on the 9th of May. We sat in a big room where we got to listen to some speeches, asked questions and listened to and voted for different pitches.



What happened?

When we were all present, the first speech was given by Willem Willemsen. He told us about Europe and the purpose of the European Union and Parliament. We also got to hear about how many decisions are made in Brussels, and how many Dutch people think there is nothing they can do about those decisions. And he told us, as many of us can probably relate to, about how many teenagers don't care enough about politics.



After that we got a presentation from Vera Tax, who is a member of the European Parliament and the Dutch PvdA. She told us about herself, her work and how she thinks the world is not fair when it comes to gender inequality. She of course also told us about being the first "Princes Carnaval" of Venlo. Then we got to ask her questions, which she was very impressed by because of the high level. After that, she got interviewed during a College Tour.

Then, the students from TTO3 gave us pitches about how they would improve Europe. There was an idea for free menstrual products, more electric vehicles, the same school system as Finland and much more. After listening to all the pitches, we had to vote for the pitch we thought was the best. The Finnish school system won, but every idea was very good and it was hard to choose between all of them.



Afterword

In the end, it was a fun day and we even got rewarded for our efforts. We all got a sustainable coffee mug from miss Tax and we could choose between two colours. Thank you everyone from (T)VVO for the fun day!





Exchange Italy – two4



On 8 May 2023 students from two4 went on a 5 day trip to Italy. This was a continuation of their exchange with an Italian school. A few weeks back, the Italian students stayed here in Schijndel and now the Dutch students would get the same experience in Mirandola. The first day they got a tour around the school and a tour through the city. Then the students all went to get ice cream together. In the evening they went back to their host families to eat and sleep.



The next day, they worked on the project they started working on in Schijndel. They gave presentations about their ideas of how to improve the school. In the afternoon, they went to see a band that makes music using plastic waste. They even got to try it themselves. In the evening the students went to eat pizza together. They of course didn't get any pineapple on the pizza but did you know they do put fries on pizza??



On Wednesday they were supposed to go to Venice but because of a code yellow they couldn't. They made some changes to the program and so they started the day with learning a dance to make a video. This assignment showed them how to work together with people from a different country. Later that day they went bowling. On Thursday they went to Bologna. They got a tour around the city and then got some free time to get lunch and go shopping. In the evening they made pasta and ate dinner with everyone. On Friday morning it was already time to go home. They said goodbye and flew back to the Netherlands. This exchange is an ongoing project of 20 years already and to this day it is still as educational and fun as it was 20 years ago. All in all the project was a success and the students had a fun time!



Exchange Denmark – twwo5



On Tuesday, the 11th of April, the Danish exchange partners of our Dutch students from twwo 5 arrived at Elde College. After a warm welcome and an introduction to the programme, the Danish students were given a tour through the school. Next, all the students participated in active ice-breaking exercises, after which everyone had lunch arranged by Elde College. The Dutch and Danish then wandered off into Schijndel for the final activity of the day: The Quest through Schijndel. In this quest, groups of students had to find and answer questions about several notable places in and around the centre of Schijndel. Finally, the students would all go home and introduce the Danish guests to their host families.



On Wednesday, the schedule started very early in the morning, as the students had to go to the harbour of Rotterdam by bus for a guided boat trip as well as a visit to Futureland, the museum located at the docks. Then, the students were given free time in the city centre of Rotterdam. In the afternoon, they went to Remastered, an interactive tourist attraction based on optical illusions. After a long day in Rotterdam, the Dutch and Danish had dinner at a restaurant before going back to Schijndel.

On Thursday, the students of twwo 5 and their Danish exchange partners had a Rugby clinic at The Dukes in Den Bosch, which, despite the heavy rain, was quite enjoyable for most. Fortunately, it had already stopped raining once the students were given some free time in Den Bosch. In the afternoon, Mr. Rob Lucas, a former teacher at Elde College, gave an exquisite tour through the city in groups, aided by his associates. Everyone then had the rest of the day off to relax or meet up with other students.

The final activities of the Dutch-Danish exchange were done at Elde College. On Friday, the students were once again divided. One half went to paint their own pair of wooden clogs, serving as a souvenir for the Danish exchange students. The other half would go to do archery tag. After a switch, everyone was given free time once more, as the clogs were not yet dry and so that the Danish students could do some shopping for their long trip home. Once the students were back at the school and had collected their clogs, everybody took some time to reflect on the incredible week. Finally, everyone bid their final goodbyes as the Danish guests entered their bus and drove back to Denmark.





Alumni Talks – tvwo3 + former students

Meeting former classmates from TTO; It's the best thing since sliced bread 😊!



On the 16th June we had our alumni talks where former TVWO students and teachers visit the ELDE college as some kind of reunion and to tell about how their lives are like now.

The event kicked off with two presentations by former students. They shared their incredible experiences and journeys since leaving the Elde College. It was very interesting to learn how their lives are now that they're studying and working. In between these 2 presentations we had a quiz created by V3BT. It was about the Elde college, and the teachers who are currently teaching at the TVWO department.

It was very interesting to hear what the former students did after finishing high school and also to get inspiration for what we could do after we graduate.





Trip to Utrecht – twwo1

On the 15th of June class V1BT went to Utrecht. First the pupils went to the station in Den Bosch, because they would go to Utrecht by train. When they reached Utrecht, the students started with a tour through the city which was given in English. The class was divided into 2 groups which were then divided in pairs. Each pair had one topic they had to tell something about. For example: the Dom tower.

After the city walk they went to a park to have lunch, and stayed there for a while for a team building exercise. The pupils did multiple things, one of which was building a catapult within groups. When they were finished, the



students walked to the hostel where they would spend the night. It was still early, so they were given some free time.

The next day the class stood up at 8 in the morning and had breakfast. They were divided into two groups again. The first group started at the DOMunder, where they would get an explanation and go explore the DOMunder.



The second group would start canoeing, where the students would make a round throughout Utrecht in the Utrecht canals. But they only had one hour, so they had to turn around. After an hour the groups switched with activities. They searched for a place to sit to eat their lunch.



As a last activity, the class went bowling. Whilst bowling they got some fries with a snack. After two fun and busy days V1BT took the train home.



Highlights of year 22-23

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CAE exam – tvwo3

The time had finally come for the students of V3BT to take their CAE exam, something they have worked hard for for three years! It were exciting though nerve wrecking two days! Still, they managed to do so...



In preparation for the exam the students had been working intensively on several topics. They had practised on reading, speaking, listening, writing and the most challenging part 'Use of English,' referring to the conventional ways in which words or phrases are used or written. But eventually they were well prepared and ready to sit the exam!

Thursday 15th of June

The first exam, took place in Eindhoven at the 'British Council'. You were paired up with another student, with whom you had to take the exam. It lasted for around 20 minutes but it felt much shorter, since we were prepped very well...



Saturday 17th of June

Now, it was time for the listening, writing, reading and use of English exam. Before taking each exam, the examiners checked everything extremely well before they could start. For every exam, you had 1 hour and 30 minutes with breaks in-between. After everything was finished, the students were weary and went home for a very deserved rest!

Now it's a matter of waiting for the results to follow. This will at least take until the summer holidays. Of course we hope that all students will receive their CAE-certificate after the holidays...

CAE exam – tvwo6



Of our two-6 students who, in addition to their regular exam, also took the IB exam this year, we already know that they all managed to obtain the coveted IB diploma. What a huge achievement. The festive ceremony will follow on October 11 and we are so proud of these students!!



End of the school year activity – tvwo3

What a special year we had with the students from V3BT. We have undertaken many great activities together; from the Day of Languages, to company visits, from a meeting with the American ambassador to the great trip to England. To close the fantastic school year together, the students were welcomed at the home of the mentors for a fun pizza evening.



TTO-Activities September-October 2023 (dates and activities subject to change)

Dates	Activities	Relevant year
Thursday 21 + Friday 22 September 2023	Camp Boxtel / boost days	Tvwo-1 + Tvwo/havo-1
Monday 2 to Thursday 5 October 2023	Trip Budapest	Tvwo-6
Wednesday 11 October 2023	IB/CAE/TTO junior certificate graduation	Tvwo-4 en Tvwo-6 year 2022-2023

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