



PAX - Program of Academic Exchange

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Host a student

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First Name: **Isaac**
Sex: **male**
Age upon arrival: **16**
Country of Residence/Nationality: **Spain / Spaniard**
School Type/ GPA / School Grade While in U.S.: **Public School / B+ / 11**
Graduated: **no**
Program Year: **August 2017 - June 2018**
Allergies:
Native Language / Other Languages: **Catalan, German, Spanish, English**



English Study: **ELTIS: 242**
Requested Courses: **Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science A, European History, German Language, Physics B, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, U.S. History, World History**
Religion/ Practicing: **-- none -- / occasionally**

Comments

Hobbies, Interests, and Activities

Sailing, Hiking/Backpacking, Skiing (Downhill), Camping, Movies, Museums, Film and Video, Graphic Design, Videogames

Family Background

Mother, 42, IT ANALYST
Father, 46, CEO
Other/Legal Guardian, 43, TEACHER
Brother (13)

Student Letter

Dear family,

My name is Isaac and I'm fifteen years old now, but I'll be turning sixteen soon. I live in a small town close to a city with lots of old ancient roman ruins.

We are a family of four: my brother, my dad, my mom and me. I also have other close family members, and we meet very often for lunch or dinner. I've grown up very close to my two cousins, who live next door. I'm also going to have a third cousin on May: my aunt and uncle are expecting a baby, and I'm so happy about that.

My family is easy going, we love traveling and every weekend we go to different places, where my parents have a rural cottage. I enjoy these short trips a lot, because we have the chance to see many wonderful things: great views up in the mountains, hidden animals inside the forest, frozen lakes, ancient ruins of the first culture in the Iberian Peninsula (the Iberians, who use to live here 2.000 years ago).

I'm a very curious and fairly intelligent student who can be very hard-working if the issue interests me (sometimes It takes me a bit to get actively involved on the matter when the issue does not completely interest me). My family says I'm very mature and responsible for my age. I'm sociable and I enjoy spending time with friends and family making our favorite activities, but I also need to be by myself sometimes. I'm also very organized, so I prefer to have everything planed in advance if possible. I've always been quite a calm and good-natured boy, and try to be always helpful and generous.

I love sailing a lot and all water sports in general (like windsurf or surf). I practice sailing every weekend with my team, even in winter. I usually sail in a boat called Pati Catala, which is a small two hulls boat with no rudder (you give the direction using your weight on the different parts of the boat to make it turn). I also like other sailing boats, like Hobbie Cats, Toppers and Lasers, and I also surf, even though here in the Mediterranean there

aren't good waves to practice it. But I surfed while I was in Ireland, and it was a great experience.

I also like the adventure sports like climbing and other outdoor activities, like skiing in winter and hiking in summer. We go hiking very often, with my parents, and also with my uncle or my grandpa (my grandpa is a great hiker, he loves walking and he has walked many times the St. James's Trail).

On the school, I work every day to increase my knowledge. I go to school from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon. And I have a two-hour rest for lunch. It's a mixed school, and I do not wear uniform. You may know the school, as it's an international school and it's all around the world. It is a catholic school, even though we are not religious.

In the school I take a lot of language classes: English classes (6 hours a week), some German lessons and I also study Spanish and Catalan. We also have other subjects, like Technology, Maths and Physics. I like technology related issues, especially robotics, so I want to improve my English to be an Engineer or a Scientist in the future.

In my free time I also play table games with my brother and when I'm alone I play with my robot Lego Mindstorms Ev3, programming it. I also like programming web pages (in HTML) but I'm still learning and I don't know much about it yet. I also like to create new games and apps through different programs like Scratch or AppInventor.

In my free time I also like reading a lot. I also play with my computer or Play Station 4 games, usually with my brother. We don't watch television very often (in fact we don't have TV at home), but when I can, I'm always watching films and series through WakiTV or Netflix in my computer.

My friends are funny, I meet some of them in my outside school activities like German or English classes. One of my best friends (Guillem) is also my neighbor so I meet him during the week, as his father usually drives my brother and me to school with him every morning, and my mum picks up all of us for lunchtime.

I want to come to the USA and live with an American family because I love having international experiences. Last year I went to Ireland during 4 months, and I also stayed with a host family and I went to school there. It was a wonderful experience, because I had the chance to meet great people and share with them their way of life. And this year, we had an English student at home last month, and we will have a German one in February. Both came through an interchange program, so I would go to their homes (to Bournemouth, in the UK, and Stuttgart, in Germany) after Christmas.

I'm fascinated with the USA, I really think it is a great country, and would like to learn more things about the American way of life. This year, I've started a Dual High School Diploma Program, so I have online classes with an American organization (in collaboration with my own school) and I will obtain the American High School Diploma by the time I finish my Spanish grades.

With my one-year stay there, I'm sure I'll meet new people of different cultures and know more things about American society and the country. And I will be able to share things about my own country and the European point of view. Both my parents traveled to the US many times when they were my age, also to stay with American families (but only during summers, not for an academic year), and they always say it is a mind-opening experience. So I'm sure this would be a wonderful year, and would like to thank you so much for giving me this great opportunity. You are really kind and generous letting me be part of your life, and I hope that relationship will last forever.

If you would like to host Isaac, please contact your Local Coordinator or our organization.