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LHS Spanish Language Immersion Trip 2027

Current sophomore and junior **Spanish Students!!!** Are you interested in a language immersion trip to Salamanca, Spain? Check out [these slides](#) if you are interested and plan to study Spanish again next year.

Students participating in the Neulex Exchange experienced the second half of their trip from February 5 to 20, 2026. Once again reunited with their corr spondent (“corr s”) and host families, Lexington students were ready to spend an enlightening ten days in Neuch tel, Switzerland and another five in Brussels, Belgium. Within the first few days of the exchange, US students presented their English expos s to Lyc e Jean Piaget and Lyc e Denis-de-Rougemont, visited different cantons in Switzerland, and presented their fascinating cumulative projects to the schools, Movetia, and parents. The student expos s consisted of a variety of topics, which included Prom, College Applications, Fast Food, Extracurriculars, and Lex250. Two cantons that were visited for museums and guided tours were Bern, to visit the Palais F derale and participate in a discussion about sustainability; and Geneva, to learn about



the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and its application of the Higgs boson to study the fundamental laws of physics.

After a few months of putting in work, research, and interviews into the student’s sustainability project, they were finally presented in Lyc e Jean Piaget. Topics that they delved deep into included Sustainable Architecture, Transportation, Fast Fashion, Sustainable Food, and Renewable Energy.

With a significant project behind them, US and Swiss students alike enjoyed several more museums and visited Gruyeres and Lucerne for fascinating scenery and fondue on the last,

bittersweet night. The morning of the US student's departure to their next destination in Brussels, many hugs and tears were shared among the promises of reconnecting once more.

In Brussels, Lexington students toured famous icons such as Manneken Pis, and le Grand Place. Additionally, they rode a ferris wheel to enjoy the unfamiliar but breathtaking landscapes and tried delicious Belgian waffles with an assortment of flavor! Pajama reflections were also shared each night before bed to journal, express gratitude towards one another, and share things to look forward to the next day.

Once again, several museums were toured with enthusiasm, such as Train World, the Africa Museum, Magritte Museum, Museum of Pharmacy/History, and the EU. Their responsible and wonderful leader and chaperone, Madame Brankin, had also celebrated her birthday with surprise gifts during their last pajama reflection meeting.

On a familiar feeling of bittersweetness the students had felt 10 days before, students hopped on the plane for a return home. Ultimately, this experience had been wonderful to integrate into the French language and culture, and the group of students had bonded in ways that couldn't be done in a regular classroom.

From September 29 to October 8, 2025, the first half of the French exchange program, *Neulex*, began. The Swiss students at Lycée Jean-Piaget and Lycée Denis-de-Rougemont in Neuchâtel experienced the American high school experience that is Lexington High School, exploring well-known landmarks in Massachusetts, and experiencing the broader American culture, food, and traditions. This year's exchange revolves around the theme of sustainability in the world. From kayaking at the Crane Estate to learning about sustainable farming at Appleton Farms, Swiss and American students alike got a firsthand educational experience about environmentally-friendly practices throughout the 10-day exchange.

Students learned about sustainable arts at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, interacted with exhibitions at the Museum of Science MIT, and learned about the State House through a guided tour with Representatives Ciccolo and Friedman among numerous activities. They had a fun icebreaker at Level 99, consumed mouth-watering American food at the Cheesecake Factory, watched Hamilton, and window shopped through the compact and diverse streets of Newbury, Boylston, and Prudential Center. As the first half of the exchange came to an end, LHS students and Swiss students alike got to experience the alternative culture through bonding and sustainability. We look forward to the second half, where LHS students will be traveling to Neuchâtel, Switzerland.



During April vacation 2025 the Italian program offered a one-week trip to Tuscany. The group of 21 (18 students and 3 chaperones) was based in the medieval city of Siena, famous for its Palio and visited Florence, San Gimignano and the countryside where we ate a local agriturismo (farm to table cuisine).

The students attended an Italian language course at the Dante Alighieri Society in Siena focused on exploring the city (visiting the Duomo, Palazzo Pubblico, La via Francigena) and practicing their language skills in the local community.

They had the opportunity to attend a cooking class, a watercolor painting workshop with a local artist, and a wonderful evening in the Contrada della Torre.

As one of the students said “I enjoyed practicing my Italian with the locals and learning the culture and reflecting on the world” this was an intense experience of immersion in the Italian language and culture that will be offered again in the 2025-2026 school year .



Spanish Language Immersion Program in Salamanca, Spain 2025

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Exchange with Neuchâtel, Switzerland 2023-2024

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Ellie Caro shares her experience from the Lexington-Antony French exchange. October 6-17, 2022

From the moment I picked her up from the airport, it was a whirlwind. My family introduced her to new cuisines like Korean and Chinese, and also shared some family favorites like chicken marbella and paella. In our downtime, we watched each other's favorite movies (Titanic and Legally Blonde). My family had a wonderful time hosting and would do it again in a heartbeat. I can't wait to make more memories when I go visit Antony this February!



Kennice Brennan, LHS 2022 recently travelled to Italy. Read about her experience.

Hi, I am Kennice Brennan, a recent graduate of LHS and over the summer I was able to travel to northern Italy for 3 weeks over the summer!

Throughout my high school career I have always been interested in taking Italian to the next level and wanted to immerse myself in the cultural aspect. After expressing my interest in further learning to Prof Dorfmann she highly recommended a program called Voluntaritaly which would satisfy my interest in Italian culture as well as push myself as a new speaker. With Voluntaritaly you are paired up with a welcoming host family and for 3 weeks you will be a camp counselor. I lived with a family of 4, the Buginis, in a small town called Canonica d'Adda in Northern Italy where

they introduced me to many traditional Italian customs and food. I enjoyed my time as a camp counselor. We played games with the kids, went on trips to cities and a water park, sang and danced with the kids, and where my Italian vocabulary fell short, the kids were extremely patient with me and wanted me to succeed. One of my favorite memories was one week, Sabrina (my host sister) and I went to Piazzatorre, a mountainous part of Lombardy, and were able to hike with the kids. After the camp, I was able to go out with my other counselors and create international friendships! All during this trip I spoke Italian and used my knowledge from my 4 years in



Italian class at school. This was an amazing experience that allowed me to learn more about Italian culture and learn more of the language. I am so grateful I was able to go and hope to return to Canonica!