

My Corona Experience

It is currently nearing the end of May in 2020, the lockdown over the corona virus in the Netherlands is about to be lowered a level to allow the attendance of students at schools and a lot of shops, restaurants and other services will be free to open with limitations. When the lockdown began, I did not expect it to take more than 2 months to partially end and that is the main thing I should have prepared myself for. If I could go back in time to before the lockdown, I would have told myself how long it took to actually be over, even now I am not entirely sure when things will be 100% back to normal. In the beginning it was a bit surreal how fast the virus was spreading, in the span of a few weeks the virus had spread all around Europe and watching the news would only reveal more and more countries that had reported cases. The United Arab Emirates was put into lockdown a few days before the Netherlands was and all of my friends were informing me of their lack of school and freedom of activities. This gave me a small amount of time to prepare myself before the Netherlands went into lockdown, though I could not have predicted the scale of this epidemic. When it all began, I saw it as an opportunity to develop and learn new skills while at home and improve myself academically. I started to learn how to construct music and videos using various software and this became a big hobby of mine when I was stuck inside. I enlisted in an online medical course to achieve a greater understanding of the steps I have to take to get into a good medical school and I devoted a lot of time to studying. Being stuck inside with my family also saw the development of our relationship with each other and me and my brother became even closer as we would play games online together. I also had the chance to learn a lot of new things online and ended up watching more documentaries than movies during this whole ordeal. Overall, the Corona virus epidemic was an experience that I will remember for a long time. I used this unexpected opportunity to improve and develop myself mentally and also physically as I did a lot of exercise and workouts at home. I am looking forward to getting back to life as 'normal' as it can be.

This can go on the school website.

