

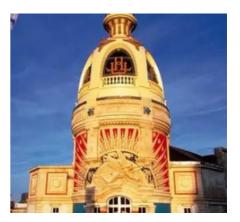
#### HTTPS://CARCOUET.PAYSDELALOIRE.E-LYCO.FR/

### **OUR SCHOOL IS LOCATED**

in the area/ suburb of Nantes, between the neighbourhoods of the Breil and Dervallières. Nantes is famous for its tramway, the "Machines de l'Ile" and its "Elephant", the castle of the Dukes of Brittany, the river Loire, the "Tour LU". Our school's name is Lycée Carcouet and there was a castle surrounded by trees where the lycée is today! The playground still has some very old trees on it.







There are many different rooms in our school, with different use. The CDI ("Centre de Documentation et d'Information") is like a library where you can borrow some books and also work on computers, or do your homework in a calm place and read a book or a magazine. We have a place called "le foyer" where we can go to relax when we have a pause in our schedule. The "cafet" (short for "caféteria") is a little bit like the foyer and you can relax, but also play the piano! There are science rooms too, where we do activities with chemical products. Finally there are some computer rooms where we go to work with our teachers or sometimes take national exams.





### A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

## **HOW WE WORK**

we often work in class with books and documents. Sometimes, we go to the CDI to work on computers and do some researches for a group-work and specific tests, but most of the time, we simply use paper and pen on a table.

We can talk calmly with the teachers and the other pupils about the class and the work. There are exams in all the disciplines.

For the homework, we have many little exercices for each discipline, so it adds up to a lot. We can check our lessons and homework on a website (elyco) : <u>https://carcouet.paysdelaloire.e-lyco.fr/</u>

What about, how do you work? Do you work everyday from Monday to Friday? What are the disciplines that you have? Do you have any options?

We have 5 days of school during the week (Wednesday afternoon are off)

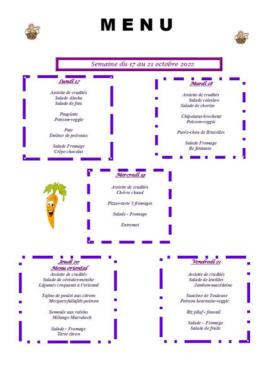
On Monday, we start at 8.00 am and we finish morning classes at 12.10. We have English, Maths and French for 2 hours. Then it's the lunch break.

Students who eat at the canteen, have to pay and they have a card to eat. They have one hour. The menu changes every day. But not all the students eat at the canteen! Some eat outside of the lycée, in fast foods close to the school or some eat back home if they live nearby.

In the afternoon, we start with History at 1.30 pm, followed by our 2nd foreign language and finally we have 2 hours of sports. We finish the day at 5.35 pm and it's the same on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Only the subjects change!

Our subjects are French, English/German or Spanish, Physics/ science, maths, History, sports... And when we don't have a class, we can go home or stay in the "foyer".

The school year is divided in trimesters from September to June. At the end of each trimester, there is a "conseil de classe": it's a meeting where teachers and some students discuss the students' work. if the work is excellent, the student will receive some congratulations.





# THE FRENCH SCHOOL SYSTEM

We start in primary school at 3 years old (in "maternelle" for 3 years, then "élémentaire" for 5 years).

Then we spend 4 years in junior high school ("collège") between 10 and 14-15 years old. Before high school, we take a big exam in French, Maths, History and sciences. It's called "brevet". Finally we can enter the high school ("lycée") for 3 years. At the end of high school, we have to take an exam too ("baccalauréat").

If you want, you can go to university or take a two-years degree afterwards to continue your studies, or you can decide to work or even take a gap year!

We don't have a uniform, so we can wear what we want at school. There are many rules (for example, we can't use our phone in class)

We have 5 holidays: Summer holidays (July and August), Toussaint (2 weeks at the end of October, beginning of November), Christmas break (2 weeks), Winter holidays (2 weeks in February) and Spring break (2 weeks in April). This year there are 2 bank holidays (November 11th, May 8th)!





