



Bavarian International School gAG | Hauptstr. 1 | 85778 Haimhausen

Bavarian International School
gemeinnützige Aktiengesellschaft (gAG)

Haimhausen Campus
Hauptstrasse 1
85778 Haimhausen
Germany
Tel. +49 (0)8133 917 0

City Campus
Leopoldstrasse 208
80804 Munich
Germany
Tel. +49 (0)89 89655 512

Secondary School Office
Tel. +49 (0) 8133 917 151
E mail: secondary@bis-school.com
www.bis-school.com

Letter of Recommendation for InSitu French School

4 November 2019

To Whom This May Concern,

I am writing this letter to recommend the excellent services provided by Élodie Ressouches, the Director of InSitu French School. Upon the recommendation of a colleague, I contacted Ms. Ressouches in order to inquire about organizing a week long immersion experience in French for a group of 23 teenaged students. I contacted her about eight months before the intended departure date and she responded very promptly with questions about how I envisaged the itinerary and my budget. Once I had communicated this information to her, she responded in kind with several options from which I could choose. With her expertise input we were able to put together an amazing experience for my students, all of them enjoyed their experience in Montpellier thanks to the careful and thoughtful planning on the part of Ms. Ressouches. She organized everything for our group and had even arranged for two members of her team to take photos of the group throughout the week. I merely had to book airline tickets for the group.

Upon arrival at the Marseille airport our group was met by the coach bus driver who drove us to the InSitu French School in Montpellier where the group was met by Ms. Ressouches and a very competent member of her team. After a quick tour of the charming old quarter of Montpellier the students then met their respective host families. Ms. Ressouches was able to locate very hospitable host families who all lived within walking distance of the school with the exception of one pair of students who had a short tram ride to the school. Students were housed in pairs however when Ms. Ressouches learned that there were students who were requesting to room with two, (instead of one), of their friends, she went above and beyond to locate two lovely families who could accommodate three students each.

The students and I found that there was a good variety of activities planned by Ms. Ressouches for the week in Montpellier. There was a theme to each day and a nice balance of workshops, visits to markets, Montpellier and nearby cities and beaches, museums and monuments, and free time for the students. For example, on the "Roman Antiquity day" the group travelled to the city of Nîmes to visit the stunning new Museum Romanité, the market hall in Nîmes, the Maison Carrée and the Arena of Nîmes. To make the visits more interactive and interesting for teenagers, Ms. Ressouches had designed a quiz for the museum visit in which students had to locate the answers during the visit.



During the visit to the market hall in Nîmes students were also given a task sheet in which they had to locate and learn about various local products at the market. Students were encouraged to interact with vendors at the market hall in order to accomplish this task. Later that day during the visit to the Arena of Nîmes, Ms. Ressouches had designed a photo game and cultural quiz for students to do while exploring the arena. Finally, after the visit, while waiting for the train, a member of Ms. Ressouches's team engaged the students in a game of charades.

My colleagues and I were very impressed by the quality of the activities and visits prepared by Ms. Ressouches and her team. Thanks to them, the students were constantly learning, hearing, speaking and even singing French during their time in Montpellier. Upon our return to Munich, I received a number of emails from parents who were very pleased with the immersion experience prepared by Ms. Ressouches. Prior to this trip, I had taken at least ten school groups to France for immersion experiences, however, this was the first time I received so many "thank you" emails from parents after the trip. I believe that this says a lot about the quality of the experience prepared by the InSitu French School.

If you are looking for an engaging immersion experience for yourself or a group of students, I would highly recommend InSitu French School. I found Ms. Ressouches and her team to be very professional, flexible, friendly, generous with their time and helpful to both the students and my colleagues and I. Since Ms. Ressouches is herself a top notch educator, she knows how to make learning French not only meaningful but also fun and interactive. I would not hesitate to work with Ms. Ressouches again and highly recommend her school, InSitu French School, to you.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further details or if you should have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Christina Popowski
Language Acquisition French Teacher
Bavarian International School
c.popowski@bis-school.com