

My friends

My best friend is Alex. He's 23 years old. He's Brazilian. He's a student and he likes to go trekking.

My girlfriend is Daniela. She's 21 years old and she's from Pedralva. She is a student, too. She supports Flamengo.

Anderson and Pedro are my classmates. Anderson is 30 years old and Pedro is 22 years old. They're students. Anderson likes computer programming and Pedro likes rodeos.

Vinicius Gonçalves

Four Corners 1A

A Typical Meal in Brazil

A typical meal in my country is black beans stew (feijoadada). People eat it with kale and orange slices and, also, drink caipirinha with it. I love black beans stew.

Adilson Vieira - Four Corners 1B

Hí Paulo,

My name is Cecília. I am 14 years old and I am from São Paulo, but I live in another city, Itajubá.

My interests are watching TV shows, watching movies (my favorite one is Love, Rosie!) and reading a book.

I am serious and shy, but with my friends I am very funny and talkative.

I don't play any sports because I am a little bit lazy.

My birthday is on January 31st and yours?

See you

Cecília

Cecília Mendes - Four Corners 2A

Hi Paulo,

My name is Melissa.

I am from Itajubá and I am 13 years old.

I am interested in TV series and travel. I am creative and talkative.

Do you like sports? I like swimming and bowling. Do you like bowling?

My birthday is on December 29th and yours?

See you

Melissa

Melissa Costa - Four Corners 2A

Can you suggest a good place to eat here in Itajubá?

You should go to The Gusta, because the food is good. It is a food truck, the hamburger is very, very good, the bread is soft and the meat is delicious. There are many sauce options. The price is good and the tables are outdoor. I love The Gusta and you will love there, too!

Esther Monteiro Machado
Four Corners 2B

María's store.

María's store is in New York, London and Paris. It is open six days a week: from Monday to Saturday, from 9:00a.m to 9:00 p.m. You can buy the best clothes, shoes and jewelry. A good time to visit is at 5 p.m. You don't bargain at this store. There is always a sale section on Fridays.

Samara and Talitha

Four Corners 2B

A Frightening Experience

About four years ago, my father was taking me to my work in his car. Suddenly, a horse crossed the street and hit the car. I was really scared! Fortunately, we didn't hurt ourselves. The horse wasn't hurt either. I was so scared that I couldn't work that day.

Fernanda - Four Corners 3 A



Distance Education

Distance education is a way of learning that many young people have been using lately. Accessing distance education is more common because many have a hectic life and therefore is easier for them to study like that. Many people resort to that type of learning because besides studying, they also have to work. However, one disadvantage of distance education is the lack of personal contact with other students.

Mariana Peixoto - Four Corners 3A



Dear Mr. Or Ms.

I live in Itajubá. There is a big problem with floods in the neighbourhood of Medicina.

There is a lot of trash inside the manholes, and the water from the rain can't go away. My suggestion is to increase the margins of the river, put more trash cans and more manholes in the street.

Gabriel Gonçalves Ribeiro

Four Corners 3B

Introduction

This proposal contains my suggestions for our country's contribution to the international festival in London.

Our Brazilian Roots

The indigenous people had been living in Brazil far before the Portuguese arrived here, and they played a major role in our history. Many tribes have kept their unique culture till today, and visitors would surely enjoy learning more about them. I suggest a live performance of traditional rites, which would bring their culture alive. We could also have a display of indigenous artifacts and photos to give visitors an insight into their lives.

Time to Celebrate

Carnival and 'Festa Junina' are two very traditional Brazilian festivals, known all around the world. I propose we ask a samba school to contribute, so visitors could experience the vibrant, the contagious energy of carnival, and enjoy its music and colors. Visitors would

also appreciate a Festa Junina food festival. They would certainly find its culinary delicious.

Wildlife

Brazil is also well known for its wildlife and natural scenery. We have a huge variety of endemic species, ranging from fishes to birds, and some of the most beautiful sights in the world. All of these could be shown through a photographic display, which would get the visitor amazed by Brazilian nature.

Conclusion

My proposal would give visitors a real taste of Brazilian culture, past and present and I hope it meets with your approval.

Alice Valença
CAE 1

Hí Alex,

It was great to hear from you! Congratulations on your exam! It's also really cool that your parents have given you some money to splash out.

To my mind, you should save up a bit more to get some new clothes. The season is changing soon and it's nice to start a new season with new clothes. I've heard Levi's are releasing a new collection by the end of spring, and I guess it's safe to say that they have the coolest jeans! you can be casual and fashionable at the same time. If I were you, I'd keep up with their fashion trends. Better still, you should save up enough money to buy new jeans and a new shirt.

I hope you consider my suggestion. Do drop me a line if you have time.

Cheers, Mariana.

Mariana Borges - FCE 1

Hello Alex,

It was great to hear from you again.

Well done in the exam! It's really good to have some money too.

Well, you don't know whether to buy a new computer game or some new clothes. In my opinion, you should get some new clothes. I know you like games a lot, but if I were you, I would try some new experience in life and for that reason I would need new clothes.

I know that you don't like going to parties but I have never seen you at

one at all. Also, computer games become boring after playing them for some time. If you want some new experience take up a sport or even just hang out with your friends. So, spend your money on some new clothes.

I think that is it. Do drop me a line if you have time and make sure you splash that money out in a good way.

Cheers

Lucas Fernando

FCE 1

This essay discusses the advantages and disadvantages of studying in a big or small institute of education.

First of all, the size is not the most important factor when studying, because it depends on the educational system. In a large school, for example, it is more difficult to have total control over the students and give them individual assistance.

Secondly, the students can make more contact with each other in a small place, and for that reason, they are willing to accept the differences. On the other hand, this kind of place can be uncomfortable. Many people in a tiny area can be stressed and

consequently their performance might be affected.

Another point is the sports facilities offered by a big institution. Their teenagers can practice and have competitions with other schools. Physical activities stimulates the brain development and it can help them with the school subjects.

To sum up, both kind of schools have benefits and drawbacks and the place of education depends on the kind of students studying there and in which place they adapt themselves better as well.

Raissa Monteiro Silva - FCE 2

When I was nine years old, I was crossing Unifei's field with my bike (I was with my mother and my sister). The sun was really strong, and the day was very hot. Suddenly, my mind went blank and I started to see everything in different colors... I saw a tunnel, and then I collapsed.

When I woke up, my female dog was surrounding me and barking to a man that was close to us. Her intention was not to let the man touch me. So, I opened my eyes and asked: "- What in the hell I'm laying on this grass?".

I was really lucky because this man was the husband of a nurse who worked at Unifei. He took me to Unimed and I had lots of X-rays taken. I didn't even know what day it was!!! The bicycle handlebars hit my head.

From now on, I never ride my bike without my helmet.

Elisa de Lorenci

Inside Out 01

My best friend

My best friend's name is Helena. I've known her for nine years. I met her at school and we became friends because we were in the same class. We have our ups and downs, but this is so normal in a friend's relationship. I see her every day in our school; we are in the same class and we have some things in common, like: we love horses and dogs, we play soccer together and volleyball, too. I know we will be friends for a long time.

Beatriz Floriano

Inside Out 01

Celebrity Scandals in the Press

Some people think that the reports of celebrity scandals in the press should be banned because they are invading the celebrities' privacy. Hackers invaded Carolina Dieckmann's email account and put some of her personal photos on the internet. The press published everything about that.

In my opinion it was not correct, the hackers and the press should be punished. Despite the fact that I love the press, I think they are wrong when they show celebrities' personal life to the public. It may ruin the celebrities' careers.

The press encourages people to annoy the celebrities and send a lot of messages criticizing them. I think they shouldn't do that. It is important to have a new law to punish the ones who do it.

Gabriel Henrique Ribeiro - Inside Out 2

In 2012, I went to a farm hotel in Águas de Lindóia (SP) along with my 8th grade classmates (about 20 people) to celebrate our graduation.

We left Itajubá on a bus and stayed on the road for about three hours. We stopped to eat something and drink some water. It was summer so the weather was really hot.

During the trip my friends and I played lots of games and we sang several songs. These things made the trip extremely fun. Today, five years later, when we get together we always remember this trip and plan to return to the same hotel again and relive the best graduation trip ever.

Tamires Gomes Targino - Inside Out 2

Orlando

Orlando, in Florida - USA, is a famous city because of its beautiful theme parks. Millions of people visit Orlando per year, I went there in 2016.

It is a wonderful city and the theme parks are amazing. But if that doesn't appeal to you, then going to the outlets and the mall is a must.

In Tampa, a city next to Orlando, you can find Bush Gardens which boasts one of the biggest roller coasters in the world.

I loved the city and all the parks, but the most beautiful one is Magic Kingdom. Everything there is amazing and magic, so if you do visit this park, it is a good idea to see the Wishes Nighttime Spectacular, you won't regret it. It is incredible!!

Ana Paula Marassi- Inside Out 4

S&L - Selig and Lind: New Project Manager

Introduction

This report will talk about the replacement of Paul Johnstone, the candidates and a summary of their management styles, and our recommendation with explained reasons.

Summary of Shortlisted Candidates:

Ruth - Sales Manager, Central Europe

Our opinion about Ruth is that although she seemed to be very focused in results, she may be a little bit ruthless and not too approachable. She is a very hands-on and very ambitious manager.

Eduardo - Manager, New Business

Eduardo appeared to be a very extroverted and approachable person. He described himself in the description as a "not decisive person", and also said that He prefers to make all the decisions in group. However, maybe he would not be able to establish clear goals for the team.

Kasuo - Manager, Business Support Unit

Kasuo is a very hard-working person, quiet, determined and focused on results. He said that He doesn't permit disagreement/arguments. Based on

his descriptions, Kasuo doesn't appear to be an approachable manager.

Martina - Manager, IT Department

Martina is ambitious, trusting, organized, responsible and motivating person. She set goals after agreement with the team, and gives them responsibility and authority to work. Martina also seems to be a manager that gets the job done, but is also approachable with the staff.

Recommendation with Reasons

As we discussed at the meeting, our recommendation for the new Project Manager is Martina. We decided to give her the job, because of the four profiles we saw, she is the one who fits better with the position. She doesn't seem to be authoritarian and ruthless. She has clear objectives, listens to the staff and is very organized.

Samuel Ribeiro

Manager

24 February

Samuel Ribeiro - Market Leader Upper Intermediate