

Hello from Nanjing :D

How are things there? We hope well, and we hope that you'll be happy to receive this letter from the other side of the world. We are so happy and honoured to have the amazing opportunity to communicate with you and your friends and we hope that we can get to know each other better.

My name is Sofia, I am Italian but have lived in China for already 4 years! This year, I am in year 12 in the British School of Nanjing, and I think it's the best school I've ever been in. The people here in China are completely different from Europeans! Technology is everywhere: everyone has the latest phone, people travel with motorcycles or metro, and the city centre is full of skyscrapers and malls. I really like living in Nanjing, though, because it is really modern and I can get to go to many places, like clothing shops, restaurants and the ice-skating rink! I think living in China is better for me, compared to my hometown. Here, I feel much safer to go outside even when the sun went down, I can use the metro on my own, and the streets are very clean.



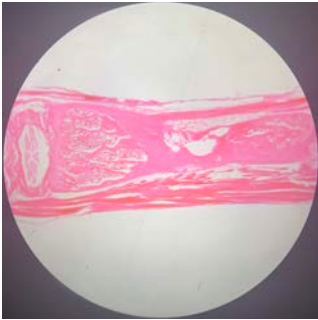
Also, this year I started A-levels, which are art, English literature, and biology. I think my most favourite subject is biology and I want to develop my knowledge and experience in it further in university.

I also like to do painting and drawing, and I would like to share with you some of my artworks and hope you will enjoy them.



My name is Quinnie. I'm from Singapore and I've been in Nanjing for 4 years. My family have been in China for basically my whole life, as we left Singapore when I was only 6 months old. It's been amazing living here. Me and Sofia came to BSN (British School of

Nanjing) in the same year and we're in the same class. It's funny actually because we weren't close in the beginning, kind of just mutual friends. But as we spent more time in school together, we became closer. Nanjing is actually almost futuristic, as Sofia already said, with all the tall skyscrapers and tram and technology everywhere. Also, its so safe here, my parents are able to go on business trips without worrying about me or my sister. Of course. that's also because we've grown up, but my mom isn't as worried about me going out and taking the metro or taxi because really, other than my bad sense of direction, nothing else goes wrong.



I have never appreciated going to school more than I do now. During online lessons, I lacked motivation and really couldn't get myself to do much of the work, but now, even though A levels are more stressful than IGCSEs, I enjoy it a lot more. I chose to do Math, Biology and Business Studies as my A levels, but I'm kind of considering to do English Literature next year as a half A level. It seemed really interesting but I don't really know if it's possible to do it.



We both really like to play volleyball and we obviously show that during PE lessons at school. We are always so eager to join a volleyball competition and nothing else! In the last two years, our volleyball group has been to volleyball competitions with other schools from Beijing and Shanghai. We didn't win, but it's okay. We know that this will motivate us to try harder for future competitions.

It's really so nice being in China, there's always something interesting to do, and so many places to go to.

