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## **SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

Dear friends,

In this article, I will share with you my small experience in Lâayoune city, especially the school part. To be honest, I never thought about living in a boarding school, but because of the circumstances and my studies, I didn't have any other choice.

Last year, when I was preparing for my baccalaureate, I was actually planning to go to Agadir city, with my best friend, to complete my studies in the ENCG (National school of commerce). But when I took my baccalaureate, my father's friends advised me to choose preparatory classes. For me, I wanted a training that would improve my qualities, add something new to my life, and ultimately enrich my knowledge. That's why I am here!

When I first came here, it was my first visit to Lâayoune city. I felt really sad and crying all the time because it was hard for me to leave my parents (I am very connected to them so much). I would live with people that I don't know. I left my sweet home city, and my best. Thanks to the social networks, I am always connected with them. I still remember my first day; I remember my father's tears, because he accompanied me. Truly, I do remember each minute and all the events that happened that day. Along my first two months, it seemed to me as if I have spent, here a year. It has been very long and hard. All the time, I would be asking: how many days left for the holidays?

Let me talk to you about my studies. The school system is totally different from high school. It is very tough. We have a busy schedule, besides the individual work. If we want to succeed these two years, we should double the effort. Next year, I will have a national exam and I will do my best to be one of the top in Morocco {Insha'Allah}. It is not easy, but I will do my best. It is my first step to realize my dreams. One of my best experiences here is concerning English subject. I and my classmates had the chance to work on projects concerning reading, grammar and writing. Personally, I am learning day after day from these experiences. I have discovered how much it is hard for a teacher to prepare lessons and exercises. Moreover, I have learned and I'm still learning how to deal with and to analyze a text very well. Also, my language repertoire has been brushed. I had the chance to test my English level and to improve

it. Thank you teacher for all what are you trying to teach us. I hope that one day you're going to be very proud of us, us we are proud and pleased to have you, as a teacher.

Now, I am going to talk in detail about the kind of life we are leading in the boarding school. Here, everything is distinct from our homes. I used to share the room with a girl. It is one of the roles, but now I live alone. But the thing I dislike in the boarding school is food. Except that, everything is upright. The most imperative thing that I like about this place is that each day I am learning something new. During these seven months I have learned how to be responsible and independent. I also discovered diverse types of personalities. I have acquired how to sacrifice time, energy, and effort in order to achieve my goals. Besides all of this, I have lived some adventures with my best friend that I will never forget. Finally, I have met a wonderful people that I would always remember and be in contact with.

I am sure that this experience is one of the best moments of my life even if it was hard. I will benefit from it more and more. Without the support of my parents I wouldn't do anything. I'm very glad to have such an amazing mum and dad. I hope that one day I will be able to give them one percent of what they done for me.

**Fatima OUHBI**

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### *My experience...*

Hi I'm Ghizlane, I'm student in class preparatory at Lâayoune. I'm from Tantan but I chose to complete my studies here. For this reason, I like to talk about my small experience.

First of all, I like to talk about our suffering here. It was my first time to come to Lâayoune. it was very difficult to say goodbye to my family. When you are alone far from your parents, and your best friends you always feel that there is something wrong. Sometimes, I would just look in my phone repertoire, and wait for a call from my mum or my sister, Asma. I had to forget about our family and try to solve my own problems alone. Moreover, it was hard for me to adapt and adopt with some people who are from different cities. Each one of them has his or her own ideology, vision. That means their thinking style is different which may cause misunderstand.

It is needless to say that any experience is a bad and good mixture. Well, accessing to preparatory classes had been my goal for two years ago. It was necessary to travel to Lâayoune city. During that time in boarding school, I had a chance to know a lot of persons and make a good relationship with some of them who are, right now, amazing for me.

Moreover, being far from my original city and my parents have helped me to become responsible.

Personally speaking, I'm not happy here. Everything has changed for me but I have been trying to get used, anyway.

I like also to talk about some activities which are crucial. I would say that they have made my relation with the others better than the first time. There was BUZUTAGE activity. It was a special programmed experience by second year students in order to welcome the new students via openhearted ways. It was considered as an opportunity to get acquainted the others without students, being new or old. Also we organized a party about the situation of Moroccan's woman in our society. It was very wonderful and successful party. Everyone had participated in the organizing committee. It was directly or indirectly a show of cooperation and coordination among the students.

I will always remember my experience in the English subject. Last year, I was dead loss at English. I didn't make any efforts. This year, I have preferred to learn English. I feel that I am better now thanks to my teacher Mr. ZOUITA who has been pushing us to work hard during this seven month. He tries to help us in various ways. We have prepared our own project depending on ourselves. He has wheedled us to become good speakers. Really, he is one of the best teachers who are responsible. He is an active person; he likes to work with his students.

On the one hand, I have learned from this experience how to be a responsible human being. On the other, I have learned how to get used to new and different situations. More importantly, , despite all the difficulties I have faced, this experience has contributed to my knowledge, and to how to deal with whichever situation that I may need to respond to in our life. I have learned about my scope of responsibly, and independence.

After this long period in the boarding school, I think I need to be more patience if we want to achieve our goals in this life without many problems. Despite all difficulties, this experience is worth living. It has been giving us a chance to know more about problematic lives.

Finally I say good luck to all my friends and my teachers. It's really a wonderful experience that I will note forget.

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It was the first day back to school after the summer holiday, I was eager to meet the new classmates that some of them going to be my friends. The big problem was that my new school CPGE was in another city which means that I was going to move from my parents' house to the new school dormitory. It was really hard at the beginning; I have never being away from my parents and never lived on my own, but it was a new start of a new chapter of my life.

There was one big thing that struck me; I noticed that the girls in the new school are different than girls in my previous level. They dressed differently; acting differently, and even wearing makeup, but that didn't affect me of myself esteem because I had confidence in myself. I entered my first year with a sense that it would be as easy as high school, and I was wrong. In first year' English, I struggled to motivate myself to complete my assignments, and succeeded. As a result, my grade got better; I acceded in law education and management. On the social front, I became the president of the student association. Our first activity was organizing an event to honor the Moroccan women and her achievement goals and awarded some of them for their great work in the CPGE, it was a hit.

The atmosphere here, in the CPGE, in general helps to concentrate on our studies because there isn't much else to do around there. In addition, I have only one roommate and we don't have much in common. I made so many good friends. This made life here so much easier and felt like home.

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