



15 apprentices from Blaise Pascal Vocational School on a trip to Belgium and Germany !

publié le 31/03/2023

Descriptif :

From 12th to 18th March, a class of 15 apprentices (1ère Bac Pro), specialized in Agricultural Equipment Maintenance, went on a 6-day professional and cultural trip by bus departing from St Jean d'Angély (17) and heading to the North-East of France, Belgium and finally Germany.

Sommaire :

- Programme
- Educational use

On the initiative of M. Faure, coordinator of the apprenticeship training unit (UFA), who submitted the **project « OSER »** financed by the Apprentice Training Center (CFA académique), up to 80% , these students were offered the opportunity to discover two **worldwide agricultural equipment manufacturers** and visit their amazing **production sites** :

- NEW HOLLAND located in Zedelgem – Belgium
- JOHN DEERE located in Mannheim – Germany

The **guided tours** started in the conference room to learn about the **history** and **evolution of the brand** before moving around the whole **production line**, from parts manufacturing to assembly and testing.



● Programme



- Day 1 : **Hardi Evrard** production site (crop spraying machinery) in Baurainville – Pas-de-Calais
- **Wellington Quarry** in Arras (underground museum founded to the memory of the British Army and the Dominion Forces who lived under the city in the tunnels dug by the New Zealand Tunneling company during the Great War



of 1914-1918).

- Day 2 : **New Holland** production site in Zedelgem – Belgium



- Day 3 : **Aix-La-Chapelle** and its magnificent cathedral – Germany
- Day 4 : **Porsche Museum** in Stuttgart – Germany
- Day 5 : **John Deere** production site in Mannheim - Germany



Every night, the group was accommodated in a different **International youth hostel**. Such a great experience !

● Educational use

Their **Maintenance** and **English teachers** (Mr. Fernandez and Mrs Guibert) also took part in this trip and took full advantage of the programme in class, before and after the trip.

The students learnt how to **tell about a travel plan**, developed their **oral and written comprehension skills** with authentic videos as well as through texts from the **various visited spots**. They also recorded an **audio description** of John Deere showroom in Mannheim.

The students will then be assessed by an **oral final task** consisting in a **personal travelling experience report** based on a mind map and illustrating pictures.

→ CECRL : speaking B1 / B1+

○ Websites used as teaching resources

[Wellington Quarry](#)

[The evolution of Manufacturing operations in Belgium by CNH Industrial](#)

[John Deere History](#)

[John Deere Technology and innovation](#)

[John Deere Forum in Mannheim](#) Video used for the audio description



Portfolio

