



The European School System – reflecting on the ending of ES accreditation

If someone should ever pose the question,
What a European school meant to you.
Then I know many a Culhamite,
Could tell you a thing or two.

The start of the European Education begins
In nursery with learning two languages.
But the school day is still gentle and fun
With much play time, songs and dances.

In primary the delights of Intermaths books
and the discovery of the world gets underway.
European culture is explored in European Hours
while residential trips provide new places to stay.

School starts at 8:15 sharp in Secondary,
With 8 periods per day and ten subjects to study.
The half day on Wednesday plus the unique
free periods are popular with everybody!

The academic year is punctuated with A and B tests.
The marks awarded on a A-FX or a 10 mark scale.
The baffling European School marking system
Challenges but does allow children to fail!

Because in the philosophy of the European schools.
a fail should not be a life defining situation.

The class councils plan learning support
To help students with the needed remediation.

The competition between and within European Schools
is such a memorable rite of passage.
From ESSS, MEC, Fames and Eurosport
And the various Inter-year matches.

The European Baccalaureate is the ultimate goal,
At the end of 14 years of education.
The S7 celebrate their time at the school
With muck up day, the cabaret and the Bac proclamation.

And as our accreditation comes to an end,
We reflect with much sadness and regret.
Of the quirky system we leave behind
But will never ever quite forget.

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