

Jobshadowing Holešov June 2023



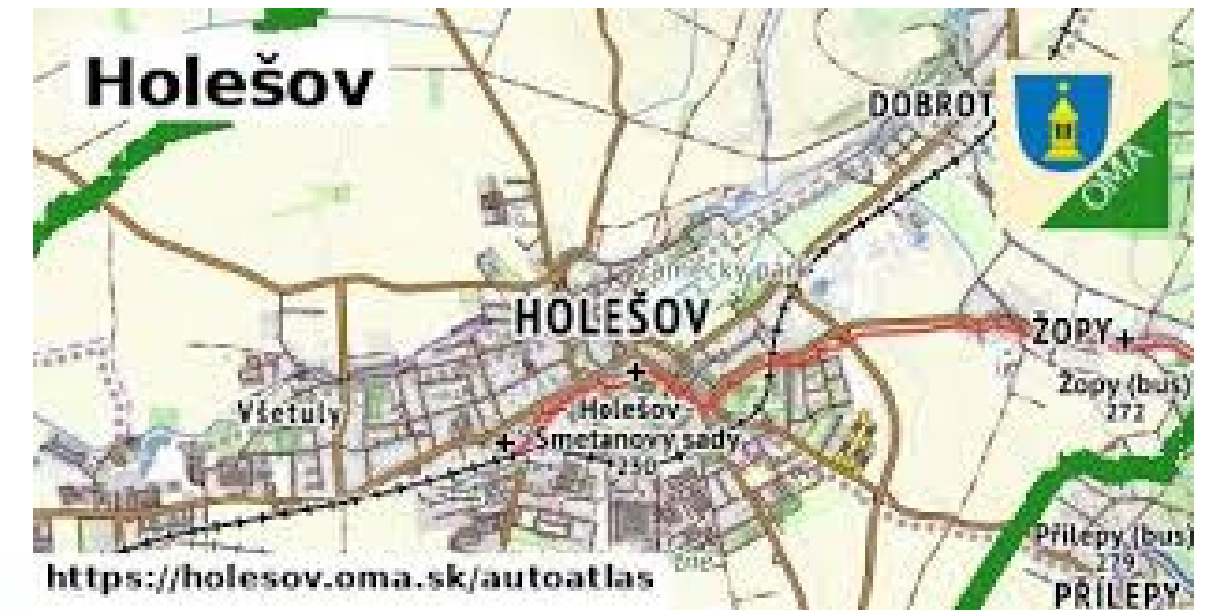
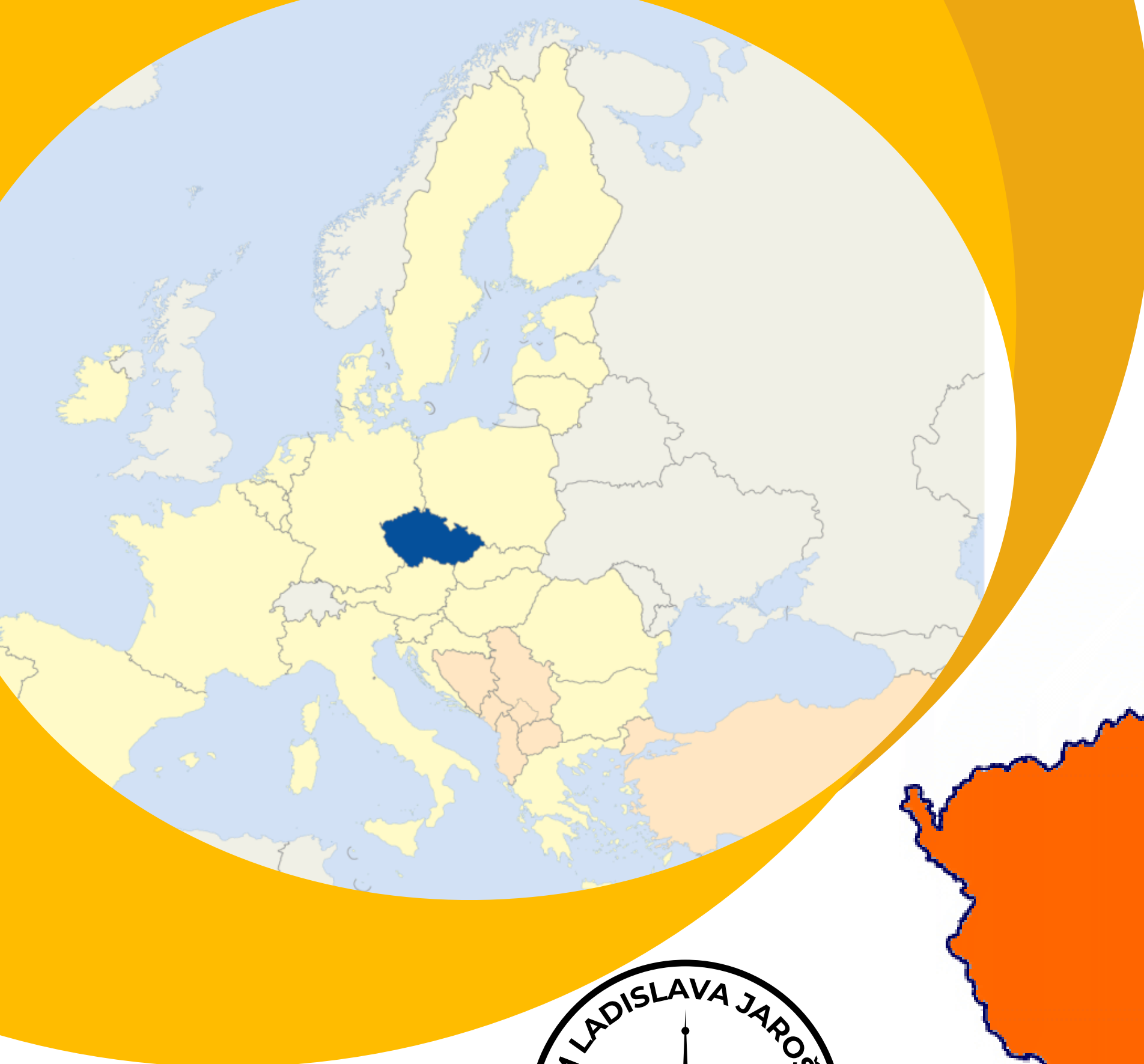
What an experience!

INTERNATIONALIZATION
Colegio San Cernin

Aine Donaghy



Where in the world?



Why in the world?

To travel to another country and school with similar priorities to compare and contrast methodology, motivation and outcomes.

To learn about good practice and share my reality.

To experience examples of final year students' presentations in English as L2

To ponder further on what makes key differences when learning foreign languages

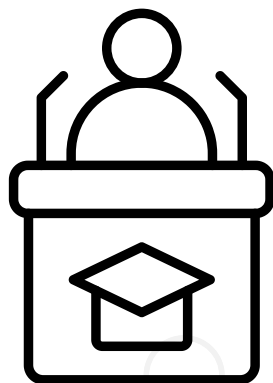


Aine Donaghy

..the objective

My host: Marie Otékpová

Generous and helpful from the first moment
Created a personalized programme
Sent an invitation letter
Arranged hotel booking
Gave advice and ensured everything ran smoothly



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The school





Thank You

The School

Gymnázium Ladislava Jaroše Holešov has a long and rich history which dates back to 1900. Over its 120 years of success as a reliable educational provider it has been consistently known for its 4 and 8 year programmes. It boasts a welcoming, friendly and open school climate in which teaching and learning foreign languages are central. The Erasmus Plus accreditation accompanies a history of exchange programmes with partners in Germany, Russia, Ireland and now Spain.



Professional Development

To increase the quality, inclusion and efficiency of the education provided in order to support the acquisition of key knowledge and the improvement of specific skills.

personal and social development of all members

To develop cooperation, collegial support and professional exchange within the school and with strategic partnerships (e.g. University).

Efficiency in learning processes

The development of cooperation, collegial support and professional exchange through evidence-based pedagogy and collaboration

Internationalization

To foster civic education and democratic thinking especially through face to face encounters.

Presentation Skills

Biology Presentations:
Final presentation after thorough
investigation, feedback and
amendments.
Formal setup.
Relevant feedback.



What I liked

What has improved

What I would recommend



Presentation Skills

Key learnings



Thorough Planning



Knowledge of expected structures



Application And Implementation



On the spot feedback



Respect and appraisal from the audience

What to take away from the experience



Productivity

Class time is spent doing useful activities which set the students up for life beyond the classroom. Doing more isn't doing better and the time spent on reshaping and developing relevant projects seems key to motivation. The element of choice also seems important for productive learning experiences.

Quality

It's much harder to bluff in a spoken exam than in a written one. Extensive practice on the topics for the final exams means classes are dynamic, student centred and based on production and especially the improvement of spoken language skills. The results correspond to the effort put in by students.

Advantages

The need and desire to use English to communicate with others all around the world is not considered to challenge to the dominance of the mother tongue locally. Pride in a secure national identity would appear to make a difference in the willingness to use English.

On the other hand, the school caters to the needs of students who have proven an interest in doing well academically. They come from and will be part of the high achieving sector of the population.

Learning about Czech history and culture



The language

Students are highly motivated to communicate in English. Wide access to films and especially series in English and an immersion style classroom culture make the results admirable.



The Values

I was especially impressed by how willing everyone was to share. Teachers and students both in and after school time accommodated me, showed me around and went above and beyond what might have been expected of them. THANKS!



The capital

The second best destination for solo travellers, Prague is certainly beautiful. The "heart of Europe" is walkable and friendly and there's an endless list of things to see and do. Personally though, I missed the opportunity to share it with good company.



The transport

Three hours from Prague, Holešov isn't exactly handy to get to. The public transport is great though. It's reliable, clean and comfortable and the people definitely make the journey worthwhile.



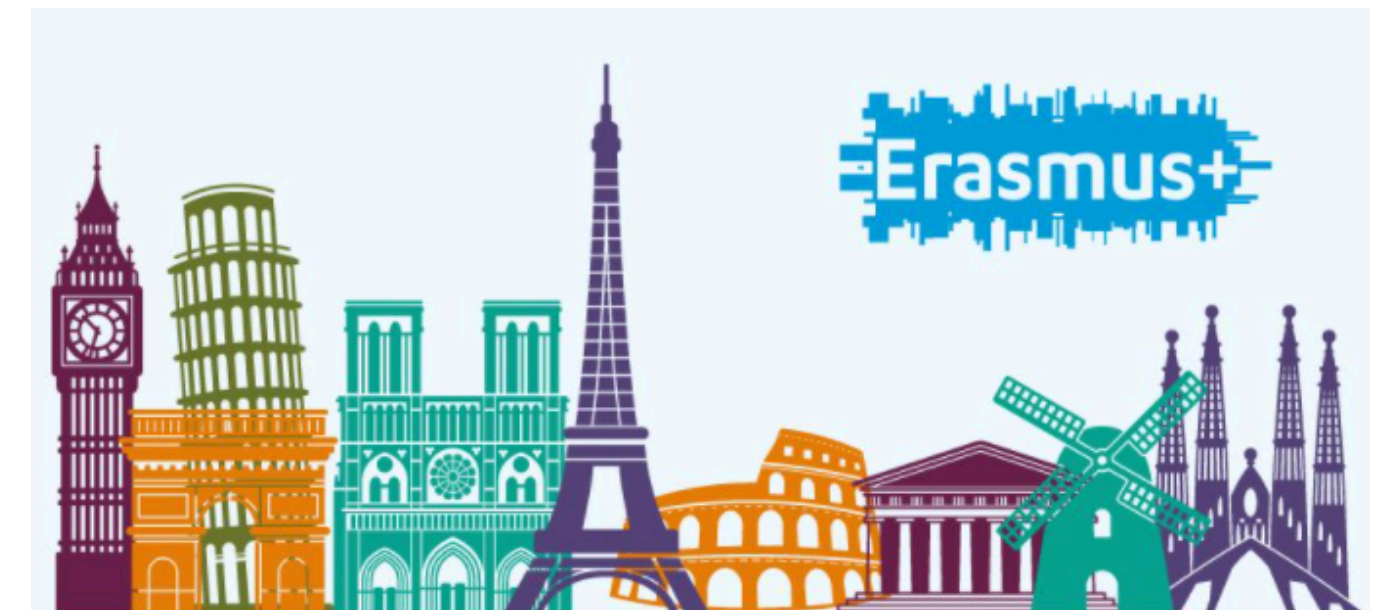
The wine

While the Czech Republic may be famous for its beer, South Moravian wines are considered a national treasure and have been recognised with silver and gold medals by wine judges from all over the world. 96% of all grapes grown in the Czech Republic are from here and the white is especially good!

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