

My name is Tóth Edina. (My first name is Edina, I have just kept the Hungarian order) I take part in teacher-training of Eötvös Loránd University to be a Chemistry and Mathematics secondary school teacher. As a future-present teacher I really love competitions for students. When I was a student, I took part in Maths and Chemistry competitions, mainly for being a participant. I never had a real chance for a top performance. At the university I take Chemistry to be my major subject, and Maths is let to act as a beloved minor one. In theory they are equally important.

To name my most characteristic feature, I must claim that I'm open - meaning extroverted and interested in all sorts of new or different things and acceptive. The second feature is being talkative. Those who like me feel anxious if I am silent for 2 minutes. As all the extroverted do, I enjoy working with people. That is why I decided to be a teacher. To be honest I cannot live without any companion. My friends say that I am a person with whom you can easily get acquainted and make a friendship no matter who you are. I have friends of all personality and all age: brave talkative powerful young ladies, elderly melancholic mothers, silent girlish ladies, male mates from the university and so on.

To share a few personal thoughts, I admit that I am still a countryside girl. I cannot imagine living in a block, in a grayish town or city where everybody drives a car or takes public transport to cover a mile. I like walking from one location on another, but I am not sporty. I cannot understand those who go shopping into malls. I insist on going on a shopping wander in my well-known little shops instead. Town for me is a place like Gödöllő, the accommodation town for the Olympiad. I attended secondary school there. My former school is one of the organizing schools (Török Ignác Gimnázium). I really enjoyed the town with the cafeteria so close to the school and park I often crossed to travel home by train.

I've learnt to listen to and focus on others and also to accept strange things. This year I work as a part-time Maths in English teacher in a bilingual secondary school in Budapest. Sometimes students go 'wild' a bit. In the autumn I had the (ill-)luck to drop in for the Geography teacher. It was a hard and easy job at the same time. In the beginning I really loved it; however I have nothing to do with Geography. Later the topics were not so interesting for me, so I soon got fed up. From next year I am going to work as a Chemistry in English teacher.

My main interest is reading. I read every letter: from magazines to books on history. As a bookworm I fancy History, science-fiction and mythology. If it is possible I read everything in English. I also like music. Musicals, goldies, rock, metal, Caribbean music are all to my liking. The kind of music never matters, but it cannot bear monotony – not only in music.

I rarely go out. My eyes are almost intolerant of smoke in a closed room. So the lack of anti-smoker places usually stops me. I spend my free time with friends doing little things. We sit down somewhere to chat, or walk out to grab ice-cream or eat Chinese food. I live in a student hostel, where you can easily find your friends for making a dinner, watching a film together or having a deep conversation on the big things of life.

I am looking forward to the time at a place I love so much with a huge bunch of people.

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