

Hey there Irish Team!

I am going to be your guide this summer at the Chemistry Olympiad. My name is Valéria Végh (you can call me Valerie as all my friends from abroad do), I'm 23 and live in a gorgeous little town (Vác) close to Budapest.

Despite the song lyrics I'm not a redhead (you can check out my photos to make sure :)/

I study at ELTE University. I major in English. I'm in my 4th year, working on my thesis, and it seems I am going to graduate next January. I specialise in modern and contemporary British history, culture and politics. I am going to be an English teacher by profession, though I won't necessarily look for a teaching job after graduation.

I spent last August in London, which was a lot of fun (if only I hadn't had to spend almost all my money on it! lol). I did a lot of sightseeing, museum-visiting, I met up with an English friend and I even saw Chicago at the West End, which was an utterly amazing experience! I love to travel, in general.

As a kind of coincidence I was doing the History of Ireland course during the term I applied for this guiding position! :)

Regarding free time activities and hobbies... I love swimming and biking, playing volleyball and badminton. I also started learning roller-skating last summer; though one might wonder why I chose that coz I'm not exactly a fan of speed. :) I like music and reading (especially historical and spy-stories. One of my favourite authors is Graham Greene). I like movies as well and some TV series (Friends, Desperate Housewives, House M.D., Heroes etc). I'm also interested in arts – I love impressionist painters, my favourite is Toulouse-Lautrec!

Other than that I'm interested in learning foreign languages. I speak German at a so-so level but I'm planning to learn it properly (especially as I have German cousins). I started learning Spanish last year and I've been studying it on my own for a few months now.

So as u have probably guessed from all of the above, we are probably not going to have in-depth conversations on different chemistry-related topics but I guess you'll have enough of that stuff during the exam days anyway. :)

I hope the country, the atmosphere and the programs will meet your expectations about us and that we are all going to have a great time!

I really look forward to 12 July and meeting you! :)

Cheers. :)

