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From Brampton to Germany

A new language that's expected. Forgetting your old one? Not expected.

Six months! It's already been six months and I can't believe it at all. It feels as if the clock is having a race with itself the time has gone by so quickly. I have learned so much not only about Germany and German itself but also about myself as well. I learned that I have a passion for the Arts from taking a wide variety of arts while here and also that I have a love for the piano as well!

I discovered how special my family is to me, how there is no one like them and how challenging it can be when you're by yourself away from all that you know. Not only have these aspects of my life changed but now I'm also so focused on the German language I'm beginning to forget little random words in English and my accent is changing a bit too! (Darn Queen's English in school).

I have now begun to settle down at my school but circumstances determined that I'll be changing schools next month. My current school is quite far away from my next host family so it was easier to change schools than to commute. It is a little stressful of course but I'm excited as well. I'm being put into a class with a very good friend of mine who lives in the same town that I'll be living in. My next host family is also my last host family, which is quite the scare because that means my exchange is soon coming to an end.

I've met so many people, been to so many places and changed so much. Before I went on exchange I didn't believe that I would have experienced so much. Being on this exchange has

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been truly a life changing experience. I've been put through tough situations and been blessed with meeting so many new people and seeing and learning so many new things as well. These past six months have been wonderful, though there are still six more left, and I can't imagine what else is in store for me but I couldn't be any more excited.

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