

# Laura

## Laura Kaakkolahti Our Exchange Student (2017-2018) from Finland

Hello, my name is Laura Kaakkolahti and I'm an AFS exchange student from Finland. I was born on the 10th of March, 2000 and my hometown is called Mänttä. Even though it's a very small town, it's actually very famous for its museums. My dream has always been to be able to live in a foreign country, and thanks to AFS it finally came true. I would also like to thank all my fellow students and teachers in Methodist College, for all of the support and a warm welcome.

I like to study new languages and cultures most of all, so that is why I chose to be an exchange student. I was very fascinated by the fact that Hong Kong is a place where the East meets the West and I love Chinese food, so I chose to come here.

Now, I would like to introduce my lovely family. I have my mom, brother (21 years old) and stepfather. They all are really nice and I miss them very much, but now I have a new family here in Hong Kong and I'm having an amazing time here with them. Now I have two, new little brothers, so I've gone from being the youngest one to the oldest one. I find it very funny, but I really love my new brothers; they are always so happy and playful.

Now that I have been here for awhile, I would say that I really like the city. It's such a vibrant and lively city. Transportation is so fast and actually before I came here, I had never used the MTR, tram or double-decker buses before and I find them so convenient. Hong Kong is also a shopping paradise: I mean the malls here are ridiculously large. The harmony between the different cultures, as well as the international cuisine are amazing and the view of the city's skyscrapers is absolutely breathtaking. Although I've only been here several months, I know for sure that my life here will be unforgettable.

