

Une classe de 3e LCE du collège Émile-Zola invitée au lycée Jean-François-Millet

A speech to defend a cause

We invited a class from College Zola for a moot court activity in English. It was uncomfortable to speak in a language other than French.

It was a good experience, but the moot court activity was very stressful because two classes were watching and listening to us. It was difficult to speak clearly and loudly, especially because we had no microphones during the performance.

«I was really excited about the idea of defending something important to me in a moot court activity, sharing my point of view», says Mila.

We did some research in the school library to find examples and important information. We wrote our speeches and then practiced before the day of the performance. Speaking clearly in English was hard, but we learned new vocabulary and how to emphasize words.

It is important to try to convince people, to make them aware of what's happening in the world so they can form their own opinions.

«For example, with Basil, we tried to convince people not to spend too much time on social media, because it's like a drug for teenagers», says Titouan.

The different topics were all very interesting and thought-provoking. It was enjoyable to listen to all the groups, even if some students didn't speak very loudly.

When you're a teenager, it's important to show that you have an opinion and that you care about a cause. We really showed our value through our arguments. It was an exercise that will help us later in our adult lives. «I liked playing the role of a lawyer», says Maëlle.

Moreover, it was a great exercise in self-confidence: you have to trust your ability to do it, even if you're shy. It's very important to be understood and to stand with good posture.

It was hard to speak in front of everyone. It was also difficult to speak in a big space like the Milletnium.

«At the end of my speech about bullying, I felt relaxed because I realized people were actually listening to me», says Nathan. «I was proud of my partner and myself», adds Léana.

It's satisfying to succeed after feeling stressed.

La classe de seconde 5



Les élèves de 3e LCE du collège Zola et de seconde 5 du lycée Millet ont défendu, en anglais, des causes qui leur tenaient à cœur.