



Going to NASA - Hermine Bourdon

Elaine Hermine, tell us what has recently happened.

Hermine Well so, I've been selected to go to the NASA in Houston. It's, it's a programme which is organised each year for students around the world to go to the NASA and it's called the United Space School. So each year there are two students from the eleventh grade I think who are selected in lots of countries, and so, one girl and one boy, and then they are going to Houston in summer. So this year it's from the 27th of July to the 13th of August and so they're here to learn about the NASA and to work about the programme, so the programme of sending people to Mars.

Elaine So why did you decide to apply for this?

Hermine Well because I'm interested in everything which is, uh, a little extraordinary. It's not just as the space but I think it is something which is really above us so that's why it interests me lots. And moreover it was really a unique opportunity so to go to the United States, and to spend two weeks there and another I think that's something that you can't, I will never, never be able to, to do again so, I was really excited to take part in this programme and, moreover, in France we are very lucky in St Charles because this election is done only on the students, about the students at St Charles because Jean Chretien who is a French astronaut actually comes from St Charles. So that's why he chose the school for the students who go to the United Space School and I so thought that it would really be bad to miss this opportunity, so I could lose nothing by trying, so, yes.

Elaine 'S absolutely brilliant! So what did you have to submit in order to be considered?

Hermine Um so first we have to write a CV. So we had to write what languages we could speak, and what were our hobbies and everything. And then we had to write a motivation letter and we had to say why we would like to take part in the project and we had to develop the project. I choose with Spotlight on Brittany and I was really happy that you agreed to work with me, and then some boys and some girls were selected to pass an oral exam with some teachers who take part in this project to select the students of St Charles and so there was two, a boy who went to the United Space School some years ago and so they asked us questions and we had

to answer more in French than in English because they were actually evaluating the, the English level but also more the motivation because they know that the English level, it's not the most important thing and the most important thing it's to be motivated and to be really, to really want to go there.

Elaine Thank you very much Hermine. We'd like to wish you the very best of luck. We're very pleased to have you on board working with you on this project.

Hermine I'm very happy to.

Elaine And we look forward to hearing all about this wonderful experience when you come back so we'll be talking to you again. The very best of luck from all of us.

Hermine Thank you. See you.

