



## ***Hermine interviews at the United Space School***

Jacques. Hello. My name is Jacques DuPlessey. I come from South Africa. I am a mentor at the United Space School. It is my responsibility to oversee a team that participates in the Space School and to guide them through the Space School and give them advice and guide them to complete their projects.

Hermine And so how did you go here?

Jacques. How did I get part of the Space School?

Hermine Yes.

Jacques. Well, I've been involved in aviation space type of competitions since I was a teenager and then I had an opportunity in South Africa where I got to learn about this school. Unfortunately, I was already too old as a student to participate as a student and then I went on and I went to study and the organisation I am affiliated with they were still involved with the United Space School and this year they, they asked me if I would like to be a mentor as an educator as a space educator or a scientific educator and I, I agreed.

Hermine OK, and so how do you feel about the United Space School? Do you like it?

Jacques. Oh, yeah. It is an awesome experience and it's really world class speakers that participate in this programme and the standard is really high and on international level. I would highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in either space or aviation.

Hermine Hi Nadine Can you tell us where you come from?

Nadine I'm from Wales.

Hermine OK, and so how you were selected to come here?

Nadine Well, I think one of my teachers has, like, connections with some people in the Space School, so every year they send two students from my school to Space School and it's quite a strenuous selection process so we have to, like, write a cover letter and we have to write a C.V. and then if you're selected from about 50

students you get an interview. I think seven people had interviews and then two people were selected for the Space School.

Hermine Do you like it here?

Nadine Oh, I love it. It's so good.

Hermine Why?

Nadine I don't know. You see so much. Like, we've been to Johnson Space Centre. We've been doing so much things like the Mars Convention. It's just really interesting. We've had loads of people come in to talk to us about really interesting things and we've learned so much from this. I really like meeting everyone new and seeing all the different cultures and things.

Hermine Can you understand.... are you from the Green Team. Can you tell me what the Green Team does?

Nadine Well, the Green Team basically designs the habitat on Mars. So we look at keeping astronauts safe whilst on Mars and making sure they don't get ill; saving them from radiation; and just trying to supply all their needs really.

Hermine Hello Vincente. Where are you come from and how were you selected to go to the Space School.

Vincente I'm from Chile. Every year my school sends two students from our school and they send the ones that they think are better qualified.

Hermine How do you feel to be here?

Vincente. I feel very good.

Hermine Do you like it?

Vincente. Yes, I like it a lot. I learn a lot of things. It's a great experience. The fact that we can go and see all the NASA and how they are follower? and all the history from the NASA that went to the moon, the space and all that we can go and see all the stuff.

Hermine Can you tell us a little what the Red Team does?

Vincente Well, the Red Team is in charge of taking the crew and the cargo from Earth orbit to Mars orbit and then bringing back.

Hermine Hi Stelios

Stelios In my school there is a mentor teacher who selected people in thinking about a process have been working with NASA stuff since 2009 so I am in the right age to stay here and he chose me because I have the skills to be here.

Hermine Why do you like the United Space School?

Stelios Because it's amazing to meet people from around the world. I, I always love to talk about space, to find people that think similar to me, makes me feel so great so that's why I'm here.

Hermine Hi Jess. Can you tell us where you come from?

Jess I come from New Zealand.

Hermine And how did you end up there as a mentor?

Jess I came to Space School as a student in 2006 and then I went to University and I studied planetary science and then I applied and came back as a mentor and when I came as a student it inspired me to want to come back as mentor and to study space science.

Hermine What do you like the most?

Jess. I think it's, I'm going to like seeing all the group presentations tomorrow since you've all been working so hard on them.

Hermine OK, well thank you very much.  
Hello Sandro(?). Can you tell us where you're from?

Sandro(?) I'm from Mexico, my friend.

Hermine Sandro(?), how did you go there?

Sandro(?) I just had to smile to the principal of my school and send her a kiss and I won the contest.

Hermine That's not a serious interview. You're not going to be on the radio.

Sandro(?) I won a contest in, in my High School. I had to do all the assignments and buy my flight ticket.

Hermine And what did you like in the United Space School?

Sandro(?) I like the co??....events with all the students. I learned a lot from the host families and I like the activities and the organisation between the sponsors.

Hermine You were in the Yellow Team. Can you tell us what the Yellow Team does?

Sandro(?) OK. The Yellow Team was basically the mission control. We were in charge of the budget. We had to present all the safety of the astronauts.

Hermine Hi Filippo?. Can you tell us where you are from"

Philippo I'm from Italy, from Rome.

Hermine And how were you selected to go to the United Space School?

Philippo? I had to write an essay in which I had to say why I wanted to come to the United Space School and I had to send also a C.V. and then at the end of February I was called by Skype for an interview.

Hermine Do you like the United Space School?

Philippo? It was maybe the most beautiful experience I have ever had in my life because I have met beautiful people, I have worked a lot but this has never been a problem because there were people that were ready to help me.

Hermine And what did you prefer doing this week?

Philippo? That's a good question. I like America. Everything is bigger here and I was surprised about that. I liked everything.

Hermine OK. And you were in the Blue Team. Can you tell us what this team does?

Philippo? Well, our team was in charge of the excursions and the explorations of the Mars surface. So we had to project the Rover and the space suits and everything leading to the exploration of Mars itself. And I was particularly involved with the design of the land rover which was... which I am very proud of it because they said it 's Italian design so I am very proud of it. It's a great team, we are all very... we work together very well. We had, we had a great time together.

Hermine Thank you. Anything to add?

Philippo? I just want to thank you all my team mates and the other students for a beautiful experience.

Hermine OK, thank you so much and goodbye.

