

## **Elaine interviewing Beth and some students, from Ecole de Saint Ilan, an agricultural High School in Languueux.**

Elaine: So Beth, thank you very much for inviting me to join you today

Beth: Thank you for coming

Elaine: It's a pleasure. Tell me, when did you first join the staff here?

Beth: So, I started at the school of Saint Ilan in 2013. I grew up in the US and I was an elementary school teacher in the US and I was not able to practice my profession in France so I was hired as an English teacher in 2013.

Elaine: Excellent... and... er, tell me something about the courses that the students follow?

Beth: So here at Saint Ilan, the students we have from middle school all the way to post Baccalaureate or a degree programme. They study horticulture production, sales and commerce, landscape gardening and there is also a general course programme and a technological baccalaureate programme, which is the focus of the students here with us today.

Elaine: That's quite a wide range isn't it. But I understand then the emphasis is mostly on the horticultural, agricultural side of it, so it's all about tractors and chickens, is it?

Beth: Yes

Elaine: and growing things? Why do you think it's so important that students should have a good, confident grasp of spoken English, in particular?

Beth: Well, I think in today's world with travel and with technologies, English is accessible everywhere so not only that they be able to speak English but understand it. It ranges from being able to watch their favourite tv shows and films to playing video games, to travel, and in the working world they may one day have clients who speak English. They may want to study abroad, or work abroad, and need to be able to get around in another country, and this is one of the best languages to do that, it's really universal.

Elaine: Well, er yes it is. It's universal, it's international, it still is the main language used in business, I think. So tell us now about this current project that the students are working on.



Beth: OK, so this is a project with students in Year 11. They are doing a technological baccalaureate, and it's a project with myself and my two colleagues, Natalie B..... and Françoise C....., they are landscaping teachers and we wanted to really integrate English into the landscaping world, which is really the students interest and passion. We started in September and we visited the garden of Marilyn le Moign in Gouarec. She gave us a fabulous tour, and it was perfect because the weather was really good and the students were able to follow the tour. The idea was to invite her to our school, and the students present the school using English and establishing a sort of tour around the school with the landscaping teachers. So this is the idea behind the project and in the end Madame la Moigne invited a whole association and so we are happy because we may have more visitors than we initially...

Elaine: And when will this actually take place?

Beth: So the event takes place on Friday May 17, from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock and hopefully the weather will be on our side and we, yes we are very excited to.....

Elaine: And how can people, who will be interested in coming on this guided tour, because it's such a beautiful, beautiful place, how do they register their interest?

Beth: So either, er, we can probably only have about 20 – 30 people max on this day so those who are interested could either get in touch with the association – if you can remind me, AIKB?

Elaine: AIKB, yes.

Beth: and Sarah can be in touch with me or via my email address, maybe, at the school, I can give that if you want?

Elaine: Maybe, what she will do, Sarah will do, will be sending out a generic email and asking people to inform her should they be interested. Then you will have an idea of how many to expect and how much coffee to have ready for them.

Beth: Wonderful. Yes and I'd like to add that that day, one of the groups is presenting our, we have a little market at our school, it will be open, so after the visit, if they would like to bring a lunch and enjoy a picnic lunch, with us, on the grounds of the school and then after they can go to the little market, if they want to purchase some produce from our school.



Elaine: That sounds a very, very good idea. Well, thank you very much Beth. Now I'm going to have a little chat to three of the students here. So first of all, tell me your name?

Alain: er Alain

Elaine: Alain, right. And Alain, what course are you following? Are you, you're all three following the same course, but what course is that?

Alain: We study technology, agronomy and science in year one at Saint Ilan

Elaine: So how long have you been here? Is this your.....

Alain: One,

Elaine: One year, so this is your first year? and you have two more – one more more year to go. OK. One more year to go. Right, thank you very much Alain.

Elaine: And, so, your name is?

Ilan: My name is Ilan.

Elaine: Ilan. Ah, so you've, this has been named after you?

Ilan: Yes

Elaine: Named after you, OK, famous! Why do you think English will help you in your future career?

Ilan: I think English is a good thing to explain ourself and with English we can travel all around the world, and we can meet a lot of people and we can learn how to speak and the culture when we meet those people.

Elaine: Excellent. Well it does open, having languages, no matter how many, be it your native language is French and your second language may be English, or whatever, opens the door so much as a career. It gives you the chance to travel and to meet people. Thank you very much Ilan. And now my third victim here. And your name is?

Nolan: Nolan



Elaine: Right, so Nolan. What do you think is the most difficult, has been most difficult for you in learning English? Nolan: The accent is difficult for us students in French

Elaine: Absol Well, I can, I can say that pronunciation for us English, of French is equally as difficult. So are you enjoying this course?

Nolan: Yes, I'm enjoying

Elaine: This project?

Nolan: Yes, is very good project.

Elaine: What in particular?

Nolan: Is good for progressing English and

Elaine: Well, you must be enjoying it because you've skipped going to biology today to talk to us. So there must be some attraction. No? Are you, are you – how, how do you feel, do you feel confident in taking people, showing them around the school?

Nolan: Present the agronomy project and the sentinel for every person....

Elaine: Excellent. Thank you very much. Well, enjoy the day in May. Enjoy the day in May. Got it rhyming. Thank you very much. Well thanks to Beth and to the students

Beth: Thank you

Elaine: for taking the time to talk to us. And I look forward to seeing you in May, when maybe we'll have some sun.