

# This is what some of our students have to say...

When I arrived to Canada I didn't know English but this time my English is improving because I am taking a lot of English classes. –**Severo, Grade 7 (Mexico)**

I like this school because it offers an international culture, something that other schools can't offer. I also like that this school isn't too big compared to others. This school has fewer kids than one classroom in another school. The advantage of that is that you get to know the people better and you get more attention from teachers during a class. I came to this school because I wanted to improve my tennis game and I also wanted a change from a large noisy classroom where teachers don't pay attention to you. Now that I have come I know I made the right choice because my game has improved and the teachers are a lot better than the other schools I've been to. This is my fifth school in my life but it is by far my favourite. –**Charles, Grade 8 (ON, Canada)**

I went to the Academy and the staff and students were very friendly with me. This has been a different experience compared to my life in Venezuela. I chose this Academy because I want to learn English and to train in tennis to become stronger and to play better. –**Miguel, Grade 12 (Venezuela)**

I came to the academy because I wanted to improve my tennis game. I knew the only way I would be doing that is if I came to the academy. I like that the academy is an international school. You get to learn about different cultures from around the world. Also I like that the class sizes are small. It means more time and attention for each kid at school and on court. –**Mia, Grade 7 (ON, Canada)**

I went to the Niagara Academy of tennis for two weeks for summer camp last year. It was fantastic and I decided that I wanted to visit the academy again. On my second visit to the Academy I stayed at the academy for four months, for the second semester. My home stay family was very nice. We went on a few excursions on weekends, to Niagara on the Lake and to Niagara Falls, when my Mexican sister and I didn't have any tournaments planned for the weekends. I met students from Mexico, Germany, Canada, and so on and had a great time with them. The school was very nice, as I was in small classes. I was in regular classes at the school and I also had my individual tutoring lessons in French, Math and Spanish, which helped me to do my homework from Switzerland. The school schedule was very good, and the school times were the same every day. The tennis training was very intense. I had three hours of training a day and one hour of fitness. After a few days I made improvements on my technique and footwork. This helped me to get into the finals of tournaments. The coaches signed me up in tournaments and watched us playing matches. After a match we did an analysis on what went well and what I still had to work on. The fitness training was very exhausting; we did many exercises using weights and a lot of endurance training. I have had an unforgettable time at the academy and would love to come back again. –**Lydia, Grade 10 (Switzerland)**

When I came to Canada it was a very different experience from where I lived in Mexico. I'm getting to know Canadian culture and learning a new language. My parents decided to send me to Niagara Academy for a better life. First my brother went to Canada and then me. –**Cuau, Grade 7 (Mexico)**

When I arrived to Canada I did not know any English but in a few months I understood and I'm still in the process of improving it. My home stay family is very good and they treat me like a member of their family. The workouts are very good and I have greatly improved my tennis. The Academy makes me feel comfortable and it is very good. **-Donato, Grade 12 (Venezuela)**

I wanted to go to another country to improve my English communication skills but also wanted to play tennis. My goal was to collect experiences, to improve my English and my level in tennis. Some people told me I was crazy because I would get homesick, but fortunately I didn't listen to them because right now I am having the best time of my life. I miss my family and friends but here in Canada I have a really nice family and good friends. I have met many people from different countries and learned their cultures. I now have friends from Canada, Mexico, Russia, Venezuela and Switzerland. I also had the opportunity to visit Mexico with one of my friends over Christmas break and it was an amazing and unforgettable adventure for me. To go to Niagara Academy is a lot of fun but also hard work and there are different parts which make it special. I could never survive one of the fitness classes alone but because of the motivation my friends give me we can all do it together. For me the academy feels like a big family and I think we are a really good team. **-Greta, Grade 11(Germany)**

Before coming to this school I played tennis once a week at a junior program and had some private lessons with my coach. I came to Niagara Academy with the intention of getting a better education, more tennis and to feel like I belong. That is exactly what I got. My grades started improving, my tennis went to a whole new level and every morning I woke up with a smile on my face, excited to go to school. Throughout the five years I have been here I have seen many people come and go from countries around the world. Every time a new student comes you get to learn more about other cultures, their traditions, food and more. It truly is amazing. I have also been able to share my Ukrainian background with them. You get to know them well and we become like a family. When you become family it is hard to lose them when they have to go home, but they stay with us through memories. I am very happy to be able to come here. I've improved so much and I feel like I belong somewhere. I am proud to be an NAT student. **-Dominika, Grade 8 (ON, Canada)**

## And a few of our young summer campers say...

I like the academy and my home stay family. I really like all the city. This is a good experience. - **Fernando, age 12 (Mexico)**

My summer was very good and fun. Why is the summer ending! Niagara Academy is the best in the world. **-Maxim, age 12 (Russia)**

I like the waterfalls of Niagara, the Academy and the teachers in the Academy. I also like Canada's Wonderland and the mall. **-Adam, age 11 (Mexico)**

I was here for 2 months. I liked the soccer and the swimming pool. **-Andrei, age 11 (Russia)**

I live in Canada for 3 weeks. I like tennis and fitness. I like English, too. **-Nikita, age 12 (Russia)**