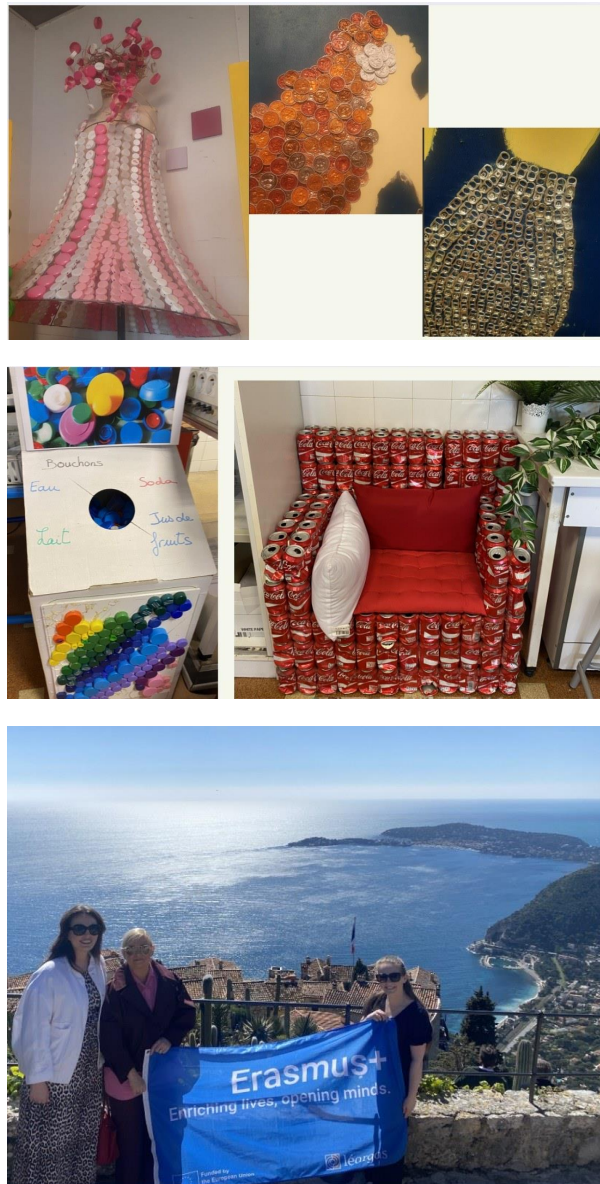




Erasmus + Job Shadowing





1 - 3 members of staff had the opportunity to visit College Jean Giono in Nice. We received a warm welcome from the Principal and staff, especially on St. Patrick's Day, when everyone dressed in green as part of the school's Semaine de Bonheur (Week of Happiness). Collège Jean Giono is home to 800 students aged 11 to 15. The school day runs from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM, with a 90-minute lunch break, during which students can participate in various extracurricular activities. Unlike many schools in Ireland, students wear their own clothes rather than a uniform. Laptops are provided by the school. One of the most striking aspects of the school is its strong emphasis on languages. Students study English, Spanish, Italian, and Nissart—a regional language spoken in Nice that blends French and Italian influences. It was fascinating to witness such enthusiasm for a minority language! Sustainability is also a core value at the school, particularly through their Nature Club. This group promotes recycling by creating dresses and furniture from repurposed materials such as cans and bottle caps—an inspiring initiative that fosters environmental awareness among students. The job shadowing experience provided an invaluable opportunity for collaboration and exchange with our French counterparts. We look forward to sharing our insights, recommendations, and new ideas at our next staff meeting. We would like to extend a huge 'Merci' to the staff and students at Collège Jean Giono for their hospitality, as well as to our own staff and management for supporting this enriching experience. This project is co-funded by the European Union