



# Aedan

from Cambridge Sunrise  
to  
Denmark

## *Aedan Clarke's Fabulous Adventures in Denmark*

This is Aedan Clarke, writing from Holbæk, Denmark. It is hard to believe that I have been here for 100 days yesterday! It feels like it has been 30 days. When I first arrived, I had not slept because it was my first time flying in 10 years, so I was very nervous and excited! My counsellor and host father and sisters met me at the airport. I started school a week later, and then the next weekend, I got to meet all of the exchange students in Denmark. I do not have an exact number, but I think there are around 90, and they are all very nice.



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There are only 6 Canadians, but it makes us better friends because there are so few. One of the exchange students is actually from Brantford, which is crazy to think that they were 30 minutes from me in Canada and I never knew it. I was put into second year in high school, or gymnasium here, where everyone is 17-18 years old, so they are 1-2 years older than me, but they are all very welcoming and friendly, so it was not hard to become friends with them.

The culture here is very into drinking, but they do not force you to drink or peer pressure you when you are out with them, and they are very big into partying, which I love. Our school parties have 600 people attending! My classes are gym, Danish, English, math, chemistry, biology, history, and French.

I have 3 families on my exchange year, and I will swap to my second in 2 weeks. The language is somewhat similar to English, but the sentence structure is very different, and whenever I do not know a word in Danish, I accidentally use the French word instead. I have joined a track and field team and an American football flag team, which both keep me busy during the week.



People say that Danish people are very cold and shut off, but I disagree. They are welcoming if you show the same level of energy as they do. They have an unspoken rule called the “Law of Jante” which basically states that you should not think yourself to be better than anyone, but as their equals. The weather is not my favourite. I do not mind the cold, but it rains a lot more than in Canada and it is also very windy which is not very fun when biking, but you will get used to it. I am looking forward to planning some hangouts with some of the other exchange students, which will hopefully happen around Christmastime.

But until then, I will keep working on the next BeaverTale!

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