

# TOS STUDENT'S INTEGRATION WITH AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE (AFS) INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS



AFS is one of the world's largest community-based volunteer organizations dedicated to building a more just and peaceful world through International Student Exchange. More than 13,000 students, young adults and teachers participate in AFS programs annually.

AFS exchange programs draw people from around the world who want to get to know people from other countries.

Participants live with a host family while attending school or working within a community, gaining a fresh perspective on a foreign culture. By experiencing new cultures as outsiders, AFS Participants also gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their home cultures.

Becoming a part of AFS Exchange Programs starts with an online application. The application is then reviewed and if approved, another comprehensive application is to be filled. Once that is filled, the applying candidate goes through a series of interviews. When the candidate does manage to get through the interviews, he/she is selected for the program. Once selected, the candidate receives immense support from the AFS team in terms of help with the visa documentation, preparation and orientations.

*Rhea Gupta of XI B is the first student from The Orchid School to have joined the AFS Programme for the year 2015-2016. She will leave on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015, to pursue her studies in Finland during the academic year 2015-2016.*

*Our best wishes are with her as she embarks on this enriching journey.....*