

## Interviewing Perran Trevan



Perran Trevan, an English teacher of Nový PORG. ‘Until this interview, we had never thought about how diverse a life of teacher can be,’ writes Veronika Němečková, a student of Nový PORG. (Credit...Porg.cz)

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Just four days after we kindly asked Mr. Trevan for an interview, we met in person with him on a busy Friday morning. Walking into his class, we did not know what to expect. Mr. Peran, an English teacher, studied biologist, enthusiastic person, gave us detailed and surprising insight on his life throughout the years.

We began our interview by asking a few simple questions, however then we moved to deeper and more hypothetical questions that allowed to delve deeper into Mr. Trevan’s life.

One of the first questions asked was about Mr. Trevan’s hometown. He told us that he had lived on a small island, called an island of Wight, from where he recalled a lot of unforgettable childhood memories with his friends and family. Moreover, he enthusiastically mentioned the sea, that gave him an opportunity to fish with his dad and granddad, which became his childhood hobby. Even the exciting journeys on ferries to his grandparents, that had lived 200 miles away, always made him excited. There was surely a lot more that Mr. Trevan loved about an island of Wight. Even though he did not complain at all about his hometown, he mentioned something that caught our attention:

**‘When I was growing up, I wanted to be somewhere bigger and livelier, but it definitely has its own advantages.’**

Midway through the conversation Mr. Trevan told us about his relationship with his sister and he laughed at the fact that they both had found each other annoying until college. However, family times were special and memorable occasions for him.

‘It was more the social side than the studies,’ Mr. Trevan revealed about his teenage years right after he mentioned, that he had thought the school was a breeze. Yet once he even considered not applying to university. But in the end, he changed his mind and started studying biology in college as he always admired nature.

When we asked him, where he had gotten the idea to become a teacher, he responded: ‘I wasn’t sure, what I wanted to do, after I got my degree in biology,’ Mr. Trevan said. After a little while he added that both his father and his grandfather had been involved in education. Since his family had always been important to him, following his father’s and grandfather’s path was perhaps destiny for him.

‘I studied biology and now I am an English teacher,’ Mr. Trevan told us laughingly at the end, when we asked him if he regretted any past decisions. Even though he was not sure that studying biology was the best choice, he said he would not take it back since, as he told us:

**‘It’s just a path to where I am now, and I am happy with the results.’**

Before this interview we never thought we could get to know any teacher’s life in such a short time. In contrast to reality, the interview seemed to go by so quickly. Even while it seemed like only five minutes had passed since we began the interview, in reality, it had been nearly fifteen. Even a few days later, we came up with new questions that we wanted to ask. It was interesting to listen how one’s life can change from studying biology in England to becoming an English teacher in another country. But overall, Mr. Trevan reminded us that there is no time to dwell on little decisions in life, all decisions shape us into who we are today.