

Some time away from the books

I'm sure at some point we all reach a stage when we have had enough of studying and just want some time to breathe and do something fun. During my first weeks here, I discovered something absolutely amazing. The Pathe cinema has an unlimited subscription service which costs 21 euros a month, meaning you can go to the cinema as many times as you want and in addition you receive a 20% discount on popcorn etc. My intention wasn't to get this subscription for my entire duration here but unfortunately I hadn't read the terms and conditions. A cinema ticket on a normal day costs 9 euros and on a Tuesday only costs 5 euros. There was a day we all decided to go watch a movie, and I thought to myself "Hmmm I can beat the system" so I chose to subscribe for one month instead of paying 9 euros for one movie and this didn't exactly work out as I expected. After the month was over I attempted to cancel my subscription then I realised that the minimum duration of the contract is four months and if I decided to quit I'd have to pay a penalty. So up to now I'm still an unlimited member and I frequently visit the cinema. In the end I guess it wasn't really bad thing because at least I have somewhere to go relax and forget about the books. If you're a real movie lover then this is probably a great choice for you as well.



There is also a fitness centre at Tilburg University and Fontys students can have membership there for 28 euros a month, so if staying fit is your thing then Tilburg has you covered there as well. Apart from that, the university is always organizing some little fun events and theatre performances such as "Dealing with the Dutch" so sometimes school will be very enjoyable due to the extracurricular activities.

There's a theme park called Efteling and its absolutely amazing! It's the best theme park in the Netherlands and its every Dutch child's ideal location. We visited the park a few weeks ago and it was one of the school organised trips. The usual price of entering is 40 euros but we only had to pay 25 euros and this included all the rides as well. I think I enjoyed Efteling more than I should but I really had an awesome time. It was nice behaving like a ten-year-old for once. I personally love roller coasters and Efteling had six different roller coaster rides so I had so much fun, I will definitely visit the place again someday.

