




## SCHOOL VISIT PACKAGE 5: Secondary education Agora and secondary education SEN

By foot (1,3 km) and bus, lunch included

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### VISIT 1: Agora-onderwijs

<b>Name of school</b>	<b>MC Agora Nijmegen (part of Montessori College)</b>
<b>Address of school</b>	Kwakkenbergweg 33, Nijmegen
<b>Short presentation of the school</b>	<p><b>The Montessori College is an independent, comprehensive secondary school (with offices in Groesbeek and in Nijmegen. With around 250 employees, education is provided to 1870 students.</b></p> <p><i>Agora. Discover the world your way.</i></p> <p>Agora is Greek for ‘square’ or ‘market place’: the heart of the city and the place to share and collect knowledge and wisdom. Ancient Athens knew the Agora, where philosophers like Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates “taught” anyone who wanted to learn from them. Agora education is a learning community where people meet each other, where self-knowledge grows and where own strength, passion and unprecedented possibilities are discovered. This is done based on challenges (questions they want discover) with a self-chosen destination. The ‘learning journey’ that a child undertakes takes place via a coach-driven route. The coach helps the child so that he or she will achieve the self-chosen learning goal. Agora guarantees that every child develops optimally and is coached individually based on trust, freedom and joy. And always with respect for the autonomy of the learner. If every child goes to school smiling and comes out of school smiling, learning comes naturally.</p> <p>Agora is an educational concept that has been running successfully at the Niekée school in Roermond for some time now. SPOG (Groesbeek Primary Education Foundation) &amp; Montessori Groesbeek joined forces to bring this form of education to the municipality of Berg en Dal. Montessori Nijmegen also started in 2018-2019 with a group of students from 12 years of all levels under the name MC Agora.</p> <p><b><u><a href="https://montessoricollege.nl/onze-school-2/agora-onderwijs/agora-education/">https://montessoricollege.nl/onze-school-2/agora-onderwijs/agora-education/</a></u> or in Dutch: <u><a href="https://www.verenigingagoraonderwijs.nl/">https://www.verenigingagoraonderwijs.nl/</a></u></b></p>

<b>Picture of the school</b>	
<b>Maximum number Of participants allowed by the school</b>	20
<b>School visit program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8.30h / 8.45h Walk from conference location to the school</li> <li>- 9.00h – 9.30h Program starts with a day start together with pupils and a coach. We kindly ask you to prepare a short pitch or presentation on a topic you want to share with our students. For instance, the country/culture you are from, the schooling system in your country, your research or a more personal driven subject. By asking you this we bring ‘learning from each other’ in practice during the visit.</li> <li>- 9.30h – 9.45h Short break</li> <li>- 9.45h – 11.00 Presentation and Q&amp;A with coach(es) and students</li> <li>- 11.00h – 11.15h Short break</li> <li>- 11.15h – 12.00 Tour of the school / units</li> </ul>

## VISIT 2: Aventurijn Aloysius (SEN)

Name of school	Aventurijn (school for special educational needs)
Address of school	Hatertseweg 400, Nijmegen
Short presentation of the school	<p>Aventurijn is a school for secondary education, which is specialized in educating pupils from 12-18 years with developmental, ID and/or behavioral problems. Our motto: “every day a new chance” is the leading principle for our approach. From august 2022, our teachers will work based on an innovative approach, called: Organizing Education Differently.</p> <p>The key factors of this approach are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing curiosity, trust and fun in education</li> <li>• Focus on personal development of the pupil and on finding a place in society that fit’s the abilities and talents of the pupil.</li> <li>• Tailor made schooling plans for every pupil</li> <li>• A strong relationship between pupil and coach (teacher), which leads to a fruitful pedagogical climate.</li> <li>• Offering a differentiated approach, tailor made for each pupil to give equal chances on success.</li> <li>• Subjectivation, socialization and qualification forms the basis for learning in their future</li> <li>• Strong partnerships in society: outside in and inside out (e.g. with companies, future employers and the neighbourhood).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging pupils by investigating their drive to learn and to explore their strengths by giving choices during the school days.</li> </ul> <p>We organize our curriculum on different levels. A part of the students is getting prepared for work after secondary school, but we also offer formal secondary school qualifications that prepare for mediate level vocational education and we offer the entrance level vocational education within the school.</p>
Picture of the school	
Maximum number Of participants allowed by the school	20
School visit program	<p>We are looking forward to welcome you at our school, which will be a bit different from other school buildings you might be familiar with. Of course we do have our classrooms, but also a bike shop, a multimedia workplace and a hairdresser corner are part of our building, amongst other facilities. By this concept we invite the neighbourhood in and our pupils can work on their skills in a safe environment.</p> <p>After a short introduction we will give you a tour around several coach groups that are working on their assignments and one of our behavioral specialist will tell more about our pedagogical approach that is part of Organizing Education Differently. If possible our pupils will take part in the visit and you will be able to ask them questions about their experiences at our school.</p>