

I HEAR YOU'RE A BUSY MAN

Thibault Sorret is a senior in the IB program at SCIS-Hongqiao. He is from France, but has spent the last 8 years in Shanghai, and the last 7 at SCIS. Next year he plans to attend a top university in the US...that is, if it's compatible with his future.

Thibault Sorret (pronounced Tebow Soré), what kind of name is that?

French. I'm French.

So did you think about the French school?

I did. I actually went for one year but got bored frankly. So my parents decided to put me into an international school so I could learn English.

Wow, your English sounds really good. You have a North American accent that sounds like a native speaker. Do you consider yourself a native speaker?

My English is just as good as my French. So yeah, I guess I am native. Accent wise though, I still, well, up until last year, had a few difficulties. I had problems saying "birffday" instead of "birthday."

Where are you going to go after this?

Do you have a college picked out?

Northeastern. Stanford. Schools like that.

None in France?

No. America, Canada, or Britain.

So do you still consider yourself French?

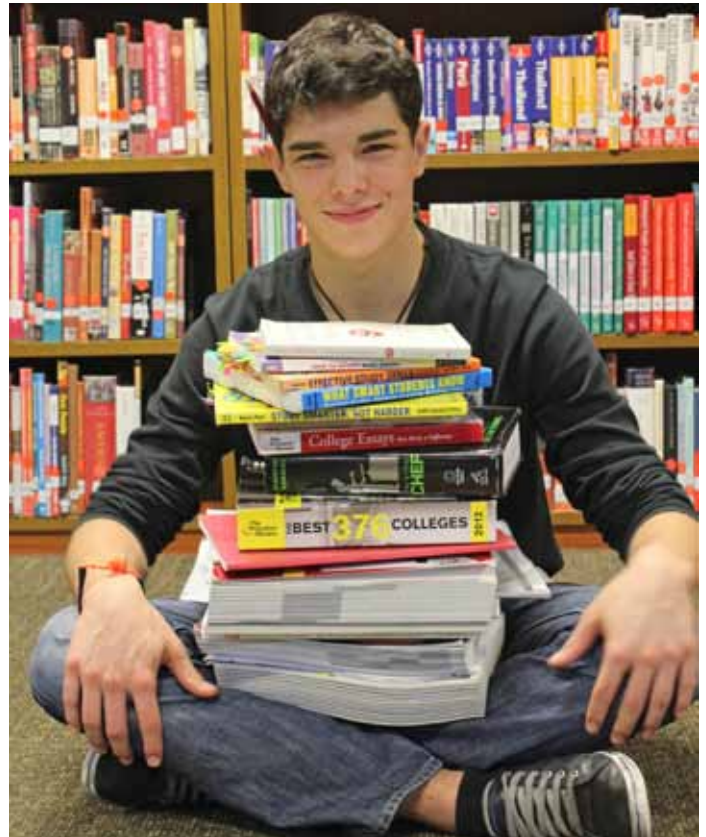
Yeah of course.

Do you plan on working in France then?

I plan on working all around the world. With "Win At School" (www.win-at-school.com) and other businesses I am currently setting up, they are all 100% virtual and automatic. They work without me needing to monitor them. So what I'll be able to do is work in Argentina just as easily as I can work in Italy or Indonesia, enjoying the world and working from my laptop.

Wait, you're starting businesses? I thought you were a student?

Yeah, well, I love business. And business, at least entrepreneurship, isn't really taught through school as well as it is taught through experiential learning. So, a year and a half ago my sister and I were struggling with school, trying to get our grades up, but I didn't want to spend any more time that I was spending on studying. So I started looking up how to study more efficiently. And I came across a couple of books, started reading them. But they were INCREDIBLY boring. But they had sold 2 million copies. So I was like "alright, there is something there. This is really boring. The material inside it is good. But these are out of touch professors who haven't been in school for fifty years, thirty years, teaching students with tools that are way out of date." I thought, I can do a better job than this.



So who is publishing your book?

I am self publishing. The margins are better, and I have freedom to make changes and additions to it as I please.

Alright, so you wrote a book, you're starting business, how is school?

Well, the secret in the book is how to learn more efficiently. So how to learn quicker, and get better grades in less time by optimizing your time and productivity.

Let's talk about University then. You're already completing some ambitious projects and businesses. So, University, is that guaranteed to happen?

It will depend on this. At the end of the summer I will ask myself, "Am I going to college just because I fear not getting a job?" or "Am I going to college because I want to go to college?"

So what's next for you?

First, finish this part of my life. Then clear off all the things I don't need to be doing. After that, I plan to start a new software program like Powerschool that is much better and more user friendly, student friendly, and teacher friendly.

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