

MY PRESENTATION



My name is Alice, I'm an Italian exchange student and currently I'm studying at Kinsale Community School, in Ireland for the first term. I've been dreaming of this kind of experience since I was a child; and since I've been here, all my expectations have been more than fulfilled.

The town I'm in is called Kinsale, it's not very big, but it's really beautiful, with a breathtaking landscape. In Kinsale you can find everything you need, but if you have bigger needs, you can head to Cork, which is an hour by bus away from Kinsale.

My host family is more than great. I'm in a family with 2 parents and 3 kids younger than me. The treatment and the heat I've received from these people is inexplicable. They have always treated me impeccably, listening to my needs and making me feel at ease since my arrival.

The location of the house is very strategic. I never need to use the car and to move around I can safely go anywhere by feet, especially the school is only 10 minutes walk from where I live.

The Kinsale Community School, is a very large school, but at the same time controlled. Teachers are always available to help, also because they are used to having international students in the institute. I had no difficulty settling at school, especially thanks to the help and support of many teachers.

School starts at 8:40 and ends at 15:40. After school hours the school offers many sports activities or clubs to be in good company.

I usually like to play tennis with my friends in the afternoon, go to the library or meet with friends downtown, to walk or stay in the cosy and comfortable cafes in the area. Dinner is around 6 in the evening, very early compared to Italy, but as well as food, it is not so difficult to get used to, not completely changing your habits.

I personally advise anyone to take part in an experience like this if you have the chance, because no matter how things turn out, this experience will make you grow and mature as a person. Having an experience like this is not easy, but it really makes you realize how much you are worth as a person, letting you out of your comfort zone and putting yourself on the line.

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