I'm Berta and I've been studying Transition Year in Kinsale Communty School in Ireland for all the year. It has been one of the best years of my life, I think it's a great opportunity to study in a foreign country that everyone should have.

I've been since September until May in Kinsale, a lovely town in Cork, which is just half an hour away. It is not a very big town but it's actually a beautiful town with great views.

 I'm staying with a lovely host family, that they live 5 minutes away from the town. I have two younger sisters that I love being and playing with them. I think it's the best host family that I could had, they help me with everything, they give me everything I need, I can't ask for anything else. They are like my second family and I really love them.

I go to school in Kinsale Community School and I'm in Transition Year (4th Year), which is great fun because we do lots of activities, especially if you get involved in as many activities as you can. Most of the teachers are really nice with you and they help you because they know it's hard for the foreign students. The first weeks it's a little bit hard to understand the teachers but it's not as hard as I expected, you get used to it in a couple of days.

I finish school at 3:40 and during the afternoon I play tennis and I go to the gym, but there's plenty of other activities you can do like basketball, soccer, drama, play instruments, dance lessons and so one. After the activities I go home and we usually have dinner around 6, earlier than Spain. The food it's very different but I've got used to it.

The school year it's nearly over, and I already know that I'm going to be so sad when I'll be leaving, now Kinsale it's like my home, I don't really want to leave and I'm going to miss it a lot. I really recommend you to come to Ireland, it's the best opportunity you can have, you will have lots of fun, you will learn English and you will enjoy it. Leave your parents, your family and your home for a while and come to Ireland.

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