

## MY EXPERIENCE IN IRELAND (KINSALE) 2017

This year I have lived and studied in Ireland, it has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have made the most of it, enjoyed and appreciate it everything. I will never regret accepting this opportunity that my parents gave me in their day.

Thanks to Rachelle in charge of Educate with Friends, I was fortunate that I had to share nothing more and less than 10 months with one of the best families in Kinsale. A family that in August welcomed us with open arms. They welcomed us into the "chaos", as they described themselves. And the truth is that they are a bit chaotic; but that makes them a super fun and welcoming family.

With this family we have spent many moments that I will remember throughout my life. We have gone to the other side of the country to watch matches, stroll through the streets of Dublin, we have danced together, laughing out loud, Secret Santa, Halloween parties, music concerts and many more things that I have saved as precious moments.

On the other hand we have the school, one of the things that I was most terrified at the beginning. But without realizing it have already been almost 8 months. Eight months apart from learning, I have met wonderful people who have made my stay in Ireland perfect. Friends that I will always carry with me and I will always remember. At first it was a little more complicated the academic subject since English is not my first language. But after two weeks I was already used to it and very proud of myself, proud of having adapted easily, since it was not difficult for me.

To keep me busy and entertained I have had the opportunity to be practicing various activities during the year. For example: Athletics and basketball.

I am very satisfied with myself, since I have improved a lot in both aspects

For all this I am very grateful to Educate with Friends and its coordinator for organizing everything so well, to my colleagues who have helped and encouraged me in the moments of downturn, to the family that has welcomed me, for being so good and affectionate with me and last but not least to my parents, for giving me this great opportunity that I am enjoying so much.

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