

My name is Joelle Lassmann, I am a 16-year-old who lives in Vienna and am currently on my exchange year in Ireland. For these past few months, I have been studying Transition Year in Kinsale Community School.

Belgooly is the town I live in, and it only takes 7 minutes to drive to Kinsale with the bus. My two host brothers, who are also international students, and my host parents make up my very lovely host family. Never would I have imagined that I could love people as much as I love my second family before moving to Ireland.

Going to school here in Ireland is truly enjoyable and very different to Vienna. Firstly, TY made it possible for me to try out a lot of new things and subjects. For instance, learning Chinese, playing tennis, and engaging in community work. Secondly, I met a ton of incredible people that I now call my closest friends. Living abroad for a while also allows you to experience numerous new chances and widens your horizons.

Now that the school year is nearly over, all I want is more time here in Kinsale. Honestly, words could never express how appreciative I am for everything I have had the opportunity to experience. Also, I can't imagine that anyone would regret doing an exchange year as it will be the best time of your life.

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