



My name is Marie. I am an international student from Germany living in Kinsale.

When I first came here everything was so exciting and I immediately had a great feeling about spending my exchange year here.

Rachelle met us in the airport and after all the exchange students met again with her. She was really friendly and was always interested if everything is okay with the host family and if we're feeling good! I was also amazed that she did such a great job in finding the perfect host family for me and I am very very grateful for that! It was easy to find new friends in the organisation because of all the meetings and trips we did; I especially enjoyed the Kinsale Safari Boat Tour! It was a pleasure to be with, Educate with Friends!

My host family is lovely! They were always really nice to me, and I instantly fell in love with the family dog! My host sisters and I did a lot of baking, and we loved making pancakes together! | brought them games from Germany which they loved playing! It was always really fun with them!

I go to KCS (Kinsale Community School).

I made friends quickly and I noticed that my teachers were always really nice to me, and the classes were really fun! They have different subjects, like home economics, art, metal work, construction and more, which I never had before. It was a special new experience to be able to go to this school!

Here in Kinsale I went to Lucy French, which is a dance school. I did Jazz Dance, and the teacher was soo great, I really enjoyed every hour in her classes! In the end we even had a big show, where I could show what I have learned from her!

I am very grateful that I chose Educate with Friends and to go to Kinsale! I am so happy for this opportunity, and I would always recommend to do an exchange year. Ireland was the most amazing experience I could have ever had! I am sad that it is ending soon but I will come back to visit my host family and my friends!!

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