



My name is Martina, and I am an international student from Spain living in Innishannon.

When I first came to Ireland, I didn't know what to expect. At the start I was scared because I was going to be 8 months in another country far away from my family, but that feeling disappear when i start to make friends.

Rachelle met all of us the first day, she was so nice. Since then, she was doing meetings to talk about how we were going and to see that everything was ok, and if we had any problems, she was going to be there for us.

The first day I met my host family, the only thing I knew was that they have 2 kids (one with my age and another one with 6 years old) and it was going to be another exchange student with the same age as me. The family was so nice. The dinners were the best part, since the father was a chef, he was making a new meal every day and everything was so delicious. / Think that I am with one of the best host families. The house was very big, and it was in the countryside. They also have a lovely dog called Gus. They treat me like one more in the family, they bring me to the beach, the grandmother's house, we went to the lighthouse in Kinsale, and we did a lot of things.

I go to Kinsale Community School, and it's a great school. I think that the first days were a bit scary, but the people were so nice, and I made friends so fast. The school also made a trip to the cinema, and I had a great time.

We have some good subjects like metal work, woodwork, business, home economics and more that i never had before and i can say that i love it.

Here in Ireland i played tennis and i went to athletics, i think that doing sport it's a really nice way to make friends and also you go to matches in the school time and it's so funny.

What i liked most about my experience it was my host family and the friends i did here that i'm going to remember forever.

I'm very grateful to Educate With Friends, for having me and giving me this opportunity. Also, i'm so grateful because they take care of me and they organised some trips like paintball, karting or a boat trip. I'm so sad to have to say bey to this incredible year.

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