

Hi, my name is Ashley and I am 15 years old. I'm in Transition Year in St. Mary's College Arklow. Transition Year is my 4<sup>th</sup> year in secondary school. I like swimming and watching films "Harry Potter, Avatar" – my list is endless!

Transition year (T.Y) is a year that is very different to my first three years of secondary school. It is a year that doesn't focus on exams. It's a year when we build up our confidence and try new things. For example this year we will be going swimming every week, for ten weeks. We also do new subjects this year, subjects that we have never done before like Comenius and Environmental Studies.

There are five people in my family, my parents, my two younger brothers and me. I have one dog called Spot and a goldfish called Nemo.

My school is quite big with three separate buildings. There is about 550 girls in the school and about 40 teachers. We have some fantastic facilities in this school including a P.E hall, computer room, language lab, canteen and a concert hall. The concert hall is used for the Christmas Concert which takes place every year. Each class performs and the teachers also make a performance. Every second year there is a school musical. This year the musical is going to be "Hairspray."

We also wear a uniform in St. Mary's. We wear a navy jumper with the school crest on it, a white shirt, a skirt and navy socks.

St. Mary's used to be a boarding school for girls when it was first opened in 1881. Some of the rooms that we use today as classrooms were used as bedrooms for the borders. Our school has a very interesting history.



A picture of my school



A picture of me