

Comenius Profile.

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I am 15 years old and a student in St Mary's College Arklow, an all girls secondary school which is on the east coast of Ireland and an hour south of Dublin. I am currently in transition year which is an optional year after the Junior Certificate exam where you get the opportunity to take part in projects such as Comenius, European Studies and setting up mini companies. In transition year there are no exams so it is not as stressful as going straight into fifth year and the Leaving Certificate, which is the last state exam before graduating secondary school. So far, I am enjoying transition year as I get to try many different subjects that I wouldn't have done before. One of the new things I'm doing this year is taking part in Gaisce which is an award from the President here in Ireland for young people who challenge themselves and develop skills in new areas such as personal skills, voluntary work and physical skills. My favorite subjects in school are history and french.

I am really enjoying taking part in Comenius because it is very different to any subject I have studied before. Recently we all got to go to the Dail, which is our Irish parliament in Dublin. I found this interesting because we got to see how and where our country is governed.

I live in the town with my Dad, Mum and brother. My brother is 9 and we don't really get on well because I find him really annoying. I played basketball and hockey for the school team last year and I have taken up new sports as part of Gaisce this year. I do Irish dancing and will play tag rugby with the local girl's team. I like music and going out with my friends. My favourite bands are Foals, Kings of Leon and Justice.



The picture on the right is Rowena, Ms. De Courcy, me and Naoise on Sports Day and on the left is me, Grace, Kathleen and Melissa with our Junior Cert results.