

Hi I'm Katie, I'm 16 years old and I am in 4<sup>th</sup> year at St. Mary's College Arklow. I like music- You Me At Six, Katy Perry, Example, Passion Pit and other artists like these.

I also like knitting. This year our religion class knitted tiny woolly hats for Age Action and these will be sold with Innocent smoothies in shops to raise money for older people in Ireland.

I like basketball, swimming and abseiling. In school we will soon be doing dancing which I also like. I love watching movies 'The Hangover, Harry Potter - my list is endless.

I am in 4<sup>th</sup> year also known as Transition Year (TY) which is a year that does not focus on exams. It is a year when we build up our confidence and experience new subjects. This year we will be going on more trips and learning days which we would not be able to do in any other year. Not all schools have a Transition Year programme so I am lucky to have the option. This year we study subjects that we haven't done before such as film, Comenius and Y.S.I. (young social innovators)

There are 7 people in my family, my parents, my younger brother, 2 older sisters, niece and me. My dad works for Irish Rail and my mum is a nurse. My oldest sister works in a retail outlet and my other sister is in college studying Environmental Science, she hopes to get a job with the E.P.A (Environmental Protection Agency). I have a dog Ella which I love.

My school is quite big and it has three buildings. There are about 550 girls in the school and about 40 teachers. We have a concert hall where the school Christmas concert takes place every year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and every two years we have a school musical. Last year we held the musical "Joseph and his Technicolor Dream Coat" which some of my friends took part in.

Our school is well known for its sports and choirs. This year for the first time in 8 years we are starting back up the school orchestra which is a string orchestra for all students in the school who want to take part.

We also have to wear a uniform in our school which is a skirt, jumper and coat with the school crest on it.

The school was built back in 1881 which was and still is run by the Mercy nuns. The school used to be for day and boarding students who came from the country side into our small town. The rooms we use as class rooms now used to be bedrooms for the boarders. Our school has a very interesting history .☺



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**My school St.Marys College**