

More than half of my exchange year is over now and it is crazy how fast the first 5 months went by. The beginning of January I spent in Germany for my Christmas break, I really enjoyed the two weeks I spent at home. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of January I took the plane back to Ireland. I was exhausted when I arrived but also happy to be back. It was my birthday two days later on the 9<sup>th</sup> and I missed my family and friends at home very much. At our lunch break in school I went to a coffee shop with my friends to get a hot chocolate. After I came home from school at 5pm I had dinner with my host family and we also had a cake after dinner which was delicious. So even if I wasn't home it was a nice day.

It was good to see my friends again after the Christmas break. We went to Dublin where I tried churros for the first time and I really liked them. We made Tiramisu and it turned out really well and tasted so good, went shopping and we went to the beach which is only 10 minutes

away from my friends house to watch the sunset. It was a beautiful view and we're planning to wake up

early one day to watch a sunrise at the beach. Mostly we meet on the weekends because we have more time then. But sometimes we also hang out after school for a couple of hours especially on Fridays.

We finish school early on a Friday, at 12:30 and last

week for example we went to Dun Laoghaire which is about 20 minutes by bus from our school. We went to a library there. It is a really big one and a lot of people go there to study. You can see the sea if you look out of the library window and we really liked it there. There is also a cinema in Dun Laoghaire where we have been twice already.



I started searching for my work experience this month and as I am interested in doing pharmacy after I finish school I wanted to do it at a chemist. In the end I got my work experience in a pharmacy in Bray and I am very excited to go there for one week in February to hopefully gain a lot of experience.

I went to Wicklow with my host dad and we walked along the Cliffs to see seals. They were so cute and I definitely want to go there again. We also went to a waterfall called Powerscourt waterfall. The waterfall is 121m high and a very popular tourist attraction. When the weather is getting better my host parents want to bring me up to Glendalough and we also want to do the cliff walk from Greystones to Bray. I am really looking forward to that and I am excited about what the next few months here in Ireland will bring.

