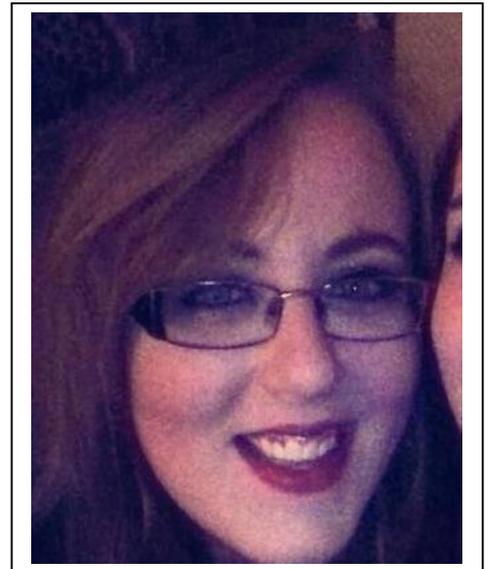


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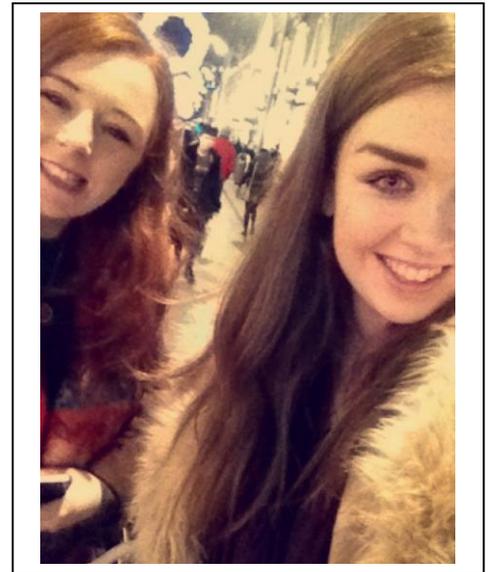
- **Name:** Emer Farren
- **From(town):** Carndonagh
- **Years attended CCS:** 2005-2011
- **Degree Studied/Studying:** BA Honours  
International French and English
- **University/Institute:** Maynooth University



- ***Why did you choose to continue to study French at third-Level?***  
I always enjoyed French at school and had done exchanges in the past. In university, I chose French as I knew it would give me an option to travel and a wide range of career choices. Also, I've always enjoyed talking!
- ***What benefits did you get from studying a second language?***  
Living and studying in France for a year was a fantastic opportunity. I was able to experience French culture as someone who lived in the country, not just as a holidaymaker. My language improved immensely and I loved being able to chat with the locals. Having a second language also makes your CV stand out more to employers, and I was able to work as a tour guide with international visitors around Ireland.
- ***Have you been/are you going to France since Leaving Cert?***  
I did an Erasmus year (10 months) during my third year of university in Rouen, Normandy.
- ***What do you do now (Job-wise & Location) or what do you hope to do and where? Do you or will you be using your language skills?***  
I am currently doing a post-grad in Computer Science in LYIT. When I graduate I would like to work in an international technology company. I would like to travel to other francophone countries and work abroad. Hopefully, my fluency in French will be useful in my future career.

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- Years attended CCS: 2008-2014
- Degree Studied/Studying: BA Music and French
- University/Institute: Maynooth University



- ***Why did you choose to continue to study French at third-Level?***  
I have always loved French and would love to go on and teach French and Music. I also hope to live in France someday. Even though I find French hard, I think it is easy to study something if you love it.
- ***What benefits did you get from studying a second language?***  
I am able to apply for certain jobs that require a second language and I have the opportunity to work abroad. For many jobs, a second language is a requirement. Being able to speak and understand another language also allows me to travel more easily.
- ***Have you been/are you going to France since Leaving Cert?***  
I am going to France this summer to work as an au pair.
- ***What do you do now (Job-wise & Location) or what do you hope to do and where? Do you or will you be using your language skills?***  
Currently I am in my second year of college. After I get my degree, I intend to take a year out to live and work in France. Then I hope to get a teaching diploma and teach second level French and Music.

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- **Name:** Emer O'Brien
- **From(town):** Carndonagh
- **Years attended CCS:** 2007-2012
- **Degree Studied/Studying:** Global Business and French
- **University/Institute:** DCU

- ***Why did you choose to continue to study French at third-Level?***

I had always liked languages when I was in CCS so I decided that I might like to continue with them at third-level. I found my course (Global Business and French in DCU) and decided that a business degree with a second language would be ideal for me. I liked this course because you can spend two years in France and I thought that it would be a great experience and open up different opportunities for me.

- ***What benefits did you get from studying a second language?***

I've found that I have a lot more job opportunities with my French skills. I've found that employers are interested in people who can speak another language, especially in Business. For example, I got an accounting job in Dublin thanks to my French skills because they needed someone to work with their French team. Also, I have been able to take advantage of so many opportunities that wouldn't have been possible without a second language. (Living and working in a French speaking environment, travelling, learning about other cultures).

- ***Have you been/are you going to France since Leaving Cert?***

I moved to France after two years studying in DCU, because the last two years of my degree are done in France, through French. I live in a city called Reims which is in the Champagne region and I go to college here. I also lived in Paris for six months, where I did an internship with a French company.

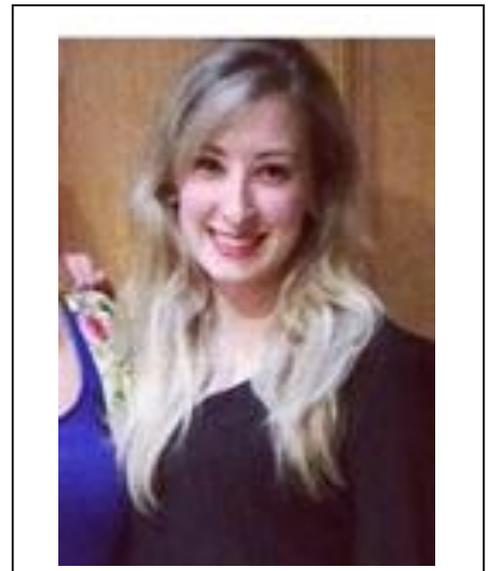
I spent time in France before I moved over when I worked in a small town in Picardie as an Au Pair over the summer when I was eighteen.

- ***What do you do now (Job-wise & Location) or what do you hope to do and where? Do you or will you be using your language skills?***

I am in my final year of my degree in France. My classes are in French and I live with French people, so I have to use my language skills every day. When I have finished my course, I will start a training contract with EY in Dublin in their tax department and do my accountancy and tax exams. Although it's not a linguistic job, I hope I get the opportunity to use some of my French. When I have completed these exams, I hope to find a job where I will have to use French on a daily basis.

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- **Name:** Catherine Gallagher
- **From(town):** Malin Head
- **Years attended CCS:** 2007- 2012
- **Degree Studied/Studying:** BA international double honours French and Irish
- **University/Institute:** Maynooth University



- ***Why did you choose to continue to study French at third-Level?***

I always had an interest in languages. I wanted to continue learning French in college as I knew it would provide me with a wider variety of careers and also provide me with the opportunity to travel. My teacher also encouraged me to continue studying French in third level.

- ***What benefits did you get from studying a second language?***

Studying a second language in college has provided me with a lot of different opportunities. By focusing solely on one language I was able to improve my weaknesses and prepare myself for time abroad which is a requirement of the course. Being in a class with people who share your interest of the language is also a great help as it encourages you to work hard to achieve the results you want.

Being able to speak a second language is also a great benefit to have on your CV. It opens up many more careers and is valuable to have as it also allows me to apply for jobs abroad.

- ***Have you been/are you going to France since Leaving Cert?***

I went to France with CCS on a French exchange in fourth year and I returned in my third year of university. I worked as an English language assistant near Lyon. It was a great experience that I would recommend to anyone who would like to study French in greater detail. My fluency and comprehension increased throughout the year and it also really developed my skills as a teacher. I am also still in contact with my French exchange student. We met up during my time in France and she hopes to return to Ireland this year.

- ***What do you do now (Job-wise & Location) or what do you hope to do and where? Do you or will you be using your language skills?***

I will graduate from my arts degree in May 2016. After that I hope to begin my Masters of Education in both French and Irish. When this is finished I will be a qualified language teacher.