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Instructions

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Source language: IRISH	Target language: ENGLISH
Country: IRELAND	
Registration number of school: 1429	
Pupil's number from database/confirmation email: 3161	
Name of school: CONFEY COLLEGE	
Pupil's name: FINTAN McGRATH	
Birth date:	

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Translation:

Road of Knowledge

The people of Ireland have a long tradition of going abroad to study. Irish Catholic colleges were founded across Europe as far back as the 16th century. Nowadays, thanks to the Erasmus programme, Irish students from Ireland and every corner of Europe have the opportunity to go to another country to study.

The Erasmus programme is a European Union project that has been around for 23 years. Under this programme, university students can attend, for a period between 3 and 12 months, a higher education institute in any of 33 countries who are part of

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the programme. As well as that, the opportunity is given to the teaching staff of the higher education institutes to teach in other institutes with the aim of sharing their expertise and to gain experience. The Erasmus programme is named after Desiderius Erasmus, a Dutch philosopher who travelled all across Europe to add to ~~his own~~ his knowledge and education. In the same way, it is the aim of the Erasmus programme to inspire free movement among European students so they can expand and improve their skills.

Over 200,000 students take part in the programme every year. They have a wonderful

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opportunity to improve on the subject they are studying. They could, for example, get the chance to attend a university that has an excellent capacity for a research and innovation. It is also an opportunity to learn a new language or to improve language skills, something that will ~~help~~ ^{greatly} help students when they are looking for work after their degrees. There are other big advantages to the programme ~~specifically~~ specifically with respect to the personal development of the student. The students get an insight into a different culture and it ~~gives~~ ^{grows} ~~them~~ independence and self confidence in them.

From the institutes' side, the

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Erasmus programme helps to grow co-operation between higher education institutes across the continent of Europe. Now the European Union is trying to create the European Education Authority to bind and consolidate the appropriate systems of the different countries.

We are lucky as citizens of Europe that we get great educational opportunities and facilities, not only in our own country but in different countries across Europe. We should try to benefit from these opportunities so that they will help us on our journey on the road of knowledge.