

My name is Anna Idziak, I am a nineteen-year-old from Poland, and I went to Liberty Christian School in Limerick.

When I moved to Ireland in 2008, I knew very little English. My parents decided to put me in Liberty Christian School mainly because the number of students there was very small, meaning that I would get more attention and help with learning the new language, but also because since I was born in a Christian home, it would be beneficial for me to get Christian education. The teachers were understanding, and the curriculum was easy to follow and very informative. After a little while of mainly listening, I started to talk more, and gain more confidence. I learnt English, and nothing really stood in my way anymore. The PACE's were very helpful with learning English, especially Word Building and English, but after all, it was not only the knowledge I was getting from it, but also wisdom. The scripture verses at the beginning of every PACE and words of encouragement here and there. If it was not for God's Word, I do not know where I would be today. Things like memorizing Bible verses or praying before every test. It makes it sink into your mind, and most importantly, it becomes your lifestyle. I find myself praying before every test I take, even though I am now in college.



At the very beginning, I did not really know what certificates there are, not even mentioning which one I would like to complete. As soon as I learnt English and knew where I was heading, I decided to go for the Advanced Certificate which proved to be the best choice I could make. The Advanced Certificate was a challenge, but when enough effort is put in, the reward comes, and it is such an amazing feeling of accomplishment. I got high marks and even got an Entrance Scholar Award in UCD, the college I am currently attending, which is an award students with high grades from the Leaving Certificate get.

Ever since I was five years old, all I wanted to do was own a bank. Forgetting my dream, in the last few years of being in Liberty Christian School, I realized, that I had no idea what I wanted to do with my future. After searching and praying to God for wisdom, God reminded me of my dream when I was a little girl, so I decided to apply to University College Dublin, one of the best colleges in Ireland. I got accepted to UCD where I am currently studying Business Commerce, which is definitely something that gives me an opportunity to do something I am interested in, in the years to come.

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