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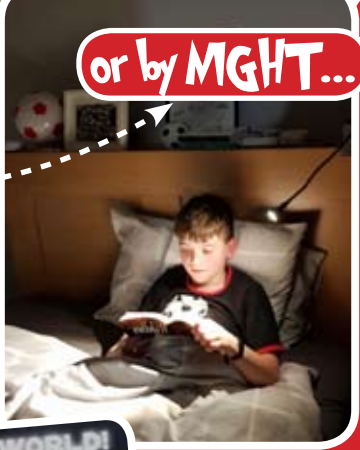
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or down LOW...



or by NIGHT...



or BALLPIT...



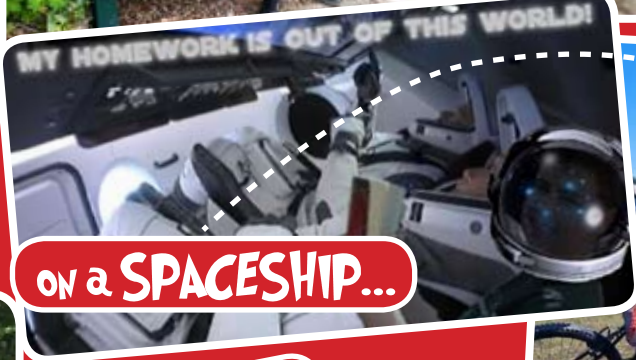
by DAY...



or a BIKE...



ON a SPACESHIP...



while I FLOAT...



ON a ROCK...



or I SIT...



in My SOCK...



...ANYWHERE!





What is it like to be a Malachian?

By Lewis McCotter 8A

I would like to congratulate everyone who has been selected to go to St Malachys College. I remember the day I got the letter to say that I have been accepted into St Malachys college. I was over the moon and I am sure you all are too!

Before school started every first year was asked to go into school to do a 2-day PE camp with the PE teachers. It was CLASS! We got to play football and basketball and even rugby. Then we got brought in for two half days to get to know our classes and the way round the school with no other pupils, so we felt comfortable. I loved it.

Then our FIRST week of school came. I was so nervous but also so excited. The students and teachers were so nice and there were so many new subjects.

There was one thing that was extremely new to me, THE TRAIN.... I was so excited to get the train because I felt a level of responsibility as I knew there where no parents to help me, but the older boys showed me where to go and I loved it.

As the weeks flew by, I was getting more and more settled in and soon enough it was Christmas. Then second term started, and it was just UNREAL as well and did I mention about the amount of extracurricular activities on offer? - there is every sport (for me its football and basketball) and there is also science and HE.

And then came Easter... After that everything changed. I got a message from the school saying we weren't going to be going back to school due to covid-19. All my classes were online, and I haven't gone back to school since. Overall it has

been quite good for me as I get to do sports quite a lot and I get to do work in my room in my own clothes. But I'm just missing my friends and school.

There are a lot of thing I'm looking forward to after this pandemic e.g: going out with my friends, going into town and much

more. There are a couple of things I miss about the college for example: PE, curry chips, my friends and my kind teachers. Here is something me and my family have planned for after Lockdown - a huge family part with a bouncy castle and a joint birthday parties. Keep safe and healthy!!

Hello everyone, my name is Shae McAtamney. I am 12 years old and I am in class 8B. My previous school was St Mary's On the Hill.

The first few weeks leading up to my start date for St Malachys, I had a wide variety of emotions and feelings. I was nervous because it was set to be a big change in my life. I had never got a bus before by myself. I did not know what it was all going to be like. I was excited but also nervous. I was also very happy that I was going to St Malachys.

The day arrived when I officially joined the school and years where in attendance. This had me worried as I was a new boy in a big school with so many people older than me. I was scared and nervous walking up into the school, however, there was nothing to be afraid of. I walked up to the form class and all the other boys were in the same situation as me. We all stuck together and helped each other. We even realised that the older boys in the school were the same. They were very helpful and respectful. I did all that worrying for nothing!

When I put my new uniform on, I felt very proud to be at such a great school. My parents were also very proud of me. All the fear, anxiety and nerves had disappeared. I started to build good

friendships and bonds with not just people in my class, but people in my year and other years. I am now very settled and happy in the school.

I love so much about the school that it is hard to pick out just one thing. I love sport and joined the Gaelic team. I enjoy the craic amongst us all and playing in the competitions representing my school. I have played for the football team and enjoy basketball. There are loads of sports to choose from. I love Art and Irish language. I enjoy Home Economics and all the new subjects that we did not do in primary school. All the learning is made fun.

Sadly, we had our first-year experience cut short, due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. I really miss going to school and seeing my friends. I miss the sports a lot. I miss the after school activities and whole routine. Everything has been turned upside down. Although we cannot be at school the teachers keep in touch with us all and provide us with work on Google Classroom. I keep in touch with all my friends.

Overall, my experience so far has been very positive and everyone in the school has been very kind and helpful during my first year. My advice for the Year 8s of 2020, would be not to worry and if you need anything just ask! We are all one big family in St Malachys.



SPORTS

YEAR 8 Pre-Lockdown Teams



(Clockwise from above)



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