

READING

Would you like to be a doctor ?



There isn't a sound in the large auditorium as Prof Fergal Malone slits open¹ a woman's abdomen at the start of a Caesarean birth that is being filmed for the benefit of 200 teenagers.

The video link relaying the delivery of a baby girl in the Rotunda Hospital to participants in Ireland's "My Health Transition Year Programme" is certainly testing whether or not they have the stomach for surgery. (...)

Not surprisingly, places on this taster of the world of medicine are highly coveted², with about 500 schools registering last October for a lottery to select the 200 that could send one pupil each. (...)

"It's brilliant – I am definitely learning a lot," says Patrick on a break between sessions. "I am learning what I would prefer to do" – and currently he's leaning towards physiotherapy. (...)

Grace really wants to study medicine and this RCSI³ programme is helping her to see what she might like to specialise in. (...)

20 Sarah McHale (16) from Co Galway is torn between⁴ medicine and music in college – "my two babies", she smiles. But the former is definitely becoming more of an option, she says, due to what she's experiencing at the RCSI, not to mention her new-found "addiction" to *Grey's Anatomy*.

Sheila Wayman, *The Irish Times*, March 5, 2018

1. slit open (v.) = cut 2. covet (v.): convoiter

3. RCSI = Royal College of Surgeons (= *chirurgiens*) in Ireland

4. be torn between (exp.): être partagé(e) entre



Find out more about what it's like to discover medicine in Transition Year.

Keywords: video – RCSI Waterford – Transition Year – Mini Med programme.

METHODS

Before you read :

What type of document is it ? When was it written ? Who wrote it ?

Read the 1st paragraph.

In your own words, explain the situation (Who ? Where ? What happens?)

1st reading :

In one sentence, explain briefly what the document is about ?

2nd reading :

Focus on people : choose a highlighter and colour words referring to people

3rd reading :

Choose another colour and highlight places, numbers

What is the main purpose of the text (denouncing ? Showing/informing ? Blaming ? Praising ? ...)

4th reading :

give a title to each paragraph to summarize its content

STRATEGIES

use the context and/or word building to deduce the meaning of the following words

l3 « Caesarean »

l5 « delivery »

l8 « whether »

l8 « surgery »

l9 «surprisingly »

l10 « highly »

l11 « registering »

l15 « currently »

l15 « he's leaning »

l22 « the former »

l23 « due to »

l24 « new-found »