

College Time

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Recently it hit me that now is the time when adults will ask if I have been looking at colleges. I never had to think about that until recently, with almost three quarters of my junior year completed. I have already considered what I want to study, journalism and communications, but I have not quite figured out where I want to go to school.

A few years ago, when my sister was looking at schools, I would go along, too. I couldn't wait until the day I got to go on my own college visits! I remember going on a tour of Emory University in Georgia, during a family vacation when my sister was a junior, and admiring the gorgeous campus. There was also the tour of The University of Edinburgh, where she now attends, on a family trip to Scotland. I remember seeing the campus and noticing how much it reminded me of Hogwarts. After a few years of waiting, it is finally my turn to look at schools, and I am ready.

Over February break, I took my first college tour of Fairfield University in Connecticut. When we arrived at the campus, even though there were mountains of snow, I thought it was beautiful. While on the tour, I could easily picture myself there, studying in the gigantic and stunning library and hanging out in the dorms and the quad. I could also picture myself writing for the school newspaper, "The Mirror," and taking part in the service programs that this Jesuit university has to offer. I was so happy to look at a school that is not only the perfect size for me, but also one that I can picture myself attending.

Now, as I start to look at other schools, such as ones in New York, I know what I like and what I am looking for, which will make the college search process easy.