My Name is Niamh Mangan, I’m 21 years old and I’m from Dublin.

I am currently in my final year of a Bachelor of Laws Degree at Maynooth University. As part of the Universities study abroad programme, I spent the third year of my degree attending the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, Canada so I will be awarded an international degree upon graduation. From my time in Canada I gained a good insight into international law and got to experience a different legal system.

I currently hold a part-time position in Debenhams as a sales advisor, through my employment here I have learned good customer services skills which I think will benefit me in terms of working with clients and have gained experience in working as part of a team. I think from my employment in Debenhams I have formed a good work ethic which I hope to build upon more in the future.

In my spare time I play Gaelic Football and Camogie for my local GAA club, I really enjoy being part of a team as I think it teaches you a good work ethic of working with other people, using everyone’s strengths and weaknesses in order to achieve a common goal.

I am hoping to begin a traineeship as I hope to gain some experience in the legal world in order to take my FE1 exams and qualify as a solicitor.

I have been looking into Byrne and Wallace and am particularly interested in the practice areas as I find them expansive and interesting, I am really interested in Child Care Law, Health and Social Care and Private Client and Family Law. Many of the other firms that visited Maynooth seemed to be mainly focused on the Corporate side of Law , from reading about Byrne and Wallace I think there is a great opportunity to explore a wider range of areas of law. I think as Byrne and Wallace covers such a broad scope of areas of Law you get the opportunity to experience many different areas and decide which interests you most, I find this very inviting and why I am extremely interested in the traineeship programme at Byrne and Wallace.

In the future, I see myself working as hopefully a family law solicitor as this area of Law really interests me. I would love to partake in the trainee programme at Byrne and Wallace to further develop my interest in family law but to also explore the many other areas of law that are catered for and to develop my legal skills further.