

Trip to Equifax

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Equifax is a large international corporation that has offices located in Drinagh in Wexford. Equifax offers a credit report facility, a customer complaint service, and has recently opened an AI innovation lab. Equifax recently gave transition year students in Loreto a great opportunity to come visit their premises and to learn more about what they do and how they operate. A group of 30 students signed up for this event and travelled by bus to the offices. We were welcomed by members of the staff and completed our first lesson of the day which was a money masterclass. Here we learnt valuable lessons about personal finance including loans, savings, interest etc. We also completed some fun, interactive exercises that taught us valuable lessons. Equifax kindly provided us with lunch and after this we had the opportunity to get a tour of the building and meet some of the staff members who taught us about their career pathways that have led them to Equifax. We finished off the day with a lesson on AI and its uses. We learned how we can use AI to our advantage for study tools and much more, but also how to identify when it can be misleading. In the coming weeks, the students that attended this event will develop their own Equifax app for Irish consumers to help manage their money.

This visit was very beneficial to TY students, as we learned many valuable life lessons that will be particularly important in the future. We now have a better understanding of how to manage our own personal finance and how to create a good credit rating. We also learned many important lessons about AI which will again be useful in the future due to its prevalent use in today's society. This trip was particularly beneficial as we got to travel to the premises and firsthand experience the work that they do, and we got to meet members of the staff working there.