



Highlights of the Ireland Programme:

- ✓ Warm, open-hearted host families
- ✓ Traditional educational pathways
- ✓ Unique study experiences – Transition Year
- ✓ Vibrant Gaelic culture
- ✓ Private education at an exceptional price
- ✓ Safety and hospitality

Study High School in Ireland

In Ireland you're very welcome!

Ireland may have a small population of 4.8 million people, but they certainly make up for this lack of density with their famous hospitality! Ireland is regularly voted one of the friendliest countries in the world.

Ancient Gaelic history is mixed with a hip urban culture in cities like Dublin and Cork. The country has beautiful coastlines, rolling green hills, buzzing metropolitan areas and charming rural villages. Don't forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day, and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

Academic Benefits of Studying in Ireland

Ireland has one of the highest rates of literacy amongst all European nations and this is in part due to its very successful education system.

In some rural locations, schools are quite small (approximately 250 students), and benefit from smaller class sizes and a more academic-focused curriculum than in the U. K.

We offer schools that are often traditional, denominational and could be co-educational or single-gender.

What is the school system in Ireland?

1 st -3 rd Year	1 st Year – 12 years old / 2 nd Year – 13 years old / 3 rd Year – 14 years old	Junior Cycle culminating in the Junior Certificate	Students study a combination of 7 or 8 core subjects and 2 or 3 chosen subjects, giving a total of 9 to 11 subjects.
4 th Year	15 years old (through other students can opt for this year)	Transition Year Programme	Students study core subjects and "taster" subjects alongside activity-based learning courses. See below for further details.
5 th Year – 6 th Year	5 th Year is the entry year for all 16 – 17 years old. There is no direct entry into 6 th Year	Leaving Certificate (5-6 subjects over 2 years)	Schools generally offer the option of studying seven subjects. These are a combination of 3 core subjects and 4 chosen subjects

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What is Transition Year?

The Transition Year Programme is unique to Ireland and is designed to prepare teenagers for adult life. In addition to academic core subjects (including English and Mathematics), students take “taster” subjects from the 5th Year syllabus so that they can make a more informed decision regarding which subjects they wish to study for the Leaving Certificate. However, the biggest draw for the Transition Year programme is its practical aspect. Each school has a wide variety of activity-based learning courses including work experience, fashion design, sports, performing arts, field trips, debating, running a mini business and many more. The main benefit of this kind of learning is that students get a break from an endless cycle of examinations and assessment so that they can enter the 5th Year as more well-rounded students who know where their strengths lie.



What can students do with the Leaving Certificate?

Many students wish to stay for the full two years of the Leaving Certificate programme in order to graduate from Irish High School and enter some of the fantastic universities that Ireland has to offer. Additionally, some students choose to go abroad to study in other destinations such as the U. K.

Academic Exchange Programme

Academic Year - € 17,500 (HKD152,250)

Semester - € 11,950 (HKD103,970)

International students who do not hold EU passports, the Academic Exchange Programme offers the opportunity to experience Irish High School for one low flat price!

Key facts:

- No-choice programme – students will be placed in a school best suited to their study and career interests
- Placement can be anywhere in Ireland – usually in smaller communities
- Host family's accommodation
- Private Day School
- Students who want to study in Ireland and experience Irish high school life at a great price
- Students who want to aim for university – students can apply for multiple years at the same school in order to



Program Period:

- Academic Year: September – June / July
- Semester: September – February or January – June
- Term: September – December or January – March
- Multiple Years: Students can stay for multiple years. This is the perfect option for students looking to graduate and continue their studies at a university in Ireland or other countries.

Minimum Age: 14 years old (on 1st September)

English Requirement: IELTS 4.0 or ELTIS 215

Academic Requirement: Average or above

Application Procedures:

Meet the counselor ⇒ Complete and submit ① preliminary application form ② last 3 years school report ③ passport copy ⇒ Sit for the English test (ELTiS) ⇒ Submit official application form ⇒ Pay for the program deposit ⇒ Student receiving placement of school and host family ⇒ Pay for the balance of the program fee ⇒ Obtaining visa documents ⇒ Participating pre-departure orientation

- 1) Meet the counselor and check your eligibility for the programme.
- 2) Complete the preliminary application form and return it with student's last 3 years school report and a passport copy. Student's academic results will be evaluated.
- 3) Student will be given an English test (ELTiS test) to determine his/her possible IELTS test score. Test fee is € 150 (HK\$1300) and will be deducted from the application deposit.
- 4) Student is required to submit an official application. An application deposit of € 5,000 (HK\$43,500) or € 4,850 (HK\$42,200) for student who has paid for the test fee.
- 5) Student is required to pay for the remaining of the program fee when receiving the placement of school and host family or by 15th May (for September entry) and 1st November (for January entry), whichever comes earliest.
- 6) Visa documents will be issued to students who have paid for the program in full. Students will be assisted with the application for a visa.
- 7) Student will book for the flights according to the arrival date and airport provided.
- 8) Student will be provided with pre-departure orientation.

Prices include:

School enrollment, full time tuition, orientation upon arrival, accommodation with a carefully selected host family (including all holidays), student packet including handbook, contact telephone numbers and small useful gifts, airport pickup and drop off services at start and end of programme, supervision, monitoring and monthly contact and report from Student Liaison Officer, activities or social gatherings arranged for student once per term, programme support and 24-hour emergency telephone number, visa support documentation and assistance with visa applications

Prices do not include:

School uniform mandatory (€ 150-€ 200 approx.), school books (€ 100 approx.), transportation to and from school (€ 175 per term approx.), school locker and insurance fee (€ 90 approx.), extra activities, social events or sports, medical insurance (€ 425 per year / € 275 per semester / € 200 per term), soft landing camp in Dublin for August arrival € 470 (optional), validation of documents € 140 (if needed), visa fee, airfare

Application Deadline: no deadline (September 2020 entry)
no deadline (January 2021 entry)

Late Application Fee: none

Advantages for Hong Kong Students with BNO or HKSAR Passport:

- ★ Will not need a visa before arriving to Ireland. The visa process can be organized after arrival.
- ★ Does not need to take IELTS test
- ★ Late application will be accepted

