



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME



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High School Programme

Babel Academy of English High School programme offers students from non-English speaking countries the opportunity to study for one year or one semester in an Irish School.

Students will be able to pursue the Irish High school curriculum through the English language. It is a fully immersive cultural experience with the chance to study with Irish students and live with an Irish host family. The programme is specifically designed around the needs of individual students.

Before your arrival, we conduct a detailed needs analysis. Once in Dublin, we provide a full welcoming orientation and ongoing, consistent support throughout your stay. The programme includes:

- Full board accommodation in a host family
- Regular meetings with students
- Regular reports to parents
- Liaison with school and teachers
- 24-hour Emergency contact
- Regular social and cultural outings in Dublin
- Assistance in purchasing books and uniforms
- Processing of documents as required for validation



Babel Academy of English

Babel Academy is an English language School situated on Eden Quay, just a few minute walk to O'Connell Street and Trinity College. We run full and part time courses all year round in our city centre campus.

From June to August we run a Summer School for teenage learners in the Dublin suburb of Raheny. We also provide individually designed packages for school groups throughout the school year and a High School Programme offering individual students the opportunity to attend an Irish secondary for an academic year or semester. At Babel Academy, we pride ourselves in the warm welcome we give all our students and visitors.

Our promise is to give Babel Academy students the best possible experience in Ireland. We want you to feel welcome and part of the community. Our experienced and dedicated team are there to make sure your stay with us is both fun and educational, a home away from home. Make new friends, have the experience of a lifetime and improve your English. Live English in Dublin with Babel Academy!





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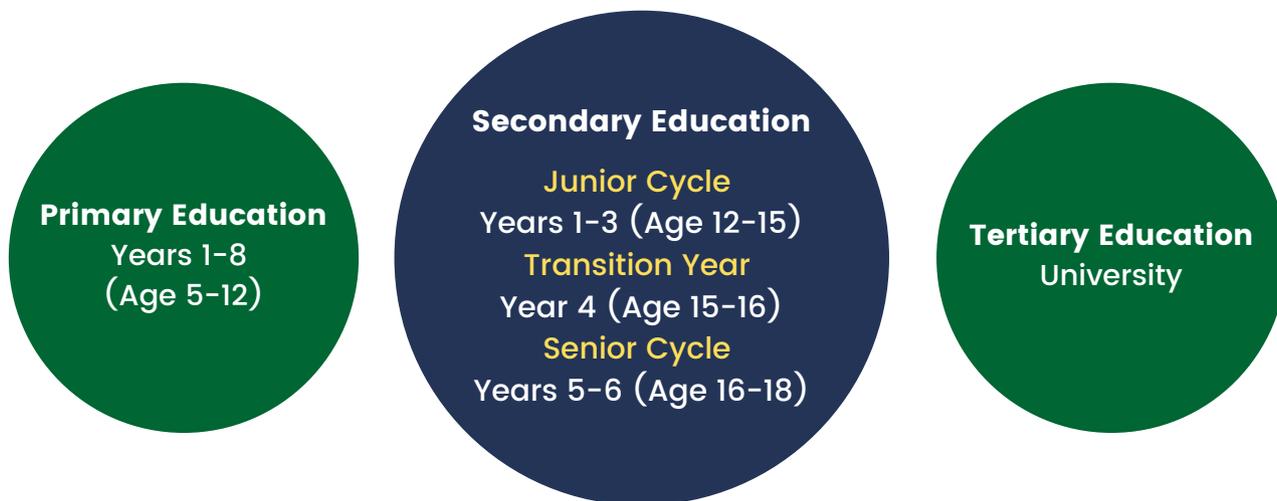


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MEET THE TEAM

Irish Education System

The Irish education system is known for its high academic standards. Secondary school starts with three years in the Junior Cycle, which concludes in a state exam called the Junior Certificate. Junior cycle students are aged 12 – 15. The Senior Cycle consists of three more years in which students prepare for the final state exam, the Leaving Certificate. Senior cycle students are between 15 – 18 years of age. The first year of Senior cycle is called Transition Year. In this year, students can obtain work experience while pursuing their studies. The Irish academic year starts in September and finishes in June. It consists of three terms: September – December, January – April and April – June. Students in Ireland wear a school uniform.



High School Options

We offer a wide variety of Secondary school options which include:

- Public schools
- Private, fee-paying schools
- Boarding schools



About Ireland

- Ireland is famous for its **warm and friendly welcome**
- Our varied landscape includes a stunning coastline and majestic cliffs , full of **ares of natural beauty to explore**
- We have a **rich heritage**, celebrated in our **lively music scene**
- While the Irish have travelled all over the world, we also have a **great mix of cultures and nationalities** that now call Ireland home.



Why Ireland?

About Dublin

- Dublin is the capital city of Ireland
- It has an historic city centre and thriving cultural scene
- Dublin is an exciting and safe place for young people from abroad to study in
- It has everything a modern European city has to offer
- Despite the 1.5 million inhabitants, it retains the atmosphere of a small town that is easy to get around



Why Ireland?



County Dublin Schools

| School | Area | Public |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Ardscoil La Salle | Dublin 5 | Co-Educational |
| Manor House School | Dublin 5 | All-girls |
| Marian College | Dublin 4 | All-boys |
| Mercy College | Dublin 5 | All-girls |
| Our Lady of Mercy | Dublin 9 | All-girls |
| Stanhope Secondary | Dublin 7 | All-girls |
| St. David's CBS | Dublin 5 | All-boys |
| St. Dominic's College | Dublin 7 | All-girls |
| St. Finian's Community College | Swords | Co-Educational |
| St. Mary's Holy Faith | Dublin 5 | All-girls |



Why Ireland?

County Dublin Schools

| School | Area | Private |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Alexandra College | Dublin 6 | All-girls |
| St. Andrew's College | Blackrock | Co-Educational |
| The King's Hospital | Dublin 20 | Co-Educational |
| Sutton Park School | Dublin 13 | Co-Educational |
| St. Vincent's Castleknock | Dublin 15 | Co-Educational |



Why Ireland?



About County Offaly

- County Offaly is part of the Midlands Region and located in the province of Leinster.
- Offaly largely comprises a flat landscape and is known for its extensive bog, peatlands, walking trails & lakes.
- Tullamore and Birr are the most well-known towns in the county.
- Our secondary schools are located across Offaly, in the towns of Tullamore, Kilcormac, Banagher, Birr and Fermoy.



Why Ireland?

County Offaly Schools

| School | Area | Public |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Banagher College | Banagher | Co-Educational |
| Colaiste Naomh Cormac | Kilcormac | Co-Educational |
| Gallen Community School | Ferbane | Co-Educational |
| St Brendan's Community School | Birr | Co-Educational |
| Sacred Heart School | Tullamore | All-girls |



Why Ireland?



Application Process

1. High School Application Form

To apply for our High School Placement programme we need a completed application form from the candidate. We ask them to enclose a passport photo, signed declaration by parents/guardians and a letter to the host family. This letter gives the the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about what they expect their experience in Ireland to be like.

2. Introduction

Here we review the application and discuss any additional wishes, needs and interests with you, our partner.

3. Selecting a school

We then select a school which fulfills the candidates requirements. We will offer options and manage the school matching process in consultation with our agency partners.

4. Accommodation

Students stay with our trusted families, with shared or single rooms. Students are matched with host families based on interests and requirements. The chosen host family will write to the student in advance of their arrival, sharing pictures of their family. This helps to create a bond before meeting in person.

5. Confirmation

When the school and host family have been confirmed, we will inform you that your application has been successful. After enrolment we provide support with matters like subject choices, after-school activities and learning support. We're here to work with you and help with anything in advance of student arrivals.

Valeria,
Italy



"This has been so far the best experience of my life: living in Ireland, getting to know Irish people. It makes me feel independent and very proud of myself."

Eider,
Spain



"The school I'm going to is really good. The gym is very nice, the classrooms are big and spacious, and the school has a room for every subject."

Pol,
Spain



"People in Babel, they prepare students really good for this programme. The people in the school are very nice as well and the school is really good."

Anna,
Austria



"My host family were very caring and made me feel at home straight away."

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



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