



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:

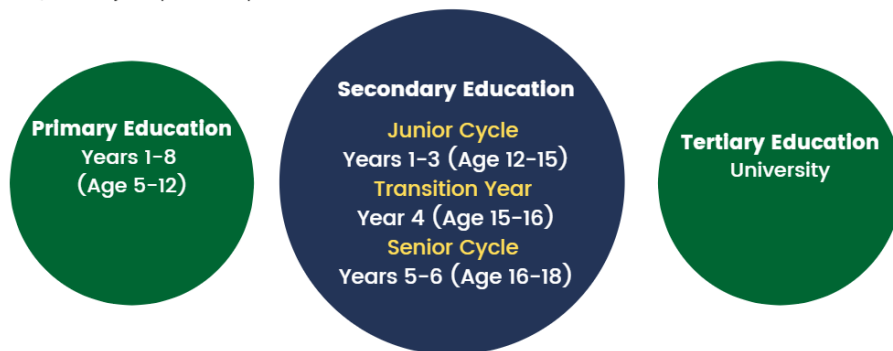
- Full board accommodation in a host family
- Regular meetings with students
- Regular reports to parents
- Liaison with school and teachers
- 24-hour Emergency contact
- Regular social and cultural outings in Dublin
- Assistance in purchasing books and uniforms
- Processing of documents as required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



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## 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.



## High School Options

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

- Dublin city schools
- Schools in a rural setting
- 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**.
- 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?





# Application Process

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## 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

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"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

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"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

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"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

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

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY





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