



**ELI** ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE  
INSTITUTE

# HIGH SCHOOL **IN IRELAND**

High School Programme 2021  
Placement & Guardianship Services





## High School Programme

At ELI we enable students to challenge themselves both personally and academically, while Ireland provides an ideal safe & secure learning environment. For many of our students it is their first time away from home without their parents, so our primary goal is to ensure they receive the care and support they deserve. We have designed all of our services to achieve these goals and to provide a fantastic opportunity for your child to develop their independence and acquire the life & language skills to thrive in the modern world.







## Child Safety

We provide your child with a dedicated advisor & mentor who will guide and support them throughout their experience. Your child will receive a letter from their mentor prior to arrival in their welcome pack and meet them on their first day at orientation.



## Sports & Hobbies

We actively encourage all our students to participate in sports or extra-curricular activities to help them to keep active and to promote a more positive experience.



## Learning English

We offer complimentary weekly English classes in our centrally located language schools. These classes have proven successful in the past, not least for contributing to student's language acquisition but also as a social outlet for your child to catch up and check-in with other participants and their mentor.



## Excellent Choice

We offer expert advice & assistance in finding the right school for your requirements. We provide a hand-picked selection of at least three schools to choose from based on your individual child's hobbies and interests to ensure they gain the best experience possible from their time in Ireland.



## Friendly Families

We select our friendly host families for the welcome and care they will provide. All our families are recruited and inspected by ELI staff and have passed Police checks. We prioritize families with children of the same age.



## Monitor & Report

We closely monitor and send regular reports on each student's progress throughout their time with us. We maintain regular contact with schools and host families to gain external feedback, and we attend all official parent and teacher meetings.



## Guardianship

We pride ourselves on implementing the highest levels of guardianship, protection & monitoring standards to ensure every child is provided the best quality care.

Students face many challenges when studying abroad including homesickness, cultural differences and language difficulties. For many this is their first experience away from home and it is critical that parents choose the right programme for their child. In choosing ELI as your guardianship and placement provider, you can feel content in the knowledge that your child is being well cared for, supported and is gaining maximum opportunity from their high school abroad experience.





## What is Guardianship?



We provide your child with a dedicated advisor and mentor who will guide and support them throughout their time in Ireland. We hire friendly and enthusiastic mentors who have travelled themselves and so can personally identify with challenges your child may face and teach them the skills to overcome them.



We offer regular, real contact with each student. This includes a monthly scheduled visit although contact tends to be more frequent through a combination of phone communication and weekly attendance at our English class should your child wish to participate.



All staff have undergone Child Safeguard Training & we have a clearly defined and implemented Child Protection Policy.



All students are also provided with an out of hours emergency phone service on arrival in Ireland. This, in addition to mentor contact will ensure your child feels reassured and supported from the moment they arrive in Ireland.



## Our Host Families

At ELI we thoroughly believe that finding the right host family is as crucial as finding the right school. Providing a safe & secure home is a basic requirement, but we want much more than this for your child. We want them to immerse themselves in our language and culture, and to engage with it every day.



Staying with the right family is critical to feeling truly happy and to creating those memories that will last a lifetime. We are very proud of the welcome our families provide and the relationship we have with them. Although they are paid a fee, money is not their only motivator. The majority have children of their own and can see the value that welcoming a student can bring to their own family. It is this spirit of sharing that helps to create a wonderful experience for all.

While we try to match your child to the best family possible things don't always go as planned. If for any reason your child feels they are not happy in their home we will mediate first, but if a change is required we will not hesitate to react. We always represent the best interests of the child.



## Arrival & Orientation

We understand that for many students, their journey to Ireland will be their first step on the road to gaining a sense of independence. Whilst a major step in developing maturity, it can be quite a daunting experience and so as part of our programme we will ensure that your child is greeted with a warm welcome by an ELI representative at the airport and provided with a detailed and thorough orientation in their first week.

A person is holding a white rectangular sign in front of their chest. The sign has the word "WELCOME" written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The person's hands are visible, holding the edges of the sign. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with some lights and structures.

**WELCOME**



## Sports & Hobbies

We actively encourage all students to participate in sports or extra-curricular activities during their time with us. Not only is a great way to make friends, it also helps them to keep active and promote a more positive experience.

All schools include sports as part of the curriculum and offer team sports after school. We invite your child to highlight particular hobbies and interests as part of the application process to ensure that their high school experience with ELI is tailor-made to meet their individual needs and personal profile. In doing so, if a specific sport is not available in the school system or to the standard your child requires, we offer a club membership for an activity of your child's choice, as part of our programme.

This will ensure students can keep up their favourite past-times and meet likeminded Irish friends. Below, you will see a sample table of activities that past pupils have pursued with ELI.





# Sports & Hobbies



Tennis



Golf



Swimming



Equestrian



Martial Arts



Hockey



Basketball



Soccer



Fencing





## Types of School in Ireland

There are various types of school in Ireland, with options to suit all requirements. You will find school categories below and what to expect from each in the description.







### **Private Schools - EU & Non-EU Students**

Private schools can welcome students from all over the world, including Non-EU countries. Our partner private schools include mixed and single gender schools, along with boarding or day schools staying with a host family.



### **State Schools - EU Students Only**

State Schools in Ireland are funded by the Irish government. Some of the older schools were originally founded by religious orders although all new schools are funded by the government and are usually coeducational or mixed gender.



### **Mixed (CO-ED) & Single Gender Schools**

Although a growing number of Irish parents are choosing mixed schools as a truer reflection of society, single gender schools still perform better in terms of the number of students progressing to university. Out of the top 40 schools in Ireland, just 20% are mixed. Of-course this does not mean that single gender schools provide a better education as a rule, but it is worth remembering when choosing a school. Often international students can be cautious about single gender schools as they aren't familiar with them, but in Ireland they are very common and they offer a fantastic option for this type of programme.



## The Irish Education System

The Irish school system is split into two cycles called the Junior Cycle & Senior Cycle completed over a 5 or 6 year period usually from age 12 to 18. Below you will find a guideline as to the age range within each year group. However, this is not definitive and does not necessarily determine the year group your child can enroll in. It is simply a guide for your reference. We will always do our very best to facilitate your child's enrolment in the year best suited to them based on their educational history.

Junior Cycle		Senior Cycle	
1st Year	Age 12/13	4th Year (Transition Year)	Age 15/16
2nd Year	Age 13/14	5th Year	Age 16/17
3rd Year	Age 14/15	6th Year	Age 17/18



## Junior Cycle

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### Junior Cycle Subjects

Core	Language	Sciences	Applied Sciences	Soc. Arts, Humanities and Business	
- English - Math - Irish*	- French - German - Italian - Spanish	- Science - Home - Economic - Physical Education	- Materials - Technology - Metal Work - Technical Graphics	- History - Geography - Classics - Music	- Business Studies - Social, Personal & Health - Civil, Social & Political - Art

\*Irish is mandatory for all Irish students only



## Senior Cycle

The Senior Cycle consists of two or three years depending on whether students take the optional year 4 which is called Transition Year (TY). Transition Year offers students a variety of new educational experiences where students are encouraged to try new subjects and to grow and develop both personally and academically. There are no formal exams in TY so students are under less pressure and can explore and expand their horizons, which can in turn help them make better decisions about which subjects to pursue in their final years and beyond. TY also includes a period of work experience and other opportunities to improve practical life skills. The final two years of the senior cycle are year 5 & 6 which culminate in the final state examination called the Leaving Certificate. Students take three core subjects and specialize in three or four elective subjects.

### Senior Cycle Subjects

Core	Language	Sciences	Applied Sciences	Soc. Arts, Humanities and Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- English</li> <li>- Math</li> <li>- Irish*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- French</li> <li>- German</li> <li>- Italian</li> <li>- Spanish</li> <li>- Russian</li> <li>- Japanese</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Physics</li> <li>- Chemistry</li> <li>- Biology</li> <li>- Agricultural Science</li> <li>- Applied Maths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home Economics</li> <li>- Engineering</li> <li>- Design &amp; Comm Graphics</li> <li>- Construction Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business</li> <li>- Accounting</li> <li>- Economics</li> <li>- Geography</li> <li>- Politics</li> <li>- History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art</li> <li>- Classic</li> <li>- Music</li> </ul>

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## The Academic Calendar & Timetable

The Academic Year in Ireland is 9 months from September to the end of May.

Academic Year	Start	End	Length
Term 1	September	December	4 Months
Term 2	January	Easter	3-4 Months
Term 3	Easter	June	2 Months

Day	09:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 16:45
Monday	2 Classes	Break	3 Classes	Lunch	3 Classes
Tuesday	2 Classes	Break	3 Classes	Lunch	3 Classes
Wednesday	2 Classes	Break	3 Classes	Free Afternoon or Sports	
Thursday	2 Classes	Break	3 Classes	Lunch	3 Classes
Friday	2 Classes	Break	3 Classes	Lunch	3 Classes



## Holiday & Mid-Term Breaks

Whilst our goal is to ensure that your child has the most memorable high school year possible, experience would lead us to recommend that students return home for the Christmas holidays.

Although an exciting prospect to experience Christmas in another country, we have found that when the time comes, Christmas really is a time for students to be with their own natural family as no experience will match being home on Christmas morning. It is a time for families to be together and also a natural half-way point in the high school year to reconnect with your child. If your son or daughter wishes to stay in Ireland during the holidays, we can arrange a welcoming host family for them if necessary. For all other school holidays such as mid-term break and Easter, we run an engaging social programme facilitated by ELI staff to allow students to travel a little further afield!







## Cambridge Exams

We invite all high school students to participate in complimentary English classes every week. For Dublin based students, lessons take place in our city centre language school every Wednesday afternoon from 5 - 6.30pm. For students in boarding school or attending schools outside of Dublin, we offer online access which allows all students the opportunity to prepare and potentially sit a Cambridge exam whilst in Ireland.

For students who do not wish to sit a Cambridge exam, this class can act as a learning support to them as it will have a grammatical element whilst assisting in the development of your child's pronunciation skills and improving their vocabulary and written ability.





In addition to language support, weekly attendance at ELI also affords your child the opportunity to link in with their ELI mentor on a casual basis. Should students wish to speak with their advisor or another member of staff on a more discreet level, this can of course be facilitated any time. We have found that with this weekly contact, a sense of reassurance is instilled in students whereby they feel content and comfortable to speak about every day events. This in itself can act as a counselling service and preventative measure for what one might consider a minor issue to escalate



## Why choose ELI Schools?

The team at ELI, take great pride in the high-quality guardianship service offered to students on our High School Programme. We understand that for you as parent, the decision to send your child overseas can be a challenging one, particularly when it comes down to selecting the provider you choose to look after your child.

With over 10 years combined experience in the fields of education and child protection, our High School Programme Manager, Vourneen McGeough will ensure your child receives the highest standard of quality care whilst ensuring best practice under the Children First, Child Protection Guidelines are upheld.







## Vourneen McGeough

Senior Sales & Operations  
Manager

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Having spent a number of years welcoming teens to Ireland from all over the world, I look forward to the future of our High School Programme and greeting your son or daughter should they choose an ELI High School experience. Over the past number of years, we have continuously improved and developed our programme in response to students ever-changing needs in a rapidly developing world. We at ELI adopt a personable approach to each individual student to create the community spirit we favour for students during their time in Ireland with the ultimate goal of ensuring your child to returns home with a lifetime of memories to cherish!





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# ELI Dublin

Housed in a beautiful landmark building in the city centre, ELI Dublin is located on Dame Street just a short walk from all the main shopping, cultural and entertainment areas.

Download: [ELI Dublin School Profile](#)

-  20 Classrooms
-  Beautiful school overlooking Dame Street
-  5-minute walk to Trinity College
-  Student lounges, games area and café








# ELI Drogheda

Housed in a beautiful old stone warehouse on the waterfront, ELI Drogheda is just 5 minutes' walk from the main shopping and cultural areas.

Download: [ELI Drogheda School Profile](#)

-  Large beautiful school with games room
-  20-minute 5-minute walk to main areas
-  Loads to explore in surrounding area





## The Application Process

The first step of the application process is to send us a short candidate profile. This should include the name, age & date of birth and any interests or hobbies or other relevant information. We will then suggest 2-3 school options that we feel match the requirements. Once students, parents and agents are happy to proceed a full application must be sent which should include:

- Completed application form.
- Copy of student's passport or birth certificate.
- Health certificate - a letter from a doctor outlining any medical issues or prescribed medication.
- Recent school reports (2 years) - original copy and a copy translated into English. This document does not need to be professionally translated. It just needs to indicate clearly the subjects taken and an indication of the high low marking scheme. It should be easy to read and understand so that it can be presented to the school principal for approval.



## Confirmation of Place

Places in schools are typically confirmed in the weeks after the Easter holidays, although we will be able to give a strong indication of availability prior to this.

Students and parents should note that if applying after Easter many of the more popular school choices may be full. However, we will always be able to find a suitable school for your needs.

Once the school place has been confirmed we will supply confirmation documents including acceptance letters, book lists & uniform requirements, and school calendars. For state schools these documents are typically available in the weeks after the end of the academic year in June.

Once flight information has been received, we will send a detailed host family profile along with your dedicated advisor. We aim to send these documents a full 6 weeks prior to arrival.







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