



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME



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Welcome to MLI International Schools High School Programme



For over 30 years MLI International Schools has been welcoming students from all international cultures and backgrounds to Ireland. Our High School Programme is open to students aged 11-18 and we offer an extensive range of schools in Dublin and throughout Ireland. Our aim is to provide a friendly, warm and welcoming environment for all our students. Ireland is the ideal country to study for an academic term, semester, year or longer.

Ireland has a long distinguished tradition in education with a high level of progression to third level education. We are famous for our hospitality and friendliness & we offer quality education at competitive prices.

The MLI team has a wealth of expertise and experience in placing students in Irish schools; we offer the best advice, training and support, from the pre-application stage to the end of the student's stay.

We hope that the information you find in our brochure is useful and informative.

We look forward to working with you and we welcome your feedback and comments. Assuring you of the highest level of service at all times.



Why MLI? →



- 1 **Excellent choice of High Schools in Ireland**
- 2 **Experienced and Professional team with a passion for excellence**
- 3 **Exceptional care and attention to student welfare**
- 4 **Personal MLI service from arrival to departure**



Education In Ireland

For the past 50 years, Ireland has proudly remained a destination of choice for international students. With a unique blend of history, innovation, and warmth, we welcome learners from every corner of the globe.

An education in Ireland is a transformational experience, which adds significant value to the personal development and economic potential of our graduates and binds them to the global Irish family, a network which will continue to be open to them no matter where in the world they travel. Former US President Barack Obama has called the Irish people “among the best educated in the world”. Education is now regarded as a central plank in the economic, social and cultural development of Irish society.

The school year in Ireland is approximately nine months long, from September to June. It is divided into three terms:

Term 1: September to December

Term 2: January to March/April

Term 3: April to June





High School Cycle

Junior Cycle

The Junior Cycle includes first, second and third years and leads to the Junior Certificate Examination (external state examination). Students start the first year of secondary school at the age of 12 having completed two years of pre-primary and six years of primary school.

Transition Year

Transition year forms a break between the Junior Cycle and the Senior Cycle. The course varies from school to school but is usually less academic than other school years. It is an excellent year for international students to begin High School studies, as it provides valuable opportunities to develop English language ability and life skills and allow for personal development without the pressure of preparing for a state exam.

Senior Cycle

Fifth and sixth year form the senior cycle. At the end of the two years, students take the Leaving Certificate Examination, which is the examination necessary for high school graduation and university entrance in Ireland. Students normally sit for this examination at the age of seventeen or eighteen. The Leaving Certificate is also recognised and highly regarded by academic institutions in the UK, Europe and the United States.

Junior Cycle

1st Year

Age: 12-13

2nd Year

Age: 13-14

3rd Year

Age: 14-15

Junior Certificate

Transition Year

4th Year

Age: 15-16

Senior Cycle

5th Year

Age: 16-17

6th Year

Age: 17-18

Leaving Certificate



Accommodation Boarding

Choosing the boarding option allows the students to live in a caring and supportive community with their fellow students, where there are plenty of chances for fun, recreation, and sports. Typically, this means dormitory-style accommodation with about two to six students sharing a room. All meals are provided.



5-Day Boarding

Some schools offer boarding from Sunday to Friday (5 nights a week). In these cases, MLI will arrange for you to stay with a local host family from Friday to Sunday and during school holidays.

7-Day Boarding

For full-time boarding, some schools offer 7-day boarding, which includes weekend activities for students. However, many boarding schools have several exodus weekends throughout the academic year. During these weekends and school holidays, MLI will provide host family accommodation if needed.

Accommodation

Host family

Staying with a host family is a great way to experience Irish family life and culture. Our MLI Accommodation Officer carefully selects families who are warm and welcoming, so you'll feel right at home. All your meals are taken care of, and we regularly check in to ensure everything is up to our high standards. Plus, all our host families are Garda (Irish Police) checked, so you're in safe hands.

For our 5-Day and 7-Day boarders, we also provide host family accommodation during exodus weekends, mid-term breaks (two weeks a year), and Easter holidays. The only time we don't offer this is during Christmas.



School Holidays

Irish secondary schools take a two-week break at Christmas and Easter. If you're staying in Ireland over Easter, please note that accommodation is not included in the fees but can be arranged for an additional fee. While we don't provide accommodation over Christmas, we do organise accommodation for mid term breaks in October and February.





MLI Guardianship Services

MLI High Schools Ltd is a founder member of the 'The Association of Guardianship Providers Ireland' (AGPI) - www.agpi.ie.

AGPI was set up in 2016 by a group of accredited education providers in Ireland who identified the need to regulate the placement and guardianship of international students, aged 11-18, in Irish secondary schools. The AGPI defines and determines 'best practice' in the guardianship provider sector in Ireland. Some of the guardianship services provided by MLI include:

- Advice and assistance with the initial application to the school either directly or through one of our worldwide representatives.
- Arrangements for both the child and parents to visit Ireland and the school in advance, if requested.
- Placement in carefully selected and Garda (Police) checked host families.
- Airport greeting and transfer to accommodation upon arrival.
- Orientation at the beginning of the academic year.
- Regular school and host family visits to each student. Regular progress reports are sent to Agents/Parents.
- Academic support at all times including help with subject choices and extra English language courses may be arranged during the school year if deemed necessary.
- Medical insurance (non-EU students) and support with any medical matters – doctor/dentist visits etc.
- Attendance at parent/teacher meetings on behalf of parents.
- 24-hour emergency phone service.
- For non-EU students, GNIB registration and visa extension is provided
- Half term and holiday accommodation arrangements for boarders and day-pupils.
- Maintenance of contingency fund if required.

A selection of our partner schools

Private Day Schools (Host Family)

St. Gerards School • www.stgerards.ie
The Institute of Education • www.instituteofeducation.ie
Sandford Park School • www.sandfordparkschool.ie
John Scottus School • www.johnscottus.ie
St. Joseph of Cluny • www.clunykillyney.ie
Loreto College Foxrock • www.loretofoxrock.ie



State Schools (EU students only)

Portmarnock Community School • www.portmarnockcommunityschool.ie
St. Tiernans Community School • www.sttiernans.ie
St. Finians Community College • www.stfinianscc.ie
De La Salle College Churchtown • www.delasallecollege.com
Waterpark College • www.waterparkcollege.com
CBS Westland Row • www.cbswestlandrow.ie
Harolds Cross Educate Together Secondary School • www.hcetss.ie
Kilkenny Vocational Schools • www.kcvs.ie

Boarding Schools

The King's Hospital • www.kingshospital.ie
St. Columbas College • www.stcolumbas.ie
Dundalk Grammar School • www.dgs.ie
Alexandra College • www.alexandracollege.eu
Villiers School • www.villiers-school.com
Wesley College Dublin • www.wesleycollege.ie
Blackrock College • www.blackrockcollege.com
Cistercian College Roscrea • www.ccr.ie

This map shows the regions of Ireland where we have partner schools.

You can find a complete list on our website:

www.mli-group.com/courses/high-school-programme/our-regions/

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