



Ireland

HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD

Private school in Ireland, County Cork (Midleton)

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

The school was founded in 1696 and is a co-educational boarding and day school. The College is valued as a small, familial community. All pupils are encouraged to participate actively and fully in the wholeness of school life.

The school provide students with 3 Science Laboratories, a Lecture Theatre, an Art Room, an Agricultural Science Room, Music rooms, a Careers and Counselling suite, an Assembly Hall/Theatre and a well-stocked library. Special teaching facilities include Science Labs, a new teaching block with six general subject classrooms, an Information Technology room, a Project Maths room - with Information Technology provided, and a Home Economics room. Sports facilities include Rugby pitches, an all weather hockey pitch, cricket grounds and athletic facilities.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

A typical secondary school consists of 1st to 3rd years, the usually optional 4th year or Transition Year (< 16 Y.O.), the 5th year (16/17 Y.O.) and 6th year (> 17 Y.O.).

The **Junior Cycle** builds on the education received at primary level and ends with the *Junior Certificate*

Examination. The Junior Certificate Examination is taken after three years of study and not before 14 years of age.

The **Transition Year** is a one-year informal course taken by an increasing number of students. The school models the curriculum according to local needs and is often focused on work placement and related projects.

The Senior Cycle builds on the junior cycle and culminates with the *Leaving Certificate Examination*. International Students must take a minimum of five subjects (most students take 7 or even more) including the two core subjects of English and Mathematics. Students can then choose their other subjects from a broad range including arts, languages, science and other applied subjects (e.g. mechanical drawing, woodwork etc.). At the end of the senior cycle the Leaving Certificate Examination is taken. Students normally sit for this examination at eighteen years of age. The Leaving Certificate Examination is internationally recognised as being the equivalent of the British A Level Examination and the International Baccalaureate Examination and allows access to universities in the UK, the USA and all over Europe.

Graduation is possible.



Location : Midleton

Boarding : Full board

Accommodation : Host family

Length : Academic Year

Type : Private



The Transition Year (4th year) is a good opportunity for international students to take less academic subjects, receive work experience, try new subjects and develop their English skills while interacting with their classmates.

Requirements : Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. A minimum of two years of English study and good academic results are required.