



EazyCity

ACADEMIC YEAR ABROAD

*High School
Programs in Ireland*

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Welcome

Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to welcome your child to an enriching and transformative experience in Ireland with EazyCity. We understand that sending your child to a new country is a significant decision filled with both excitement and apprehension. Our commitment at EazyCity is to ensure a seamless transition for your child, making their stay both enriching and memorable, and their time in Ireland an experience they will cherish forever.

Since our establishment in 2004, inspired by our own travel adventures, our mission has been to simplify the overseas experience for young people. Starting from a small office in Cork, Ireland, EazyCity has grown into a dynamic presence in multiple countries, fostering a global community dedicated to making a positive impact. We are grateful that you have entrusted us with the responsibility of being a part of your child's journey.

Welcome to the EazyCity family, where we are dedicated to offering a life-changing experience for your child.

Warm regards,

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Why & How

EazyCity is specialised in providing study and work programs abroad and cultural exchange experiences. We work directly with Top Irish Secondary Schools in the South-East of Ireland, specifically in Co. Waterford and Co. Cork to offer year-round and term academic placements.

EazyCity offers both options of public and private schools, as well as boarding schools at times. All our academic programmes include full-board accommodation in carefully selected and Garda vetted host families.

At EazyCity we thrive to offer quality and tailored experienced, so we only partner with the best schools that will ensure that our learners are in a welcoming, fresh and vibrant learning environment. One that will develop the cultural, creative and intellectual skills of each learner in every aspect of school life. We work together with these schools throughout the full year to provide a meaningful, fun and rich programs in which our learners, and your children, can achieve the standards of excellence appropriate to their potential and ability.

Stages of the Irish Secondary school system

The standard Irish Education System is divided into six years. The first stage is a three-year programme culminating with the newly revamped Junior Certificate Examination.

This is followed by Transition Year, equivalent to 4th Year secondary, or grade 10 in US system. The Transition Year Programme (TYP) is a very popular choice at EazyCity amongst all our international students, who wish to spend an academic year in Ireland.

The main purpose of the TY programme and content is aimed at providing learners with enriching personal and professional development opportunities, while also following the traditional academic subjects, as preparation for the Leaving Cert.

► Years 1 to 3 | Junior Certificate Cycle

Average ages of 11 years to 14 years. The Junior Certificate would equate with Junior High in the USA or just under the GCSE Levels in the UK. The State Examinations Commission (SEC) marks the end of this cycle in 3rd year and is known as the Junior Certificate of the Department of Education & Skills. More and more, today, the curriculum introduces learners to modern languages, including French, Spanish and German; the Sciences, including Physics, Chemistry, Biology; Business Studies, Domestic Science, Art, Music, Technology, Woodwork, ICT, amongst other many subjects and modules that most international learners would not do in their own country.

Junior Certificate students must take Irish, English, Maths, History and Geography along with a European language. International Students are of course exempt from Irish.

► Year 4 | Transition Year Cycle

Average age of 15 to 16 years. This year is perhaps the most popular year and program amongst our EazyCity international students. In most Irish schools, this is an optional year, which many students decide to do! Transition Year (TY) provides a strong basis for 5th & 6th years, but at the same time allows learners to explore many other subject areas, and take part in outside projects and cultural experiences.

This helps learners mature and to select subjects carefully. Most schools in Ireland allow students to participate in work experience for 1-4 weeks during Transition Year.

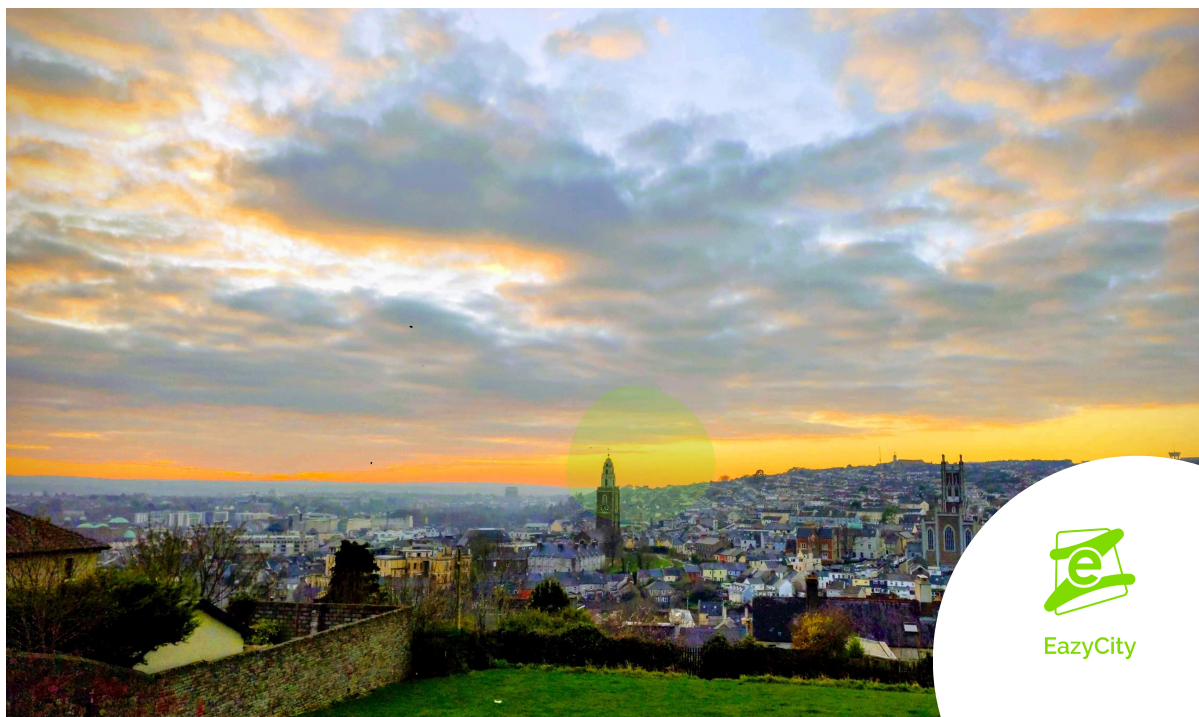
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► Year 5 to 6 | Leaving Certificate Cycle

Average age of 16, 17 and 18 years. The curriculum of the Leaving Certificate follows directly from the Junior Certificate, but some subject subjects are discarded as the learner begins to specialise. The Leaving Certificate standard is equivalent to the UK A-level examination, or the International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement in the USA.

Depending on the standard attained in the chosen Leaving Certificate subjects, a points total is earned. This total is compared with the entry threshold of the University, Technical Colleges and other third level institutions, and places allocated accordingly. For example, what in Spain would be called "EBAU".

It is also widely accepted as an entrance qualification for universities throughout the European Union and around the world.



Key Facts

Guidance

It is important to note that each secondary school in Ireland has a Career Guidance Department that assists our learners with applications to their chosen universities. These career guidance departments work closely with all students to identify potential course options and career choices that will be most suitable to their interests and/or professional goals.

Here for you, every step of the way

At EazyCity we also assist all our international students during this challenging process and works closely with the career guidance departments to make sure our students receive the help and support they need, each step of the way.

Make it official

All our international students take advantage during their year in Ireland to join one of our Academic English and Exam Preparation courses, giving them the opportunity to sit an official Cambridge English or Trinity College official examination.

Educational Excellence

Ireland has some of the finest and most reputable Universities and Colleges in Europe, and perhaps in the world!
Including Trinity College Dublin (TCD),
University College Dublin (UCD),
Dublin City University (DCU),
National University of Ireland Maynooth (NUIM),
University College Cork (UCC),
University of Limerick (UL),
National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG),
and now the
South-East Technical University (SETU).

Recognition & Validation

At EazyCity we also prepare all the homologation documents that each international student will require upon return to their home country

All our exam preparation courses are delivered at our flagship schools in Waterford or Cork City and/or online. Our schools are official preparation centres and registered exam centres for both Cambridge English and Trinity College London.

Your way to a better future!

Top Schools We Work With

We work with schools that are not oversubscribed with international students, and in areas that are less populated, promising the EazyCity learner with a safer, more direct, and a more authentic Irish Experience!

■ **St. Paul's Community College** | Waterford City

[St. Paul's Community College Website](#)

- [Junior Cycle](#)
- [Transition Year](#)
- [Senior Cycle](#)

■ **Waterpark College** | Waterford City

[Waterpark College Website](#)

- [Junior Cycle](#)
- [Transition Year](#)
- [Senior Cycle](#)

■ **St. Peter's College** | Passage West, Cobh, Co. Cork

[St. Peter's College Website](#)

- [Junior Cycle](#)
- [Transition Year](#)
- [Senior Cycle](#)

■ **Carrignafof Community College** | Carrignafof, Cobh, Co. Cork

[Carrignafof Community College Website](#)

- [Junior Cycle](#)
- [Transition Year](#)
- [Senior Cycle](#)

■ **Maynooth Community College** | Maynooth, Co. Kildare

[Maynooth Community College Website](#)

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- [Junior Cycle](#)
- [Transition Year](#)
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Princing & Conditions

Price Program Includes:

- Airport Transfer on arrival – on 2 agreed dates.
- Host Family allowance, all host families are police checked (Garda Vetted).
- School Registration includes lockers and insurance.
- EazyCity Coordinator fee. 24/7 Support in person and on the phone for the student.
- Airport Transfer on Departure – on 2 agreed dates.

Extra accommodation: (Students who stay longer than their due departure from the programme will incur an extra cost of €35 a night).

Please Note: the price does not include any personal expenses, and it does not include any flights or travel expenses should the student wish to go home for a visit at any stage during the academic year programme with EazyCity.

These expenses will be sent to the student / organisation and payments can be made online through our EazyCity system.

Important - Validation and recognition: EazyCity will provide all necessary documentation required for your validation and recognition process in your home country. We are NOT able to offer further support outside of Ireland.

Other Arrivals: Any arrival and departures incurred outside the agreed dates will be at the cost of the organisation/student. This cost can be taken from the refund of an early returnee. Also, some locations especially the city schools require bus/ train short journeys. This is payable by the student as and when they require it. EazyCity may be able to help students by providing a leap card, which can be paid at reception or online.

Key Dates - Academic Calendar 2024/2025

- **Arrivals and start of program:** September 26th to 28th September 2024.
- **St. Paul's Waterford:** presentation at 11am on 28th August.
- **October Mid-Term Break:** Monday 28th October - 1st November 2024.
- **Christmas Break:** All schools will close on Friday 20th December 2024, which will be the final day of the school term. All schools will re-open on Monday 6th January 2025.
- **February Mid-Term Break:** Post-primary schools will close from Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
- **Easter Break:** All schools close on Friday, 11 April 2025, which is the final day of the school term, unless changes are needed to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures. If a school needs to make up such time, it can shorten the Easter break by staying open, up to and including Wednesday, 16 April 2025. All schools re-open on Monday, 28 April 2025.
- **Departures and End of Program/School Year:** May 31st 2025.



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Why EazyCity

At EazyCity, we believe in the transformative power of international education and cultural exchange. As you consider entrusting your child's abroad experience to us, we want you to feel confident and reassured in your decision. Here's why EazyCity stands out as the ideal choice

■ 20 years experience

With two decades in the field of international education, we bring a wealth of experience and expertise. Our journey over these years has enabled us to refine and perfect the services we offer, ensuring that each student's experience is not just good, but exceptional.

■ Multilingual team

Communication is key, especially in a new environment. Our team is not only skilled but also multilingual, ensuring that language barriers are minimized. This diversity in language skills helps us to connect more effectively with students from various backgrounds, making their transition smoother and more comfortable.

■ 24/7 on-site support

We understand that the idea of your child being far from home can be daunting. To ease this concern, we offer 24/7 onsite support. Our dedicated team is always available, ensuring that your child has a reliable point of contact for any needs or emergencies, any time of the day or night.

■ Personalised experience

Every student's journey is unique. We offer personalized experiences tailored to meet individual interests and educational goals. Our approach ensures that your child's specific needs and aspirations are met.

■ Parental involvement and updates

We maintain open communication with parents, providing regular updates on their child's experience and development, ensuring you stay connected and informed.





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