



**One year in Ireland  
2021-2022**

# EDEX - who are we and what do we do ?

- \* Established company providing safe and enjoyable academic year programmes in Ireland
- \* Most personal approach to any in Ireland today
- \* 24/7 on call staff

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

- \* Have an open mind
- \* Know at the end of the year you will have memories of an experience that will be with you for the rest of your life
- \* Be patient / polite / friendly
- \* Speak to your host family and co-ordinator if you have a problem, COMMUNICATION can solve everything

# TYPES OF SCHOOLS

- \* Public day school
- \* Elite day school
- \* 5 day boarding /  
Fortnightly boarding
- \* 7 day boarding



# Athy Community College



# Summerhill College

Public Day Schools





# Mount Sackville

ELITE DAY SCHOOL



# Villiers School

Fortnightly Boarding





# ROCKWELL COLLEGE

7 DAY BOARDING



# SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM

- \* Students attend secondary school in Ireland from 12-18 years old
- \* The junior cycle is from 1st - 3rd year. At the end of 3rd year students sit a state exam called the Junior Certificate
- \* 4th (or transition) year is optional in some schools and compulsory in others. In many schools students study a large number of subjects. The aim of this year is to give students a chance to explore many different subjects and interests. Thus at the end of this year they may be able to make a more mature approach to their subject choice for 5th and 6th year. 2-4 weeks of work experience is also involved in this course. This is normally done in blocks of 2 weeks although some schools do 1 day per week throughout the year
- \* 5th and 6th year are in preparation for the final state exam called the Leaving Certificate
- \* In the first 3 years of secondary school students prepare for the Junior Certificate. Students study 7-10 subjects
- \* Maths, English, History, Geography and CSPE (politics) are compulsory. Students also study a modern language and usually business studies, art and science. However, there is a wide variety of subjects and these vary from school to school
- \* Students may take exams at higher or lower level. Maths and English also have a foundation level. Students sit the Junior Certificate at the end of 3rd year
- \* The results of the Junior Certificate are issued in September



# Classes

Students move from class to class



# SPORTS

The more you get involved the better the experience

# HOST FAMILIES

- \* Host family details are sent to agencies during the first week of July
- \* The majority of our host families have been hosting international students for many years and do it because they love the experience
- \* Only 1 student with the same native language in the same family for day students. In boarding schools there will be students with the same native language
- \* Talk to your family if you have a problem, also speak to your co-ordinator as they are there to help
- \* We pick our families carefully but there may be a settling in period as everyone needs time to get to know one another



# TRAVEL

- \* On arrival students will be met by an EDEX representative or their host
- \* If students are attending schools locally the they will be drive to their host family, if students are not going to school locally they will get a designated bus to their town and their host family. A member of EDEX will put the student on the bus and their host family will meet them when the bus arrives

# Students and their areas

- \* Once we get an application we work with CDC in order to match a student with a location we feel will fit with that students personality, hobbies etc
- \* Kinsale - coastal town, adventure sports, gourmet capital of Ireland
- \* Athlone - college town, soccer
- \* Crosshaven - beach town near Kinsale in Cork

Q & A