



# **Elite Education Ireland**

**(Celtic Irish American  
Academy)**

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We are based in Galway city, considered the Culture Capital of Ireland, set to be European Capital of Culture 2020, and recently voted by *Travel + Leisure* magazine as the World's Friendliest City. Our medieval city is located on the west coast of Ireland, where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. This University city is considered a hub for education, culture, innovation, business and tourism. What a wonderful place to enhance your language skills and learn about another culture.



## Welcome

### *Discovery. Fun. Learn. Adventure...*

These are the key principles of *Elite Education Ireland* (Celtic Irish American Academy). Through this wonderful cultural immersion programme, where you will live with a trusted and carefully selected Irish family, you will enjoy a life-changing experience.

We are now accepting applications for students who wish to attend a secondary school in Galway for a full Academic Year. Placement will be in [Saint Enda's College](#) Salthill Galway.

Our mission is to provide you with an adventurous, fun and unique insight to the Irish schooling system by being totally immersed in it. This will greatly improve your mastery of the English language and give you a unique experience to benefit from the world-renowned Irish education system.

We will also ensure you get the personal attention you need. We are a family-run Academy and treat our students with the care every student deserves when they are away from home.

Elite Education Ireland staff will guide and monitor each student through each step of the settling in, school integration, host family placement and all other issues.

Our highly experienced staff are on hand and living in the area, so highly efficient guidance and support is available.

We look forward to meeting you soon and sharing in this exciting

adventure. All other information is available on request.

Sincerely,

*Dr Johanna Clancy & Brian Fahy*

**Directors**

**Celtic Irish American Academy**



## About Us

Celtic Irish American Academy was established in 2016. In that year we held our first programme for U.S. students, and our European students joined the programme in 2017. We are gradually expanding our global presence to include students from other parts of Europe, as we have a team of highly experienced English language teachers to offer our wonderful programme to these students.

We, the Directors of the Academy, are father and daughter Mr Brian Fahy and Dr Johanna Clancy, and combined we have over 30 years working as educators and tour organisers in both the Secondary School and University sectors in Ireland. Both of us are highly respected and active community leaders. Dr Clancy is a university lecturer in higher education in Galway. Mr Fahy is Assistant Principal at St Enda's College, where the CIAA base camp is located.

We have a competent team in place to ensure a high-quality delivery of the programme. These include experienced teachers, leaders and accommodation personnel, all of which are trained, vetted and experienced in managing youth.





## Your "Home Away from Home"

*Céad míle fáilte* - a hundred thousand welcomes. Hospitality is ingrained in Irish culture, and we believe that there is no better way for students to immerse themselves in the Irish culture than by experiencing life as a member of a family. You will not just observe life in Ireland but actually live it just as natives do.

Our "home away from home" offers all the comfort and security a parent would want for their child. There is reassurance in knowing that students will have a family who is looking out for them and wants to facilitate their health, happiness and safety in an unfamiliar environment. Families are carefully and personally selected by Elite Education Ireland.

Each host family are well known to us and provide an excellent home. Accommodation is very carefully chosen and homes are within a 20-minute walk of the school (St Enda's College), within a 15-minutes bus ride of the city centre, and within a one-mile radius of the leaders' accommodation, to ensure logistical ease and speed of access. and is within a 15 - 20 minute walk, or short bus ride to the school.

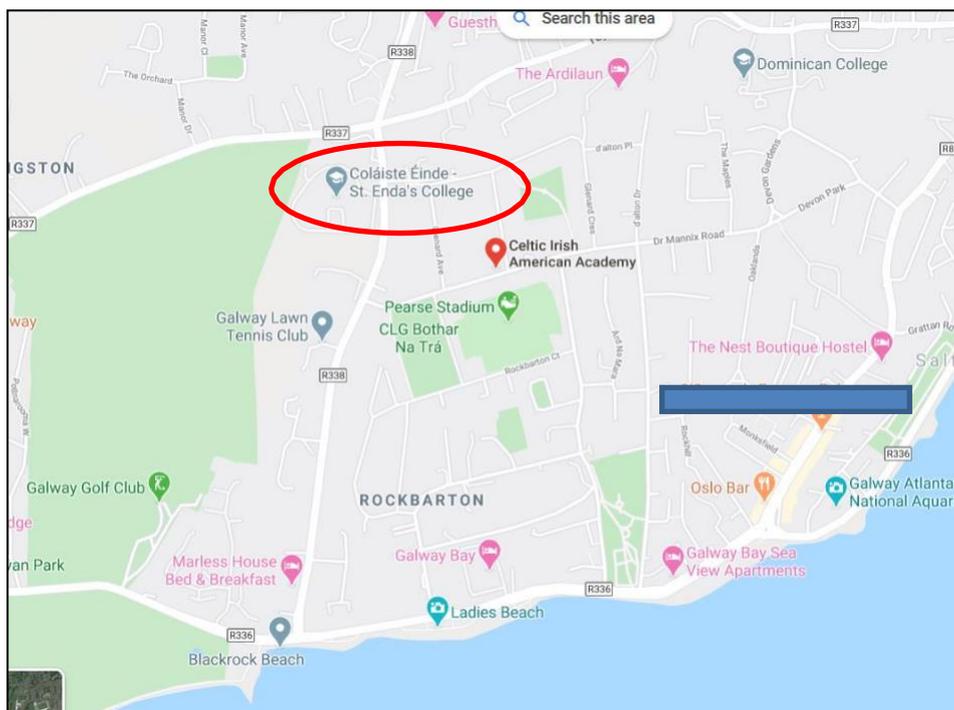
Full Board is provided by each family.

There is an agreed curfew, which must be adhered to.

Students will benefit from having tasty home-cooked food and the chance to learn more about traditional Irish cooking and cuisine. Continental breakfast will be served every morning, a light lunch will consist of sandwiches and snack will be provided for lunch in school, and evening meal will consist of a 2-course dinner including a hot plate. Students are expected to inform us of any dietary requirements in advance of the trip.



## Map of Salthill and St Enda's College



It is hard to beat Salthill's location. Situated on the northern inner shore of Galway Bay, the Aran Islands are visible to the right and Galway City 'The City of the Tribes' to the left. Directly across Galway Bay is the Burren (County Clare) and to the west are the bogs and mountains of Connemara. Please see picture of St Enda's College below.



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## School Year 2020/21

The Academic Year begins on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. Students attend for a full Academic Year.

### October 2020 mid-term break

School will close on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and reopen on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

### Christmas 2020

School will close on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, which will be the final day of the school term. School will re-open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### February 2021 mid-term break

School will close on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February and re-open on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021.

### Easter 2021

School will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021, which will be the final day of the school term. School will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Please be advised that the calendar is subject to change if days are required as part of contingency arrangements to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures.

Students return home for the duration of the school closures at October mid-term, Christmas, February mid-term and Easter.

Transfers to and from airport to home base are provided.

Students will attend the 4<sup>th</sup> year (i.e. pre-Leaving Certificate or Final school year (Leaving Certificate)).



## Top Tips for Travelling

1. **Insurance:** It is each student's responsibility to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover before travelling to Ireland. **In addition**, we would recommend that students also get a [European Health Insurance Card](#) before they arrive.
2. **Money:** The Republic of Ireland currency is the euro. If students are bringing a card, please check with your bank before travelling, that the card may be used in Ireland. ATMs are found all over the country and it is a convenient way of dealing with your money during your stay.
3. **Plugs:** Plugs in Ireland are three-pronged, so bring an adaptor.
4. **Clothing:** Bring layers of clothing so that you're prepared for changes in weather. Ensure you have a waterproof jacket and hat. You should bring a sweater, walking / trekking shoes, comfortable exercise clothing and t-shirts for the rare sunshine!
5. **School books:** School book list and stationery required will be sent to participants once finalised by the school. The student will need to purchase these items. There are many online websites where books can be purchased ([www.abcbooks.ie](http://www.abcbooks.ie) [www.schoolbooksonline.ie](http://www.schoolbooksonline.ie)). Books can be ordered online and delivered on student's arrival in Galway
6. **School uniform:** Wearing a school uniform is compulsory and one school uniform will be provided.
7. **Phone:** There is no simple answer to the question "Will my mobile phone work in Ireland?". It depends on a few things – your service provider, the type of service you already have, and the type of phone you wish to take with you on your travels. When coming for an academic year it would be worth considering buy a mobile phone in Ireland.  
Most major European mobile phone service providers do have options for international roaming, and you can find out the information related to roaming, on their website. You may be expected to pay fees that are related to the roaming service. Of course, there is



widespread free WIFI connections in Ireland, which most tourists choose to use.



## Terms & Conditions

1. All information supplied on the application is accurate.
2. Students must adhere to the disciplinary code of conduct of the school. Breaches of this code will not be tolerated and may result in a student having to return to their home.
3. The fee for the academic year-long stay is €12,000.00. Deposit of €6,000.00 is payable at time of application.
4. The outstanding balance of fees should be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.
5. The parent or guardian will be contactable on the numbers given on the application form throughout the student's time on the programme.
6. The student must be covered by comprehensive medical and travel insurance.
7. All costs related to the student's medical or dental care are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
8. CIAA reserves the right to dismiss any student found in breach of rules & regulations of the programme, without refund.
9. The Information and Consent form should be completed and returned to CIAA by 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2020.
10. The parent or guardian and student agree that no liability will be attached to CIAA arising as a result of the parent or guardian or the student's violation of the terms & conditions and rules & regulations herein. The decision of CIAA is final with no right of appeal.



## Rules & Regulations

1. Students must be 14 or older during the dates of the programme and under 18 years of age.
2. Students must obey Irish Law. If CIAA becomes aware that any student breaks the law, they will be disciplined accordingly. This may include reporting to the relevant authorities and repatriation, without refund.
3. CIAA has a zero-tolerance policy with regards to the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. Use, possession or purchase of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly forbidden and will result in the expulsion of the student from the programme where they will return home, with no refund of fees paid.
4. CIAA operates a strict no smoking policy.
5. CIAA does not tolerate any form of anti-social behaviour – including bullying, racism, lying, theft, physical or verbal harassment or assault.
6. Students must attend all classes and activities on the programme.
7. Students may not hitchhike or drive a car or motorcycle while on the programme.
8. Students may not go off with a stranger or member of the public at any time during the programme.
9. Students must have a mobile phone while in Ireland.
10. Curfews are clearly defined, and students are required to obey these times
11. Programme participants may not obtain a tattoo or piercing while on the programme
12. Respect for property and people must always be shown. Look after your own belongings. The student or their parents or guardians are responsible for any damage or injury that a student may cause to buildings, furniture, fittings, individuals, families, other students.



## Key Outcomes of your Trip





## Contact Details and Numbers

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