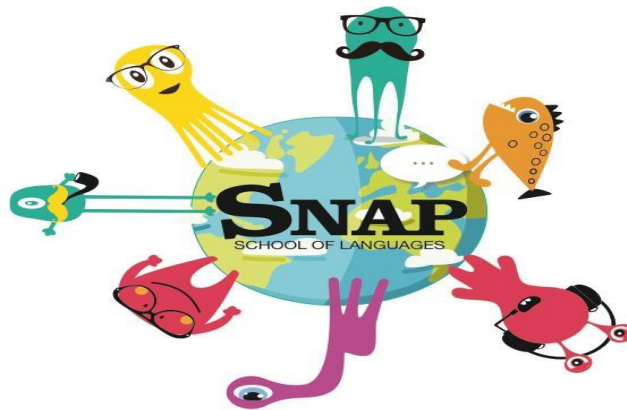




Elite Education Ireland (Celtic Irish American Academy)



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Welcome

Discovery. Fun. Learn. Adventure...

These are the key principles of *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.

Our mission is to provide you with an adventurous, fun and unique insight to the Irish heritage, while greatly improving your mastery of the English language. This programme has an equal focus on all the important skills of language acquisition - speaking, reading, writing, listening, and with an additional focus on public debating, personal and professional development. We believe that learning a language should be a fun and social experience, and 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. We have a great understanding and appreciation of the different European culture and people, and we have built this into the programme.

This, combined with the other key elements of our programme - sports, wellbeing, business and innovation studies, community engagement and global awareness, guarantees an exceptional learning and fun experience for students. It will be challenging yet enjoyable and very distinct from the regular summer courses on offer.

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. Indeed, Galway is a popular destination for European students learning English.

We are extremely excited to provide you with your schedule of wonderful events and activities that will be taking place during your stay.

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

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.

In the early 1990s, Brian and his wife Deirdre helped establish and run Dublin Language School, an English language school. They were specifically responsible for managing accommodation - host families- ,cultural activities and English language tuition. Since moving to Galway over 20 years ago, Brian and Deirdre are themselves a host family to international students, as is Johanna and her family.

We have a competent team in place to ensure a high quality delivery of the programme. These include experienced English language tutors, leaders, activities coordinator, tour guides and accommodation personnel, all of which are trained, vetted and experienced in managing youths.





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 a native does.

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 CIAA.

All homes are within a 20-minutes walk of the base camp - 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. Every night, we will be in contact with each host family to check that everything is in order. 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, 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.

It is advised that each student gives a small gift to the host family upon arrival. This could be a traditional gift from your home country or simply a box of chocolates.



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.





Elite Education Ireland

Schedule 2020

WEEK 1

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 5th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Arrive to Galway and meet host families
<i>Afternoon</i>	Relax with host families
<i>Evening</i>	Short Meeting
	Walk on prom
	Return to host families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 6th July	Meet at St Enda's College at 9.15am (Host family to accompany student to St. Enda's on first morning)
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation and supervised study
	Exploration of Galway city and Salthill village
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues. 7th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation and supervised study
	Horse-riding OR Bowling
<i>Evening</i>	Return to host families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 8th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation and supervised study
	Cultural Activity
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs. 9th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation and supervised study
	Sports Evening
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families



	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 10th July	
<i>Morning</i>	English language classes
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Exam preparation, review of classes and English language final test
<i>Afternoon / Evening</i>	Sports Evening
	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 11th July	
<i>Morning</i>	River Corrib Cruise
<i>Afternoon</i>	City Centre visit
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

WEEK 2

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 12th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Relax with host families
<i>Afternoon</i>	Meet & Greet with American students
	Walk on Prom & Swim at Blackrock
<i>Evening</i>	Sunday evening Mass (optional)
	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 13th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Meet at St Enda's College at 9.15am
	Orientation (Intros, Rules, Guidelines)
<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	The Time Tunnel - Medieval Tour of Galway
<i>Evening</i>	Return to host families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues. 14th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Cultural Appreciation: Literature class at St Enda's.
<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
	Tour of National University of Ireland, Galway
	Galway International Arts Festival Art Exhibitions at NUI Galway
	Museum of Galway
<i>Evening</i>	Return to host families
	Sports Evening

	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 15th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Classes at St Enda's English Language Mastery Classes: Public Speaking and Debating
	<i>Lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Gaelic Games Coaching



<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families
	Wellness evening: Walk, run, skip, dip !

	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs 16th July	
<i>Morning:</i>	Meet at St Enda's Full Day Tour of <i>Connemara</i> (Connemara National Park, Muintearas, Kylemore Abbey, Hike 'Diamond Hill')
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 17th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Classes at St Enda's: Global Citizenship; Climate Change & Sustainability; S.T.E.A.M.
	Discussion with Winners of National Environmental Essay competition
<i>Afternoon</i>	Arts Festival Activity
<i>Evening</i>	6pm: Return to Host families
	Sports Evening

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 18th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Meet at St Enda's
	Full Day trip to the Burren and Cliffs of Moher
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

WEEK 3

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 19th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Mass in Galway Cathedral (optional)
	Lunch
<i>Afternoon</i>	Arts Festival Activities
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Mon. 20th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Classes at St Enda's Modern European Languages
	Irish Music and Dance
	Lunch
<i>Afternoon</i>	Sports and Cultural Activities
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Tues 21st July	
<i>Morning</i>	Meet at St Enda's
	Full Day Excursion



	Dublin: Trinity College tour and National Science Gallery
	Curragh: Irish Defence Forces Military College tour and U.N. talk
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Wed. 22nd July	
<i>Morning</i>	Classes: Irish history and heritage
	TBC: Service Learning talk by <i>Galway Simon</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Lunch
	TBC: Visit Multinational Company – business trip
<i>Evening</i>	Sports Evening

	Activity / Class Excursion
Thurs. 23rd July	
<i>Morning</i>	Classes on S.T.E.A.M.
	<i>lunch</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	Review of class work and presentation of learning journals for CIAA 2020 trip
	Treasure Hunt in the city
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families
	Talent Show and Farewell feast

	Activity / Class Excursion
Fri. 24th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Group Presentation
	Planning and Preparation for College
<i>Afternoon</i>	Geocaching or Orienteering -TBD
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families
	Sports Evening

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sat. 25th July	
<i>Morning</i>	Arts Festival Activities
<i>Afternoon</i>	Free Time in City Centre
<i>Evening</i>	Return to Host Families

	Activity / Class Excursion
Sun. 26th July	Departure for Home

** Please note that itinerary is slightly different from website due to exciting new additions
 Itinerary may be subject to change depending on weather and unforeseen circumstances



Top Tips for Travelling

1. **Insurance:** It is each student's responsibility to have comprehensive medical and travel insurance cover before travelling to Ireland.
2. **Money:** The Republic of Ireland currency is the euro. It is advised that students bring approx €180 per week for spending on items such as snacks and souvenir shopping etc. Visa and MasterCard are widely used. 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. **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. 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. The parent or guardian will be contactable on the numbers given on the application form throughout the student's time on the programme.
3. The student must be covered by comprehensive medical and travel insurance.
4. All costs related to the student's medical or dental care are the responsibility of the parent or guardian.
5. CIAA reserves the right to dismiss any student found in breach of rules & regulations of the programme, without refund.
6. The outstanding balance of fees should be paid by Friday, June 15th
7. The Information and Consent form should be completed and returned to CIAA by Friday, June 15th
8. 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.
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.
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. Students may leave the programme if granted written permission by their parent/guardian to visit a friend or relative who is an adult. Permission must be received at least one week before the programme start date and must specify the name, address and contact number of the relative. A maximum of two programme deviations is possible
11. Curfews are clearly defined and students are required to obey these times
12. Programme participants may not obtain a tattoo or piercing while on the programme
13. Respect for property and people must be shown at all times. 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





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