



AU COLLÈGE EN FRANCE

TY 2023/2024 – 1 TERM OR MORE

« *Apprenons le français... en France*
AVEC les Français »



Tailor made
INDIVIDUAL
Academic Placement
One Living Language student
Per school

In mostly PRIVATE
Schools, providing
Supervision,
Ethos and Care

BOARDING and/ or
AT THE HOME
Of a schoolmate
Not an exchange
but all the advantages

Full Assessment, Preparation
& Follow-up
Providing Private Tuition
& Consistent Support

Gaining Fluency
In the company of the students

The Irish student is **fully integrated among French students** and is taught all subjects through French.

The French curriculum offers a wide range of subjects which vary from one school to another.

This **INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT** dramatically improves the **student's fluency** and becomes an asset for oral and written exams and for life.

Our 44 years of experience show that Irish students are upgraded in their French classes on returning to Ireland.

TERM DATES

Based on French Academic Year—**Zone B**
Dates can be modified to suit longer periods/terms or specific requests

	DEPART	RETURN
HALLOWEEN	Sat 16 SEP '23	Sat 21 OCT
CHRISTMAS	Sat 04 NOV	Sat 09 DEC
JANUARY	Sat 13 JAN '24	Sat 17 FEB (*)
SPRING	Sat 16 MAR	Sat 20 APR (*)
EASTER	Sat 04 MAY	Sat 08 JUN
<i>(*) Dates may differ slightly for returning students</i>		
FULL YEAR	Sat 16 SEP '23	Sat 08 JUN '24

Although a daunting experience at the start, Irish students enjoy their time, make new friends and mature a lot.

A **FINAL PROGRESS REPORT** is provided. Schools are located in the West of France (Loire Valley, Brittany, Normandy).

Accommodation is either in **BOARDING SCHOOL** facilities (with weekends spent **AT A STUDENT'S HOME**) /or full time in **A FAMILY SELECTED FROM THE SCHOOL**, helping with your child's integration.

The option to extend a stay can be arranged.

THE KEYS TO OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS



An **INITIAL TEST**, complete with an **INFORMATION MEETING**, helps determine the French school year and evaluate personal needs.

A **INDUCTION COURSE**, held before departure, provides a head-start in elocution and communication skills.

A **PREPARATORY COURSE**, held on arrival in France in a boarding school, ensures

smooth integration into the French school structure and secures a level of French sufficient to participate actively in class (homework in French and guidance).

A wide range of schools, mostly **PRIVATE**, guarantees welcome and good ethos. Details of the placement are confirmed at the end of the induction course. Weekends

spent **AT THE HOME OF CHOSEN FRENCH STUDENTS**, offer every advantage of an exchange, without inconvenience.

REGULAR VISITS, WITH TUITION by our Local Representative help the Irish student keep up with homework, as well as with other tasks assigned for **BACKUP**. They also provide advice and emotional **SUPPORT**.



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Dear Mary Clare,
"Karen was awarded the "Thelma Mitchell" French Prize for the highest score in Leaving cert French at Alexandra College. The prize was presented last Wednesday at the school prize giving day. We were delighted for Karen and again great credit to Living Language and to Patrick who helped her to achieve her Grade A." With Kind Regards, B & M Murphy—09 Oct 2017

<u>French Term @ Days = Price **</u>	<u>TERM STAY, 2 OR MORE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DISCOUNT</u>	<u>REDUCED PRICE</u>
Halloween 36 €3,300	Halloween & Christmas @ 72	€6,650	- €550	€6,100	
Christmas 36 €3,350	Christmas & January @ 72	€6,750	- €500	€6,250	
January 36 €3,400	January & Spring @ 72	€6,850	- €450	€6,400	
Spring 36 €3,450	Spring & Easter @ 72	€6,950	- €400	€6,350	
Easter 36 €3,500	First three Terms @ 108	€10,050	- €750	€9,300	
	Last three Terms @ 108	€10,350	- €700	€9,650	
	First Four Terms @ 144	€13,500	- €800	€12,700	
	<u>FULL ACADEMIC YEAR</u> @ 180	€17,000	- €900	€16,100	

As from 01 Jan 2023 — subject to change due to unforeseen economic circumstances

** Boarding: + €140/Week

- INCLUDES:**
- ⇒ FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION: At the home of a student
 - ⇒ ALL French PRIVATE SCHOOL FEES
 - ⇒ Full PREPARATORY COURSE in France (1—2-day boarding)
 - ⇒ GUIDANCE & TUTELAGE of the student throughout the stay
 - ⇒ Enrolment TEST, Parent & Student BRIEFING
 - ⇒ Administration Fees, Student's File & Progress Report

- EXCLUDES:**
- ⇒ Air Fare & Insurance (E-111/medical/travel/repatriation/public liability)
 - ⇒ Land Transfers & Public Transport
 - ⇒ Dublin Induction Course & Working File (grammar, Verb Drills, etc.)



Parents are invited to express on enrolment their child's preferences (type of accommodation, location), concerns (health, language level, motivation) or requests (sports, music, subjects), all to be discussed at our Parents & Students Meeting.

ENROLMENT: €500 non-refundable booking deposit must be sent with the completed application form

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

- ◇ - €200 for enrolments confirmed 8 weeks prior to one chosen term and limited to the **FIRST 6 STUDENTS** (then €150 for the next 4 students)
- ◇ - €500 for the full academic year, if confirmed before 01 May 2023



As places are limited, applications are accepted on a first come-first served basis.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Placement can only be initiated after enrolment has been received and the test and the mandatory briefing conducted. Stays of 2 or more Terms must be confirmed on initial

enrolment with relevant booking deposits.

Choice of accommodation is subject to availability and for enrolments confirmed two months prior to departure date.

A 3-day Induction Course (small extra cost) with audio-visual drills in pronunciation and introduction to French phonetics is arranged in Dublin before departure to

instil confidence.

Whereas the level in French is not critical, the student's motivation is a pre-requisite.

We reserve the right to refuse an enrolment for reasons we deem valid. A copy of the student's Junior Cert results will later be requested and we may contact the student's school for a reference.

"...convey our gratitude on behalf of our students... this is a marvelous opportunity afforded them under your expert guidance".
Stephen W. Blackrock College 2021

"Your approach wins a very positive response from the students"
Michael O'Dea, Carysfort College 1983

"The supervision and daily care of the students was superb"
Dympna S. 1989

"She was very happy and matured lot"
Pat. McK. 1991

"My husband and I are very happy with the speedy manner Fiona's predicament was dealt with"
Dympna W. 1992

"Thank you for your extra coaching in French"
Kay B. 1992

« Cher M. Bourguignon, j'écris pour te remercier de ta gentillesse. Je sais que je retournerai en France »
Claire D. 1993

"Peter expects 'at least an A' in June"
Paul M. 1996

"... and the host families at the weekends excellent"
J. B. 1997

"J'ai l'intention d'étudier le Droit avec le Droit français à UCD"
Natalie O'S. 2000

"I also gained valuable experience in coping abroad on my own"
Eimar F. 2001

"The advice given during the induction week was of considerable benefit"
Patrick & Margot C. 2002

"Hugh is delighted with himself that he survived the experience. It was a comfort to us to know that someone of your kindness was doing her best"
Niamb B 2004

"...more importantly, thank you for passing on a sense of cultural appreciation to our daughter"
Bernice G. 2006

"He appreciated the preparation, good communication with your office, local contact in France"
Siobhan & Vlad 2011

LAND TRANSFERS & INSURANCE



Supervised group return from French Airport to Preparatory Course, then to respective French School & back to Centre and Airport can be arranged @ €285 payable to *Odyssee Internationale*. Parents are at liberty to organize transfers independently (a discharge is required for unsupervised transfers).

EHIC to be applied for from Health Board. Parents are responsible for providing their child with medical insurance.



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1 Irish per 1 school



Staying at the home of a French student provides you with your own... 'ambassadeur'

Immersion



Gain fluency

Irish students should be reassured that their starting level in French is not critical: school placements are 'tailor-made', and making friends soon helps overcome anxiety.

However, residing in a country does not suffice to gain fluency! Only a **studious approach**, with **preparation**, regular homework and **qualified academic support** can make the difference.

This placement is a lifetime experience thanks to our unique "safety net" of **supervision, training, briefing, coaching, and weekly individual tuitions**.

More than learning an essential foreign language, this daunting adventure becomes an **enjoyable and maturing experience**.



Weekly tuition & individual support



Boost your confidence



Louisa & Léa:
Journal du Lycée Saint Joseph



Follow up courses (5th & 6th Year) available in Dublin and in France (June) — also on line.

For specific requests such as **sports** (rugby, football, swimming), **music**, or **location**, do not hesitate to call us.

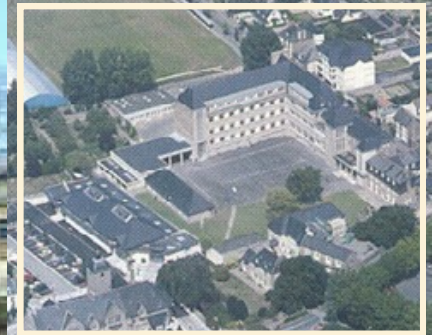
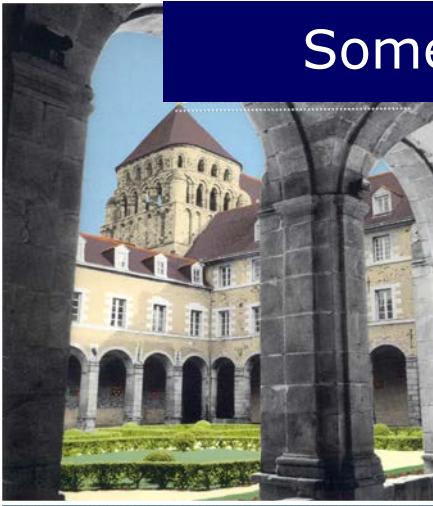
2-week **Bilingual Camp** available with French students for 2nd to 5th Year - July



Some of our French Private schools

Schools can either be *COLLÈGE*, *LYCÉE* or both. Although, nationwide, only 20% are private, most of our schools are private, providing supervision, care, welcome and strong ethos.

The *BACCALAURÉAT* is conducted within 7 years. Great care is taken to assign students to the right school and available school year (*QUATRIÈME*, *TROISIÈME*, *SECONDE* or *PREMIÈRE*)



Boarding = weekends at the home of one of your French schoolmates



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« *Voyager, c'est aussi étudier* » ®

Scènes de la vie commune en pensionnat



SYNOPSIS of the DUBLIN INDUCTION COURSE

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Please bring this (with your *French Verb Drills*)
to the CRASH COURSE - and then to France

Dear Student,

This Crash Course is held in Dublin. Audiovisual drills, with an introduction to international phonetics, will train you identify and pronounce French sounds correctly. This intensive module will help you build up confidence; guarding you against occasional embarrassments.

DATES: 3 to 4 days [9:30am-5pm] – usually a week before departure

LOCATION: 102 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4 – D04 E7N6

LECTURERS: Jean-Marc Bourguignon (DEA), Patrick Desprez (BA)

From DAY 1: Méthode De Vive Voix (CREDIF 1972):

This audio-visual course, taught through French, has been forged on the 500 first French words (*Basic French N° 1*). Repetitive drills will stimulate you a) to reproduce exact French sounds and intonations (French people contract syllables) and b) to answer accurately and automatically, as you would in a reflex; thus gaining assurance. The trademark of this method is: no translation (i.e. no English), no written work (except once an oral skill has been fortified) and no 'formal' grammar: This approach is said to compare with the gradual steps naturally taken when acquiring a mother tongue.



	THEME	GRAMMAIRE	PRATIQUE
1	Présentations Adresses et métiers Formules de politesse Identification	Avoir, être (je-vous) Aller, habiter Pronoms (toniques) sujets	Je m'appelle/vous vous appelez Professions Merci-je vous en prie Voilà. Qui est-ce/qu'est-ce que c'est ? C'est/ce sont Je, moi, vous
2	Pronom démonstratif Interrogation	Possession Négation Déterminé Appartenance	A + il y a, aussi Ne + Verbe + pas C'est/ce sont / le, la... de. Ce/cette/ces Il(s)/elle(s) / est-sont... à
3	Un immeuble Formules de politesse	Adjectifs possessifs Partitifs // Quantité de	Mon, ma, mes / Son, sa, ses / Votre, vos Au, à la / Du, de la, des // De Etage, pièces Vous permettez ? / volontiers / comment allez-vous ?
4	Conversation Une pièce	Verbe + infinitif Pronom complément atone Style indirect	Devoir Lui/elle Il dit que // C'est... qui Meubles

You will be glad to know that I give little homework... But be ambitious! In French -as in all languages- the conjugation of 3 particular verbs must be known by heart: **être, avoir, aller** ⇒ These irregular verbs demand constant practice and revision: bear in mind that one cannot go anywhere (starting from the French airport)... without identifying who one is (Irish, a boy/a girl, a student etc.) and... what one has (passport, boarding card, money, suitcase etc.).

PHONÉTIQUE INTERNATIONALE: Used when studying foreign languages, this tool is an asset in aural and oral.

ALPHABET	SYMBOLES	EXEMPLE	SYLLABES	CONTRACTIONS
Voyelles a-e-i-o-u-é-è/ê-y	[a - ə - i - o - ɔ - y - u - e - ε - j]	« Je vous demande »	Je vous de man de	[ʒvud] [mɑ̃d]
Consonnes Diphthongues	[b c d g p t v w - f ʒ l m n r s z ʃ k] [œj ij ej aj]	"I'm asking you" vin, bonbon, enfant, parfum	= 5 syllabes réduites à...	⇒ 2 sons
Nasales : en, on, an, un	[ɛ̃ ɔ̃ ɑ̃ œ̃]			

From DAY 2: Workshop 1 : Du bon usage du Dictionnaire

How to find entries through a dictionary, not grasping the first translation offered but sharpening instead the research, differentiating notions and making sense of similarities while checking genders, abbreviations, grammatical clues etc.

Workshop 2 : Du bon usage d'une Grammaire

How to familiarise oneself with main groups of verbs and tenses – cf. *French Verb Drills* manual.

Workshop 3 : Exercice de Lecture

How to pronounce, link and articulate French words and sentences intelligibly

Workshop 4 : Lancement du Cahier de Vocabulaire

How to built up vocabulary and improve one's writing skills, mastering verbs and, in due time, syntax

From DAY 3: Workshop 5 : Communication avec Préparation à l'Exposé + Questions fréquentes

How to present a case with clarity. How to captivate an audience/an examiner by articulating slowly one's flow of ideas. How to distance oneself from a text while looking at the listeners. How to monitor one's pronunciation and intonation.

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Bon courage !

Jean-Marc Bourguignon, Director