



AU COLLÈGE EN FRANCE

TY 2024/2025 — 1 TERM OR LONGER

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



Tailor made
INDIVIDUAL
Academic Placement
One Living Language student
Per School

PRIVATE SCHOOLS
in most cases, providing
Supervision, Ethos & Care

Boarding and/ or
IN THE HOME of a
Shoolmate
(not an exchange)

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

Improving Fluency
In the company of French
students of similar ages

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 later 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 14 SEP '24	Sat 19 OCT
CHRISTMAS	Fri 08 NOV	Sun 15 DEC
JANUARY	Fri 03 JAN '25	Sun 09 FEB
SPRING	Fri 28 FEB	Sun 06 APR
EASTER	Sat 26 APR	Sun 01 JUN
FULL YEAR	Sat 14 SEP '24	Sun 01 JUN '25
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HALLOWEEN	Sat 13 SEP '25	Sat 18 OCT
CHRISTMAS	Fri 07 NOV	Sun 14 DEC

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

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

Accommodation is either in **BOARDING SCHOOL** facilities (with weekends spent **AT A STUDENT'S HOME**) /or full time in **A FAMILY SELECTED BY THE SCHOOL**; thus contributing with the 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 assess personal needs.

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

An **ORIENTATION COURSE**, held upon arrival in France,

guides students on how to participate actively in class, and provides enough essential information on French schools structures to ensure smooth integration.

A wide range of schools, mostly **PRIVATE**, guarantees welcome and good ethos. School authorities provide placement details shortly before arrival.

Stays **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**. Advice and emotional **SUPPORT** are provided whenever needed.



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

<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	First 2 Terms @ 74	€6,700	-€800	= €5,900	
Christmas 38 €3,400	First 3 Terms @ 112	€10,150	-€850	= €9,300	
January 38 €3,450	First 4 Terms @ 150	€13,650	-€900	= €12,750	
Spring 38 €3,500	Christmas & January @ 76	€6,850	-€600	= €6,250	
Easter 37 €3,500	January & Spring @ 76	€6,950	-€500	= €6,450	
	Spring & Easter @ 75	€7,000	-€450	= €6,550	
	Last 3 Terms @ 113	€10,450	-€600	= €9,850	
	FULL ACADEMIC YEAR @ 187	€17,150	-€1,650	= €15,500	
	<u>Boarding</u> + €140 /Week				

As from 01 February 2024—subject to change due to unforeseen economic circumstances

- INCLUDES:** ⇒ **FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION:** AT THE HOME OF A STUDENT
 ⇒ French **PRIVATE SCHOOL FEES**
 ⇒ Enrolment **TEST**, Parent & Student **BRIEFING**
 ⇒ **ORIENTATION COURSE** in France
 ⇒ **GUIDANCE & TUTELAGE** of the student throughout the stay
 ⇒ Administration Fees, Student's File, **PROGRESS REPORT**

- EXCLUDES:** ⇒ Air Fare & Insurance (E-111/medical/travel/repatriation/liability)
 ⇒ Land Transfers & Public Transport
 ⇒ Dublin Induction Course & Working File (Verb Drills, *Grammaire* 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 [1ST TERM]

- ☞ - €200 for the **first 6** confirmed enrolments
- €150 for the **next 4** confirmed enrolments
- ★ - €500 for enrolment confirmed **before 10 May '24**



"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"

Niamh 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



Applications are accepted on a **first come, first served** basis.

Placement can only be initiated after enrolment has been confirmed and the test and mandatory briefing conducted. So please book early to avoid disappointment.

We recommend that stays of 2 or more French school Terms be request-

ed on initial enrolment, as places are limited.

Choice of accommodation is **subject to availability** and for enrolments confirmed 2 months prior to departure.

A **3-day Induction Course**, using audio-visual drills on French pronunciation, idioms and elocution is organised before departure (at a small extra cost) to instil confidence.

Whereas the level in French is not critical, the student's motivation is a prerequisite.

We reserve the right to refuse an enrolment for reasons we deem valid. A copy of the student's Junior Cert results may 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

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 schoolmate** provides you with your own... “*ambassadeur*”.

It also makes it easier and safer to commute to and from school.

Immersion



GAINING FLUENCY

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

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

This internship is a lifetime experience, thanks to our unique “*safety net*” of **supervision, training, briefing, coaching, and weekly individual lessons**.

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



Weekly tuition & individual support

Making new friends



Louisa & Léa:
Journal du Lycée Saint Joseph



Boosting your self-confidence



5th Yr INTENSIVE Course
France & Dublin (June)

5th Yr FOLLOW-UP Classes
Dublin /Online (Sept-March)

6th Yr REVISION Course
Dublin /Online (Sept-March)

SPECIFIC REQUESTS: location /sports [rugby, football, swimming] /music, Do not hesitate to call us.

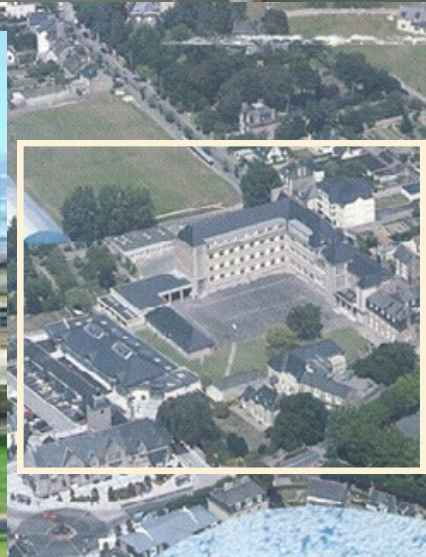
A BILINGUAL CAMP is available with French students (2nd to 5th Year, July)



Some of our French Private schools

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

The *BACCALAURÉAT* is conducted over 7 years. Great caution is taken to assign our TY students to the right school and appropriate school year (*TROISIÈME*, *SECONDE* or *PREMIÈRE*)



Boarding + weekends at the home of one of your French classmates /or full time with a school family.



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« *Voyager, c'est étudier* » ®

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SYNOPSIS of the DUBLIN INDUCTION COURSE

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Please bring this to the INDUCTION 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 Professions Formules de politesse Identification	Avoir Être Je / Vous Aller, habiter, savoir Pronoms (toniques) sujets	Je m'appelle/Vous vous appelez Expressions idiomatiques Merci - Je vous en prie Voilà. Qui est-ce/qu'est-ce que c'est ?... C'est/ce sont Je, moi, vous + verbe pronominal
2	Pronom démonstratif Interrogation	Possession Négation Déterminé Appartenance	A qui... ? Il/elle est à + 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-ê-è/ê-y	[a - ə - i - o - ɔ - y - u - e - ε - j]	« Je vous demande »	Je vous de man de	[ʒvud] [mā:d]
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"	= 5 syllabes réduites à...	⇒ 2 sons
Nasales : en, on, an, un	[ɛ̃ ɔ̃ ɑ̃ œ̃]	vin, bonbon, enfant, parfum		

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.

Bon courage !

Jean-Marc Bourguignon, Director