



The  
**PARK SCHOOL**  
OF ENGLISH

Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, Ireland



## About The Park School of English

We were established to provide an experience that is based on nurture and nature. Through much careful consideration, The Park School came to be in 2021. Here at The Park School, we are unique in our rural location away from the distractions of urban or city life. Giving students the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and go offline for a while.

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***Our locality in the heritage town of Strokestown is steeped in Irish history***

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Our community is small and offers a wonderful inclusive Irish welcome.

We are all about students realising their full potential and having fun as they reach their goals.

Our student centered approach and care make us stand out, our schools are small, but our encouragement and guidance are huge!

This is an experience that leaves students with a new view of the world outside their home country and opens their eyes to the possibilities that learning the English language can give them.

## Our Schools

We place students in a small local school where a new student is welcomed and brought into the heart of the school community. Our schools adopt a holistic approach to education, enabling each student to reach their full potential in all areas - intellectual, physical, spiritual, social and cultural.



Students will immediately be immersed in the curriculum at school and can choose the subjects they wish to study:

### Range of Subjects on Offer:

Geography, History, Business Studies, Visual Art, Home Economics, Graphics, Engineering, Digital Media, Wood Technology, Music, Religious Education, Physical Education, Music, German & French

English, Mathematics and a Science subject will be compulsory.

Junior Cycle Years 1-3 for students 12-15

Transition Year 4 for students 15-16

Ireland's TY Programme is unique, it is designed to allow students to develop their own talents, aptitudes and abilities. It allows students to mature and learn to work as part of a team with many projects like junior enterprise, theatre, school trips and work experience in the community. Learning to grow and be self-disciplined without the pressure of examinations.

Senior Cycle Year 5-6 for students 16-18

Our schools' facilities are modern and safe environments with school properties based in private locations away from the town centre.

We encourage all our students to join as many extracurricular activities as possible and to participate in the many national school competitions that our schools partake in. Learning while having fun is also important to us.

Regular testing from our school's will maintain a record of your students' progression through our Academic Programme. We collaborate closely with our schools to monitor the development and wellbeing of each student and offer monthly reports to parents and guardians.

**We aim that our Programme while improving your students' English skills will bring the benefits of a sense of responsibility, self-discipline and self-motivation.**

All schools are working under the guidance and regulation of the Irish Government's Department of Education & Skills, and students work within the guidelines and requirements of a national curriculum.

Supports for students wishing to continue studies from their home schools can also be arranged via online meetings and will be monitored as part of our programme in conjunction with principals and teachers from home.



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**Comforting help and advice is available to students who may want reassurance with the new challenges of an Irish Classroom. Our helpline is available 24hrs and there is optional extra tuition if required.**

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# School Term

Age range 12-17 years

Course Dates:

August – June

Course Options: 1 Term (end of August – December) (January to March)

2 Terms (January to May/ June)

Full Academic Year (end of August to May/ June)

## School Books & Uniforms

All our schools will require a school uniform. Uniforms allow equality among peers and so are necessary in the school environment. However, we allow students to purchase only the pants or skirt and have an official school jumper available that will be returned at the end of your term with us. School books are available for the duration of the stay from the school. Stationery supplies are available at no extra cost to you.



# The Great Outdoors

## Going Offline



We are based in rural Co. Roscommon, in beautiful rolling countryside with Lakes, Canals, Forests and Mountains to explore, there are many wonderful Hikes and Horse trails to be found. Local activities enjoyed every day can include Gaelic Games, Soccer, Athletics, Tennis, Art & Music Classes, Handball, Badminton, Golf, Horse Riding and Kayaking. There is also a junior gym open to those over 16.



Most families enjoy the forest walks, kayaking, paddleboarding, fishing, horse riding, golf and cycling as part of their weekend activities. There is so much to look forward to.

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Our location is just an hour from the famous waves and beaches of Co. Sligo where some of the best surfing waves in Europe can be found, or 90mins from the famous Stairway to Heaven (Pictured below) in the UNESCO Global Geopark at the Marble Arch Caves in Fermanagh.



## Host Families

Here at The Park High School, we are a small community. We want to encourage your student to be part of our community, to find themselves enveloped in a nurturing way to Irish life.

All host parents are Police vetted and provided with information about your student in advance of their arrival. We encourage communication through social media or email between families before arrival to develop a relationship or at least familiarity as leaving home can be a big emotional step. **Worldwide stereotypical images of the Irish mother are true, she is loving, kind, caring and your student will be made to feel right at home.**

Students will be provided with all meals and lunch for school and spend the weekends with their host family.

As we are a rural community some of our host families will live on working farms with outdoor work, tending to animals and learning about sustainability a part of everyday life.



During the time in Ireland host families will include students in all they do and encourage them to enjoy the great outdoors through sports and leisure time spent together.

## Cultural & Social Interaction

While coming to Ireland to study and improve English is the focus, there must also be an element of fun, try new sports, opportunities to make new friends and experience life as an Irish teenager.

We offer a youth club experience every two weeks where students, host students and friends can gather, play sports, listen to music, and hang out in a safe environment fully supervised by our staff.



Irish host students have the option to attend our cultural trips and activities also and suggestions are always welcome for new ideas or days out that students may want to do.

Our activity-based trips will take place twice in a term visit and can be decided by the students themselves at our youth club evenings. All trips are fully supervised and never overnight.



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To introduce your student to the community and school we will have an informal orientation with families in the school, everyone involved will come together to welcome our new residents before they go home with their host family.

New classmates will be in attendance so there is a familiar face on that first morning of school.



# Easter & Summer Camps

No phones allowed during the day

Easter, July & August Camps are one/ two weeks in duration and offer exciting activities and chances to improve conversational and creative written language.

Our Staff are experienced TEFL Teachers, B2 Cambridge sample tests and games are part of the course.

Our camps have Irish students of appropriate age assisting teachers and camp attendees with activities, projects and join us on our trips. Creating Confident Conversation, Trusted Teammates & Fantastic Friendships.

Activities and day trips include the following:

Paddleboarding, Shannon River Adventures, Horse Trekking, Tree Top Ziplining, Surfing, Kayaking, Forest Bush Tucker, Island Camp Out, Marble Arch Caves, Alpaca Farm Walks, and lots more...

Speciality Camps are available for Art & Music on request.

Malaga, Alicante, Barcelona Girona, Palma de Mallorca airports have the advantage of short transfer times with flights to Ireland West Airport, Knock

All other destinations may fly to Dublin Airport



## Why Choose Us?

- OUR STAFF ARE EXPERIENCED TEACHERS AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS
- WE COLLABORATE CLOSELY WITH SCHOOLS AND HOST FAMILIES TO ENSURE THE EXPERIENCE IS POSITIVE FOR YOUR CHILD
- BASIC SCHOOL UNIFORM AND STATIONERY INCLUDED
- 24HR SUPPORT LINE FOR ALL FAMILIES AND HOST FAMILIES
- OPTIONAL TUITION IN NEW SUBJECTS
- COORDINATED CONTACT FOR CLASSES WITH HOME SCHOOL AND FEEDBACK TO FAMILIES
- SOCIAL GATHERINGS EVERY TWO WEEKS WITH YOUTH CLUB IN A FULLY SUPERVISED SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- MONTHLY ACTIVITY-BASED TRIPS
- OPTIONS TO JOIN LOCAL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK
- RURAL/COUNTRYSIDE LOCATION WITH EMPHASIS ON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUR CHILD
- ALL HOST FAMILIES / STAFF ARE POLICE VETTED AND ALL STAFF TRAINED IN CHILD PROTECTION
- PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

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