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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUARDIANSHIP IRELAND

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT CARE

ISGI

Safeguarding international students across Ireland. We provide guardianship and family homestay placement services for school and university

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DO I NEED STUDENT GUARDIANSHIP?

International students studying in an Irish highschool or university under the age of 18 legally require a guardian. As a professional full time guardianship service, ISGI is available 24 hours a day to offer experienced assistance. We are there to help and support parents and their children, schools and teachers throughout the academic year

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Provisional BSA Certified Guardian – 2021/2024

IRISH HIGHSCHOOL GUARDIANS

Irish highschools require parents to nominate a guardian for their child before the commencement of the academic year. Choosing the right guardian can be a difficult decision as it requires a lot of trust and confidence. The guardian is the person you rely on to ensure your child begins the year as smoothly as possible, without complications allowing them to concentrate fully on their studies. The difference between success and failure is often having the right support and assistance when needed. ISGI professional guardianship is here to offer support to parents, students, the school and partner agencies with practical assistance and guidance throughout the academic year

ABOUT US

ISGI was founded with the aim of offering a professional and quality full time guardianship service to international students studying in Ireland. ISGI was proud to be recognised for it's quality service as a Guardianship Organisation Finalist in the 2022 Study Travel Magazine Secondary School Awards

ACCREDITATION

As a professional full time guardianship service, we offer excellence in student safety and well being. To highlight our quality standards, we are Boarding School Association (BSA) provisionally approved and the Association of Guardianship Providers Ireland (AGPI) guidelines are currently followed and adhered to while our application is currently pending membership approval

OUR SERVICES

AIRPORT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

When your child steps off the plane, a member of our team will be there to meet them with a warm and friendly smile. Airport transfers are arranged by ISGI

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

We work with international partners and our sister company, Birchwater Education, to find the right school in Ireland to suit all student needs and family budgets. This includes public and private day schools, full time day and boarding school

UNIVERSITY GUARDIANSHIP

We provide guardianship to students under the age of 18 commencing undergraduate programmes in third level institutes

HOMESTAYS PLACEMENT

Homestay families are central to the experience students have in Ireland. Choosing the right homestay is essential. We make this process easy through consultation with parents, students and host families.

HIGH SCHOOL GUARDIANSHIP

We provide guardianship to students studying in full time boarding, private day and public schools. Maintain peace of mind knowing your child is safe and cared for throughout their time in Ireland.

IMMIGRATION SUPPORT

Upon arrival in Ireland, non EEA students are required to report to immigration. We offer support with documentation and visa requirements

WHO CAN AVAIL OF GUARDIANSHIP?

Taking care of international students studying in Ireland is our priority, from finding the right school in Ireland to finding the right homestay family. Students from the age of 8 to 18 staying in a homestay or boarding school without their parents avail of our service

WHO IS INVOLVED?

Parents and children are at the heart of all our decisions. Throughout the journey we involve our international partners, school administration and leadership team, immigration officers, host families, Transport companies, ISGI Guardians and support staff

Before Arrival

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL

Many important factors are considered by parents and students when choosing to study overseas including the country, type of school and fee requirements, the subject options available, exam type etc. We offer free consultation providing information to agencies and parents to help make informed decisions. Options include full time boarding schools, private day schools and public schools

CHOOSING THE RIGHT HOMESTAY FAMILY

Students that require a homestay will need assistance finding a suitable location and host family to suit their needs. We take into consideration the hobbies and character of each student. We take care in placing them with families that will suit their personality with children of the same age, where possible. Parents will have access to the homestay portal on our website to learn more about our fully vetted and experienced host families

THE STUDENT JOURNEY

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Students may arrive into Dublin or Shannon airport. We offer a warm smile to students upon arrival at the airport and the reassurance that they are in safe hands. Students will be met on arrival by an ISGI representative holding a sign showing our name and logo, making them easily recognisable. Students are then taken to the chosen transport option to begin their journey to the school or homestay

ACADEMIC YEAR

Students will always remember their wonderful experience in Ireland. We are there to make sure they look back on their time with fond memories. We provide a full time professional service throughout the academic year including

- Arrival and final departure airport transfers
- School books, uniforms and bed linen organised and available upon arrival
- 24 hour availability for emergencies
- Close contact with parents
- 24 hour contact with host families
- On call for school concerns
- Medical insurance organised if required
- Non academic support
- Regular check ups in person to monitor progress and well being
- Attendance at parent teacher meetings with follow up meetings if necessary
- School reports sent to parents
- Mid term and exeat holiday arrangements with host family/airport transfers
- Arrangement of additional transfers as required
- Provision of Irish sim card

BEFORE DEPARTURE

Upon departure after the academic year, we arrange for students to arrive safely at the airport and check in for their flights. We complete all the necessary documentation and approval required by airlines for unaccompanied minors

HOMESTAY FAMILY PLACEMENT

HOMESTAYS

A homestay family is a very important part of the student experience and is one of the biggest decisions to make prior to arrival. A family you can trust to support your child and take care of the day to day needs is a priority. ISGI is there to help make this decision as easy as possible. All our quality homestays are vetted, personally inspected and deemed suitable for hosting international students following the relevant checks. Our host families receive annual training and orientation to ensure they provide the highest quality service available.

HOMESTAY CHECKS

- HOST FAMILY INSPECTION AND VISIT
- POLICE BACKGROUND CHECKS
- YEARLY ORIENTATION
- FIRE ALARMS FITTED AND CHECKED

CHOOSING A HOMESTAY

Before Arrival

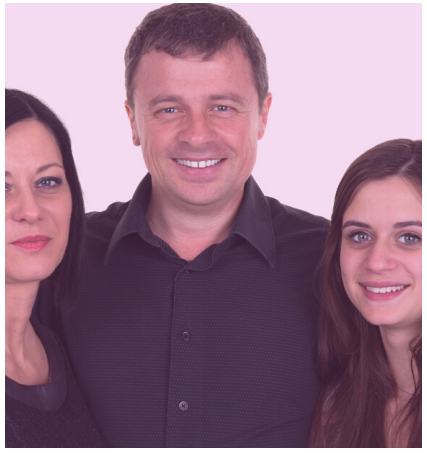
We make choosing a homestay exciting rather than the daunting task it can be. We take into account the age and profile of each student and listen to all parent concerns. We take all details into consideration and compile a list of potential homestays in the area that would be suitable for your child

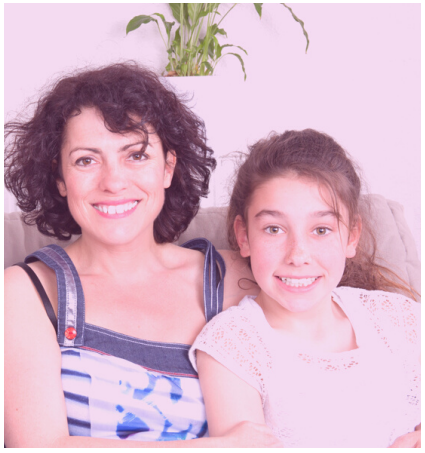
After Arrival

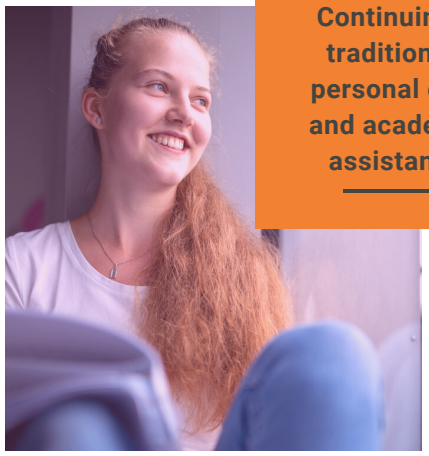
Students are welcomed at the airport by our local guardian. Transport arrangements are organised by the location to the school or directly to the homestay. We remain in contact with families at all times and offer 24/7 support for all our homestays

Contact Call

All our clients are given the option to schedule a call to learn more about the family prior to confirmation







Continuing a tradition of personal care and academic assistance

Homestay Life

Staying with an Irish host family is a wonderful experience. Students are provided with a private room, a quiet space to study and nutritious meals. Our proven homestays have a track record of greeting all students with a warm and friendly welcome and treating them like part of the family.

Additional Nights

Some students may require additional stays with their host families during the course of the academic year. ISGI coordinate any extra stays including mid term holidays and boarding house closures.

Meals

Nutritious meals are provided by the homestay on a daily basis. Students are provided with 3 meals a day, plus snacks. Any dietary requirements can be catered upon request. Any issues with meals should be reported directly to ISGI

Rockwell College

Villiers IB School

Glenstal Abbey

Cistercian College

SCHOOL PLACEMENT

SCHOOL TYPES

Ireland has an excellent track record for providing the highest quality of education and consistently ranks as one of Europes top ranking education systems. Irish High Schools are known locally as "Secondary Schools" and consist of 3 main schooling cycles

- Junior Cycle - 3 years
- Transition Year (TY) - 1 year
- Senior Cycle - 2 years

In the final year of the senior cycle, students take their final exam known as the "Leaving Cert". This exam is considered the equivalent of the A levels and enables students enter University undergraduate courses.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Government public schools are available to EU citizens only. Students can enrol for semester stays or full academic year programmes with transition year (TY) being the most popular choice. Full time host family placements are organised for students who wish to attend these schools.

PRIVATE FEE PAYING SCHOOLS

There are three types of private schools

- Full time day schools
- Part time boarding
- Full time boarding

Fees vary depending on the chosen school with consultation available for parents to discuss options suited to their needs and preferences. Schools include Villiers IB school, Glenstal Abbey, Tutorial College, Rockwell College, Cistercian college and many across Ireland.

IB SYLLABUS SCHOOLS

Parents wishing their children to study the International Baccalaureate (IB) Syllabus have the chance to enrol their students in Villiers IB Boarding School which is one of Ireland's most established schools with over 200 years of history, situated in the heart Limerick.

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School placements provide by BWE

TESTIMONIALS

We don't just work hard. We make sure our services align with the needs of our parents, students and partners

“really with my son you have been amazing, this period has been hard and for me and it has been very very helpful having you, thanks!"

“Guardianship Ireland are very professional, efficient and solves any issue we've got so quickly. They have taken a strong interest in looking for the appropriate host family. We wanted two cousins to be hosted together. Nora has found a really good one. They are a lovely family and take care of them in a lovely and warm way."

Partner agency feedback, “the family are grateful to you and all the things you did and arranged for their child. Not only were you always available but always eager to solve any problems he had with family, school and airport transfers. We see you work very hard for everyone "

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