



# **DUBLIN SOFT LANDING CAMP 2024!**

**27th - 30th August 2024  
Maynooth University, Dublin**





## Are you ready for your high school programme in Ireland?

Joining our Soft landing camp is a great way to prepare yourself for your high school programme in Ireland. Together with Educatus staff and fellow international students from all over the world you'll have four days packed with fun and educational activities before you travel to your placement area.

The camp is hosted at Maynooth University, on the outskirts of Dublin. You will stay in the university campus accommodation together with your new found friends, getting a feel for what university life is like. The days are filled with activities, such as lectures, games, quizzes, Irish dancing, as well as a visit to the city centre of Dublin. On arrival you will be divided into teams based on your placement area,

to give you the best possible chance to make friends and help you settle into life in Ireland before you join your host family. During the camp you will also get the chance to meet and put any area specific questions to your local coordinator who will support you throughout your Educatus programme.

Each year our team notices that students who attend the camp, which acts as a bridge between their home and programme life, settle better into life in Ireland and have less issues than students who don't attend. What are you waiting for? Sign up to give yourself the best possible start!

We look forward to seeing you in August.

### EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

#### August 27th

- Arrival in Dublin
- Lunch
- Free time or Film club
- Welcome & Orientation
- Welcome Dinner

#### August 28th

- Breakfast
- Orientation
- Ambassador & Coordinator Q&A
- Lunch
- Time to explore Dublin City Centre!
- Dinner
- Irish dancing

#### August 29th

- Breakfast
- Mental Health & Resilience workshop
- Group activity with students from your area
- Kahoot Quiz Night
- Dinner

#### August 30th

- Breakfast
- Final Farewells and last minute questions
- Departure to placement areas

*The Soft Landing Camp was fun!*

*I could see how much the students loved attending the camp as a great tool to say goodbye to home and to embrace their new life in Ireland. They made new friends from all over Europe and met their future host brothers and sisters with whom they would share a home.*

*The students enjoyed the walking tour of Dublin city! Not to forget the seminar sessions, I can see these helped them a lot because during the year we keep on coming back to the topics discussed during the sessions.*

*Overall, this is a great opportunity to have a soft start and an even greater opportunity to begin with great fun. Fully recommended!*

**Jan - Educatus partner**



**Programme includes: 3 nights accommodation, full board meal plan, arrival and departure transfer, excursions, activities on campus, supervision by Educatus staff.**