



16/03/2022

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

As oral Irish is worth 40% of the Leaving Cert Irish examination, we will begin the sixth year Irish course with a real emphasis on the spoken language. As a department we want to encourage our students to reach their full potential in this subject. To help with this, the Irish teachers are organising a trip to Ballyferriter in the Kerry Gaeltacht at the start of the next school year (2nd-4th September 2022). Coláiste Chorca Dhuibhne is organising the accommodation and the trip activities.

The proposed itinerary is outlined below. The total cost of the trip will be 200-220 euro, depending on the numbers travelling and no sharp rise in transport costs. As a department we feel that a minimum number of 50 students travelling is required for students to get maximum benefit from the trip. The girls will be staying in local houses with a 'bean an ti' in the Ballyferriter area so they will have an authentic experience, enabling them to gain full cultural and linguistic benefit from the trip.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day 1: Friday 2nd September 2022

10.30 Departure from school (students will wear their school tracksuits to school)

16.00 Meeting Bean an Tí

18.00 Dinner

20.00 'Tráth na gceist' agus 'comórtas na dtithe' in the hall in Baile an Fhirtéaraigh.

Day 2: Saturday 3rd September 2022

08.30 Breakfast

10.00- 12.3p Kayaking around Dingle Bay followed by a trip to Beo Mara Aquarium. Both of these trips will have Irish speaking guides

13.00 Lunch in the houses

14.00 An Irish speaking guide will meet the group and lead the Slea Head Drive visiting the Blasket Centre and historical sites such as Séipéillín Ghallaruis agus Cill Maoilcéadair (ancient beehive huts and church). At the Blasket Centre the students will have time to learn the history of the island and its people through Irish and also to see the magnificent views of the island.

18.00 Dinner with the Bean an Tí

20.00 Zumba as Gaeilge

Day 3: Sunday 4th September 2022

08.30 Breakfast

09.00 Bus departs for Dublin

Templeogue Road, Terenure, Dublin 6w, D6WKF44

T: 01 490 3241 F: 01 492 2511

Principal:

W: www.olschool.ie

E: principal@olschool.ie

Deputy Principals: Marguerite Gorby Stephen Rhatigan, Aoife Ronan





We hope you will agree that it is a valuable and worthwhile trip. To allow us to proceed with the organisation of the trip we are asking for a non-refundable deposit of 50 euro by April 8th 2022. This must be paid via Easy Payments on the school website. The balance must be paid May 30th 2022.

Le meas,

Roinn na Gaeilge