

'Bringing Languages to Life'



Residential Language Courses

FRENCH & SPANISH

Including Language Inter-Action with French & Spanish Students



HORIZON

INTERNATIONAL
LANGUAGE COLLEGE

Getting the right mix



At Horizon International Language College, we aim to get the mix just right with our modern approach. We combine intensive classroom based language lessons in the mornings and informal language learning in the afternoons and evenings through interaction with our visiting International students during our exciting Activity and Cultural programmes.

Why we are proud of our Language Courses:

- Our native-speaking teachers, and our foreign students, bring the language to life.
- Our courses mirror the Leaving Cert. syllabus, and the proficiency gained is of considerable advantage to them as they prepare for the Leaving Cert. exam.
- Peace of mind: Irish students in Ireland with native speaking teachers in an Irish educational setting, meaning no adjustment.
- Students learn the language in a fun way.
- Students enjoy the friendship of others who are equally motivated to develop their language skills.

**“The Gaeltacht,
French and
Spanish Style.”**



Our Unique Approach:

- Original, formal classroom-based intensive language lessons each morning, specially designed by our qualified Programme Directors, who are highly-regarded experts in this field - delivered by our team of experienced teachers, both native-speaking and Irish.

- To transmit a deeper love of the language - be it French or Spanish - in our students, we bring the language to life by introducing French and Spanish teenagers to our Language Inter-Action courses. Thus the language assumes an immediate relevance each afternoon.

- Through natural communication, the students gain a deep appreciation of the language they are learning, and a desire to further build their vocabulary. This real inter-action between Irish and foreign students is a unique element of Horizon International Language Colleges.

- Students develop a hunger to acquire new words and phrases so they can make the right shout in the ‘international’ football game in the afternoon, talk about their favourite music, or simply tell their new French or Spanish friends about their homes, their families, and their friends. There is a magic all of its own to these interactions.



- Students learn that language breaks down barriers and opens up new horizons. All of this, without ever having to leave Ireland. You are spared the cost and the worry of sending your children abroad. We create a piece of France and Spain for them here in Ireland.

- We employ a modern approach to maximise student interest and enjoyment. These include exciting audio-visual material and innovative teaching methods.



Language Inter-Action

Through our novel mix of classroom and multi-activity fun events, we give our students an all-round language-learning experience that will stand to them for life. It is ideal preparation for forthcoming exams in an environment conducive to quality learning.



The Classroom:

- Students are placed in a class appropriate to their level of proficiency. We ascertain this through a test on Day One of the course.
- Native-speaking teaching staff
- Staff:student ratio - 1:6
- Total immersion in the language
- Constant supervision
- Assessment and support throughout the two weeks, and full, written report provided to parents upon conclusion of the course
- Intensive exam preparation, with special focus on:
 - Developing the student's oral fluency in the language.
 - Developing their comprehension of the language.
 - Reviewing the basic grammar & grammatical structures of the language.
 - Exam-specific practice for oral and aural exams.
 - Exam-specific written assignments – mirroring what they will experience in forthcoming exams.
 - Exam techniques

Key Elements:

- Intensive language learning residential courses.
- All Language Inter-action courses are of two-week or three-week duration.
- Mornings are spent in the classroom in formal intensive lessons, learning your language (French or Spanish) from qualified teachers.
- Afternoons are spent enjoying multi-activity events, where students put their ever-expanding language skills to practical use with native speakers.

- Teaching of the highest standard, with emphasis on second-level syllabus in Irish schools. Yet we promote a relaxed environment so that students feel comfortable. We encourage all students to take a full and active part in the classroom.

Certification:

Horizon is approved by the Irish Department of Education and Science for the teaching of English as a foreign language. All students who complete our French & Spanish Language Courses are awarded Horizon certification.



Afternoon & Evenings:

- Multi-activity and cultural events, while inter-acting with foreign students, thus putting the language to real and practical use.
- Activities include Archery, Aeroball, Climbing, Field Sports, Watersports & Drama .
- Begin to gain an understanding of the culture of the country whose language you are learning.



- Enjoy the fun and informality of a summer camp, while still making huge progress in your chosen language.

Our Language Inter-Action courses are open to all secondary school students, from 15 years of age to Leaving Certificate. Students must have one year behind them of learning their chosen language.

Language courses available in 2009: French and Spanish.



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Our Colleges

Horizon
Westport

Wilson's
SPANISH
College

Rockwell
FRENCH
College



Our colleges are prestigious centres of learning. Here students will find themselves inspired by their surroundings, and they will also avail of the range of sporting and cultural activities and facilities available on site.

To maximise the language learning experience, we choose to use dedicated Colleges. In Rockwell College, all students take part in the French courses, while Wilson's College is our Spanish-only centre.



Rockwell College

Rockwell College

Rockwell College is situated 7km. from the historical town of Cashel on the main Dublin-Cork road in Co. Tipperary in the Province of Munster. It is set in 150 acres of wooded grounds and rich farmland along with its own 23 acre lake.

What facilities does Rockwell College have?

- 25 meter indoor heated swimming pool.
- 9-hole golf course.
- Sports hall, with basketball, badminton, volleyball courts, and weights room.

- 20 acres of sports pitches.
- Tennis courts & hockey pitches.
- 23 acres lake on college grounds.
- Full Catering facilities for 250 residential students.
- Full size all-weather sports pitches with floodlighting facility.

What is the accommodation like?

Rockwell College is a year-round boarding school offering single, double and multi-bedded accommodation. Full dining facilities are also provided.

Does Rockwell have special activities?

Full Horizon Activity menu including Watersports, Golf, Horseriding & Tennis.

Wilson's College

Wilson's College, Co. Westmeath, is located on the N4, 13km north-west of Mullingar. Wilson's is a well-known independent boarding school located close to the town of Mullingar in the heart of Ireland's Lake District, just one hour from Dublin. Set in 200 acres of rolling countryside between Lough Owel & Lough Derravaragh.

Wilson's has excellent facilities including modern classroom buildings, playing fields,



Wilson's College

multi- sports hall, theatre, tennis courts, swimming pool, excellent dining hall. In recent years all dormitories have been refurbished and modernised. The local village of Multy-farnham is 2km away. It is scenic and vast. The nearby town of Mullingar is a bustling midlands town with all the amenities you could ask for including libraries, gymnasium, snooker hall, internet cafe and Arts Centre

What facilities does Wilson's College have?

- Historical 17th Century buildings.
- Purpose built modern Sports hall.
- State of the art classrooms.
- Heated outdoor swimming pool.
- Extensive outdoor sports pitches, tennis courts and hockey pitches.
- High Ropes course, Climbing Tower and Quad Bike track.
- Full Catering facilities for 250 residential students.
- Performing Arts Theatre.
- Watersports lake

A Typical Day

8am - 9am:

Rise 'n' shine, Breakfast

9.30 - 11am:

Classroom session (1)

11am-11.30am:

Mid-morning break

11.30am - 1pm:

Classroom session (2)

1 - 2pm:

Lunch break, change into sports gear for afternoon activities

2 - 5pm:

Multi-activity - maybe abseiling, canoeing, football, multi-media fun, drama etc.

5 - 6pm:

Relax in dormitory, showers, change for evening activities

6 - 6.45pm:

Evening Meal

6.45 - 7.30pm:

Full college assembly

7.30 - 10.30pm:

Evening activities, music, leisure time, all under supervision.*

On Saturdays, students enjoy a supervised excursion to attractions of cultural and historical interest with their new foreign friends to encourage spoken linguistic exchanges.

School's out on Sunday! We put the day to good use, though, through a well-structured programme of multi-activity & multi-cultural events.

Irish and foreign students eat together.

* Evening activities include videos, board games, quizzes, treasure hunts, discos, films etc. All in the foreign language, thereby providing further absorption in the language and culture.

Our Teachers



Our staff:student ratio of 1:6 means students are given the level of supervision necessary to ensure a quality learning experience.

Each Language Inter-Action course is administered as follows:

Course Manager

- Overall responsibility for running the course.

Assistant Manager

- Works in tandem with the Course Manager to ensure the course runs smoothly and to the benefit of the students.

Qualified teachers

- We use Irish teachers who are familiar with the Leaving Cert syllabus.
- We also employ native French speakers for our French Language Inter-action course, and native Spanish speakers for our Spanish Language Inter-Action course.
- All of our teachers are familiar with the Leaving Cert syllabi.
- We select teachers who believe in our approach - they appreciate the value of what students learn outside the classroom in the afternoon, and see that as an important addition to the morning classes. In other words, the bell never rings for our teachers.
- Through involvement in our afternoon activities, teachers can then tailor the classroom lessons to make them more exciting and relevant for the students

Sports co-ordinators & monitors

- Responsibility for our afternoon sessions rests with our sports co-ordinators & monitors
- We employ a high number of native-speaking French & Spanish monitors, who help students put

their language skills to good use in the fun-filled sports activity area

- Through sport, they promote an awareness and love of French and Spanish culture
- The multi-activity afternoons have an informal air, but we take great care to ensure they enhance the overall language-learning experience. Co-ordinators and monitors play an important role in helping students to build vocabulary and to deploy suitable phrases in a sports and leisure setting

Assistants & group leaders

- Our assistants are Irish second- and third-level students who are proficient in the foreign language
- They are trained in group leadership, and they work under the supervision of the teachers, sports co-ordinators & monitors, course manager & assistant manager. Our staff are trained on-site prior to the start of the course. They are fully au fait with 'the Horizon way' and are committed to providing the best possible living language experience you can get.

All our staff assist with general supervision of the groups, including meal-time & dormitory supervision. Full 24-hour supervision.

Horizon have over 30 years experience as operators of summer courses for children and teenagers. If you are interested in our Specialist Summer Sports Camps, please ask for our extensive brochure outlining our entire range - surfing, horse-riding, football academy, drama and theatre, multi-media, tennis, and many more.



Key Information

Students register between 4pm and 6pm on the date of commencement of the course. Language rules come into effect immediately. Please note, we arrange transport from major towns, including Dublin, Cork, Galway, and Waterford. Full details available upon request.

To ensure total immersion in the language, the following items are not permitted, and will be confiscated for the duration of the course: iPods, mobile phones, MP3 players, walkmans, radios, books and magazines not in the chosen language, and any other items deemed to be contrary to the aim of creating a piece of France or Spain here. Parents will be able to contact their children via our Parent Helpline. These calls must be pre-booked and take place between 6-7pm each evening.

For reasons of health and safety, the following items are also banned, and will be confiscated: alcohol, tobacco, glue-type substances, aerosols (including deodorant), Tipp-Ex, knives, blades, hair-dye, and any other items deemed by the Course Manager to be a threat to student safety.

Request our Parents' Guide and Booking Form today. This will contain further information on pocket money, tuck shop, medical attention, clothes, dictionaries, books, school material, religious services, swimming, laundry, sports equipment, musical instruments, fee refunds, and other issues.

Rules & Regulations

To ensure the smooth running of the language course for the enjoyment of all students, we have certain rules and regulations that must be followed:

Speaking the language Students must make every effort to communicate at all times in the language of their course. We understand this is not always possible, of course, but if we feel a student is not making that effort, we have a warning system that can lead to sending him/her home. No refund of fees will be available to a student sent home in this way. A student in distress may communicate with a staff member in English.

General discipline (breaches can lead to immediate expulsion, without refund of fees)

No smoking. No alcohol or drugs in the camp. Students cannot be under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any time during the two weeks.

Theft and vandalism are strictly forbidden. Damages will be sought from students who steal goods, damage facilities through vandalism, graffiti, or in any other deliberate way.

Stay on-site. Apart from during group excursions as organised by the college, students must not go off-site at any time. Certain areas in the colleges are out-of-bounds & students must not visit those areas either. This includes boys not entering girls dormitories, washrooms & shower areas, and vice-versa. Breaches will lead to immediate expulsion, without refund of fees.

Students must not leave their dormitory area after lights out.

General Behaviour: Students are expected to conform to a standard of behaviour that allows for the full enjoyment of the course by all other students. This includes respect for staff, fellow students, and the facilities of the college. Our staff will constantly monitor general behaviour, and, if necessary, make recommendations that could lead to warnings and ultimately expulsion, without refund of fees.

Expelled students must be collected by his-her parent(s) or person(s) designated to represent them on the day of expulsion. If this does not take place, the student will be sent home on public transport. We accept no responsibility for any student following expulsion. Expulsion comes into immediate effect upon telling the student, & students are permitted no further interaction with fellow students. Therefore, we only advise a student of their expulsion shortly before they are due to depart the college. We will have earlier made contact with parent(s) or people designated to act on their behalf. The decision of the Course Manager is final in all respects.

Booking Form



One booking form per student

Personal Details

Student Name _____ Home Phone No. _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address _____

Name of Mother/Guardian _____ Telephone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Father/Guardian _____ Telephone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Educational Details

Name and Address of School: _____

Name of Language Teacher: _____

Year at School: _____ Foreign Language Currently Studying: _____

Number of years studied language at Secondary School: _____

Course Choice	Location	Date of commencement

Standard – Combined Language Course and Multi-Activity Programme
or
 I would like to combine my Language Course with the Specialist _____ programme
from the Horizon Summer Camp Programme (Extra charges apply for Specialist Programmes)

Travel Please tick as required: Ireland Escorted Travel Airport Pickup & Escorted Travel
 Drop at Camp by Parent/Guardian

Room Share Name _____
Friend to be grouped with must be same sex and within 12 months of your child

Please call Horizon for more details on pick-up points: Tel: 098 35844 Overseas: +353 98 35844

Course Fees

One week - €535.00 2 week - €996.00 3 week - €1350.00
(recommended minimum stay)

Course Fee € _____

Special Camp Fee (if any) € _____

Customer Protection Plan (see page 7, section 3) € _____ Total € _____
(Will automatically be added to your invoice unless otherwise advised)

Deposit: _____ Please enclose a deposit of €250 per child Enclosed

Or please charge my debit/credit card for: _____

Card No.: / / / /

Security Number: Type of Card: Visa / Mastercard / Laser Name on Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit and Debit cards will automatically be debited on the due date. Credit cards will be subject at a 1.5% bank charge on the total cost of the course.
 Tick here if you do not want us to auto-debit your remaining balance on the due date.

How to Book

By Phone

You can reserve a place on the course of your choice by telephoning



098 35844

Horizon Language Advisors are available during these times:

Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.30pm
Saturday 10.00am - 4pm

Our 24-hour answering service & our website www.horizonireland.com operate outside these hours. Reservations made by phone can be paid for by credit / debit card or by sending a deposit cheque within 3 days.

By Fax

Fax the booking to:

098 35845



By Post

Simply complete the booking form opposite and send it to us together with your deposit payment to: **Horizon International College, Kilavally, Westport, Co Mayo, Ireland.**



By Email

Contact us by email on

language@horizonireland.com



What Happens Next?

After we receive your Booking Form and deposit we will send you a written confirmation and an invoice for the balance of payment. Once a copy of the Customer Protection Plan is purchased, a cover note setting out the full terms, conditions and exclusions will be sent with your confirmation. For those customers not taking advantage of the Customer Protection Plan we will send you an Insurance Indemnity Form which must be completed and returned to us before the booking can continue. After your final balance has been paid we will send you a 'Welcome Pack' for every child. This will have all the joining information you need prior to camp opening. A medical and emergency contact form for each child will be included in this pack and must be completed and returned to us 2 weeks prior to the commencement of camp. All pre-ordered camp kit will be given out upon arrival at camp. For children with special requirements, parents are asked to contact the Language Counsellors to discuss individual requests.

Booking Conditions

1. CONFIRMATION

Your course will be confirmed after we receive your booking form and the appropriate deposit. Please note that payment of the deposit is regarded as your acceptance of the booking conditions and is non-refundable, other than through our Customer Protection Plan.

2. CANCELLATION

If you wish to cancel the booking you must notify us immediately in writing. Until written confirmation is received we will continue to hold your reservation. All cancellations will be acknowledged.

Cancellations incur the following charges:

- More than 56 days before camp starts: loss of deposit only.
- 56-29 days: 30% of the total course price.
- 28-15 days: 45% of the total course price.
- 14-1 day: 100% of the total course price.
- On or after the holiday starts: 100% of the total course price.

Cancellations may be reclaimed from our Customer Protection Plan when the reason for cancellation falls within its terms; if cancellation is due to illness, the appropriate refund may be given subject to a doctor's certificate being supplied. Please carefully read our course insurance certificate which will be forwarded with details of your insurance cover.

Travel costs are forfeited unless written cancellation is received more than 56 days prior to holiday commencement. Your holiday insurance may cover the cost of cancellation.

3. CUSTOMER PROTECTION PLAN

Our Customer Protection Plan is designed to give you maximum reassurance and peace of mind with its comprehensive range of protection. It covers all sports and activities at camp and provides:

- Money back guarantee. If your child does not settle at college within the first two nights, despite the best endeavours of parents and the camp director, we will offer a pro-rata refund.
- All cancellation charges up to the full cost of the course (see the schedule in part 2 above)
- Complete cover for all activities organised by Horizon Language College
- Personal accident up to €5000
- Medical expenses up to €2000
- Travel delay up to the full cost of the holiday
- Curtailment of activities up to €200

Our experience has shown that standard policies do not cover all of our activities, e.g. motorsports. Any client who does not take out our Customer Protection Plan should check the terms and conditions of their proposed policy very carefully as you may be required to complete an Insurance Indemnity Form. Some special offers are discounted on the understanding that you will be taking up our Customer Protection Plan. Please check if this is appropriate in your case. Irish Residents €35 per person per week. Overseas residents €50 per person per week.

4. BOOKING

Responsibility for the details of bookings and for payments lies with the person making the initial booking.

5. PAYMENT

All accounts must be fully paid before we can accept your child on the course. All balance payments are due by May 30th, 2009, unless otherwise stated.

6. TRAVEL

Alterations or additions may be made to your booking and travel arrangements either in writing or by telephoning Horizon International College. All amendments to Escorted Travel Bookings must be followed up in writing. We cannot accept changes or additions to travel plans ten days or less prior to a holiday. Cancellation of any transport requested within this time cannot be transferred or refunded. (Our Travel Managers need this period of grace to finalise transport).

7. ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

Please note we reserve the right to levy an administration charge of €25 in respect of any changes made to booking details after the initial booking has been confirmed. Changes to the holiday start date will automatically receive a €25 administration charge.

8. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All your child's personal property is your own responsibility, unless loss or damage is proven to be due to Horizon International Language College negligence. If anything is missing when your son or daughter leaves Horizon International Language College please let the Director know about it immediately as there may still be time to find it before Horizon International Language College closes down at the end of the season. Expensive and treasured items such as jewellery, CD players, Walkmans, personal video games, mobile phones, designer clothes / shoes / trainers, etc., should not be brought to camp as they are often unnecessary and inappropriate on an adventure activity holiday.

9. SWIMMING ABILITY

All children on a holiday involving any activity on water must be able to swim 25 metres.

10. OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

A number of our holidays include excursions and off-site activities such as horse riding at local stables. All our usual standards of care and supervision apply. All children may participate in off-site events unless we specifically receive written notification to the contrary from parents or guardians.

11. INCOMPATIBILITY

We reserve the right to exclude or refuse any person at any time, prior to and during a holiday if, in our opinion, that person is incompatible with the general well-being of the camp. Any additional costs incurred by Horizon International Language College, including transportation home, will be at the parents' expense, and no refund of the holiday cost will be made.

12. PROGRAMME CHANGES

The timetables for certain activities are subject to alteration in the event of wet weather conditions or other factors which are beyond our control. In the event that pre-paid sessions are cancelled due to safety reasons or factors beyond our control, we will refund any supplement payments. We reserve the right to cancel a booking due to low numbers. We will offer an alternative or refund any supplements paid.

13. TRAVEL CHANGES

Course and travel arrangements are occasionally subject to change. Should this be necessary for any reason, Horizon International Language College will inform you at the earliest opportunity (in writing, if time permits).

14. NEGLIGENCE

We accept responsibility for personal injury and for loss and damage generally, but only if caused by the proven negligence of the company or its employees. We do not accept responsibility for events which are outside of our direct control. These include (but not exclusively) force majeure events such as strikes, bad weather, war, etc. and injury, loss or damage that may occur while we are using third parties or sub-contractors such as transportation companies. We act as an agent for transportation companies, from whom detailed conditions of carriage are available.

15. COMPENSATION

In the unlikely event that a child experiences a problem or difficulty while at camp, the matter should be reported immediately to:

1. The Director who has the authority and direct knowledge to deal with most queries.
2. If he or she fails to resolve the difficulty to your satisfaction, then write to us at our Head Office within a reasonable time of your child leaving camp. We will only compensate complaints if both these conditions are met.

16. PHOTOGRAPHY

Please inform Horizon International Language College if you do not want your child's photograph taken. It may be used in future brochures.

17. DISCLAIMER

This brochure is the responsibility Horizon International Language College. The details in this brochure are published in good faith as of December 2008.

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