



Transition Year in Spain

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The cradle of Spanish

Spain is a country with thousands of years of culture and history. Choosing to study in Spain means living in the cradle of the Spanish language, the second most spoken language in the world. It is the language of Cervantes, the author of *Don Quixote* and also the language in which Federico Garcia Lorca and Nobel Prize winners Camilo Jose Cela (1989) and Mario Vargas Llosa (2010) have written their works.

Spain has a wealth of artistic and architectural heritage as a result of the different civilizations that have left their mark over the centuries. In the field of art, painters who stand out are Velazquez, Goya and Picasso, whose works are exhibited in the Prado, the Reina Sofia and the Thyssen museums.



Los Sauces Educational Institution

Los Sauces Educational Institution has 40 years of experience in the world of education. One of its basic tenets is a mutual respect for different forms of thinking and individual beliefs. The Institution has four private schools in Spain, in Madrid and Galicia, as well as a fifth school in Ireland.



Our schools in Madrid

Colegio Los Sauces La Moraleja

This school is located in the north of Madrid and the school has 800 students and 94 teachers. Academic results are above the average of the schools in the area. It provides medical service, educational guidance service and develops a broad programme of co-curricular activities

Colegio Los Sauces Torreldones

This school is located in Torreldones, a National Park area, 26 kilometres from Madrid. It has extensive facilities designed for study and sports. Many students live in very close residential areas which makes easy to hang out with their school friends after class.



Our schools in Galicia

Colegio Los Sauces Vigo

This school is located in the city of Vigo, next to the sea. It is a modern school well known for the students' good results. It is one of the few private schools in the city, so there are many families that have chosen it as a centre for the education of their children, both for the academic results as well as for the personalised attention they receive.

Colegio Los Sauces Pontevedra

This is a modern purpose-built residential school which caters for students from all over Spain as well as abroad. Its location next to the sea makes it attractive to students who enjoy the beach and water sports.



Something all the schools have in common is that they have been built on large plots of land where much importance is given to sports facilities. The school have indoor heated swimming pools that are used both in the P E classes, as well as outside school hours. In addition, facilities include indoor sports centre, athletics tracks, soccer pitches, basketball and tennis, as well as skating and table tennis.

There is an extensive programme of co-curricular activities that students can choose from, depending on their interests and abilities. Particularly relevant are theatre groups, chess classes, judo and karate classes, music lessons, music theory and piano, fencing, tennis, dance and robotics, among others.

Los Sauces schools offers education at all levels, from 3 years old up to access to University. The objective is the intellectual, personal and social development of pupils at all levels. To achieve this the programme is based on current educational practices such as multiple intelligences and cooperative learning, designed around each student's needs.

It has a strong international character and a wealth of experience in educating pupils from the United States, France, Canada and Germany, countries with which international exchanges are organised.

Students can count on the support of Colegio Sauces, a private school, listed in the best 50 schools in Spain. (Forbes School Rankings 2024).

The school has developed innovative methodologies and programmes, and its educational model has won prizes and awards.





The magic of Galicia

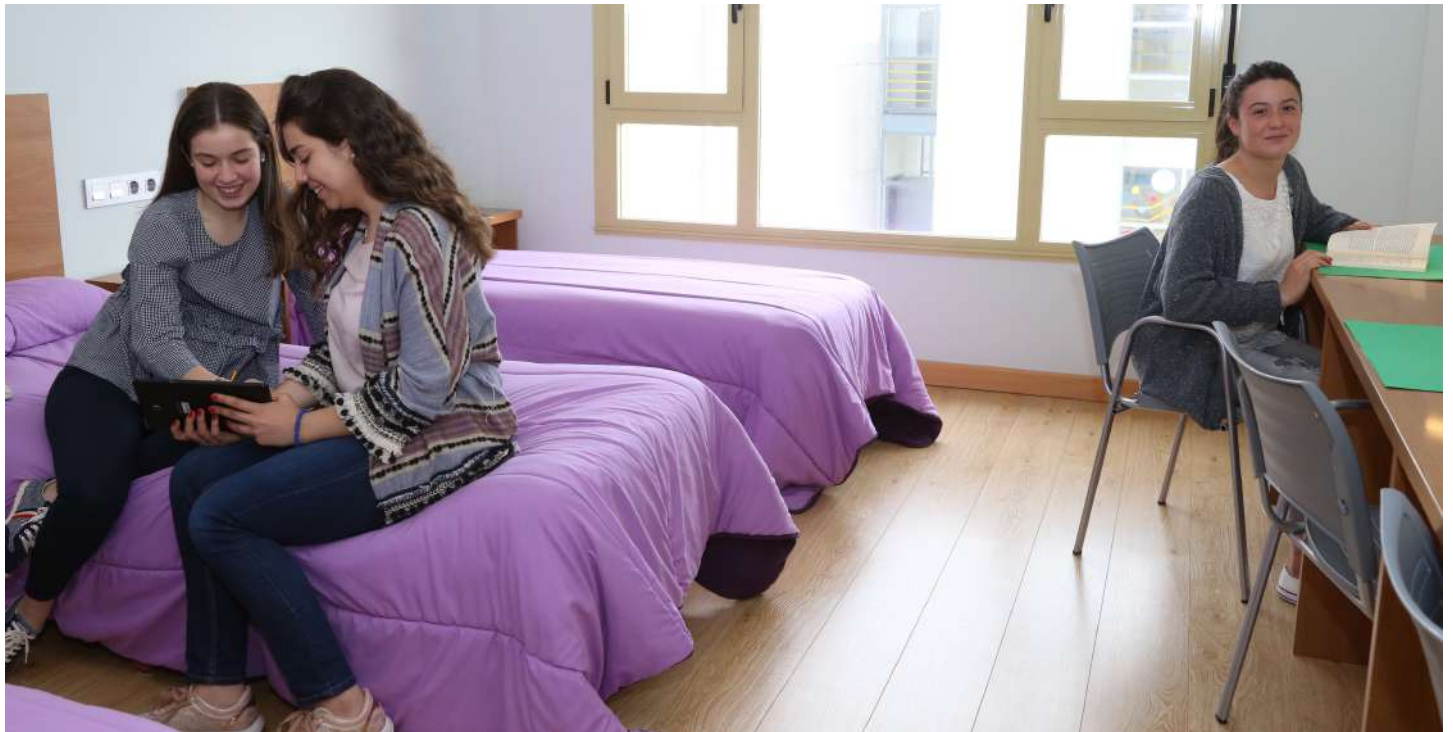
Galicia is an autonomous region on the Atlantic Ocean in the northwest of Spain. It enjoys a mild and temperate climate, rainy in winter and warm in summer and has cities of great both cultural and industrial relevance. It is a community with deep Celtic roots shared with other European regions. It has abundant archaeological remains that reveal the cultural connections and strong influence of the Celtic settlements. Galicia and Ireland share this ancient common culture and have the same warm, welcoming and full-of-life character.

Students who take part in this programme will live in our School Residence in Los Sauces Pontevedra, one of the four provinces of Galicia.



Los Sauces Pontevedra

Los Sauces School and Residence are located in an area surrounded by nature, three kilometres from the city of Pontevedra. Its location by the sea makes it very attractive for students as they have the opportunity to do different water sports. Less than an hour away is the capital of Galicia, Santiago de Compostela. Its Cathedral, museums and artistic heritage makes it one of the most visited cities in all of Europe.



Los Sauces Residence is a modern, built-for-purpose building, very bright and fully equipped to cater for the students' needs. It can accommodate 84 students, over two floors, one for female students and the other for males. The rooms can take up to three students who are accommodated according to age, interests and class/year. They each have an individual study area and Wi-Fi access at certain times of the day. Being a small group of students, a large family atmosphere is fostered, where everyone has the support, friendship, respect and trust of their peers and tutors.

Students stay with other young people from different Spanish regions and also from other countries. There is an agreement with Celta Vigo, 1st division football team where young trainee players study and train in Los Sauces. There are similar agreements with some handball teams in the province of Pontevedra.

This international character is culturally and socially enriching, opening the students' minds to new ways of understanding life and preparing them for life in a globalised world.







School Residence Timetable

7.30 - 8.30	Wake up and get ready	18.20 - 20.50	Study
8.30 - 9.00	Breakfast	21.00 - 21.30	Dinner
9.00 - 13.45	Classes	21.30 - 22.30	Free time
13.45 - 15.00	Lunch and break	22.30 - 23.30	Study or rest in room
15.00 - 16.50	Classes	23.30	End of the day
16.50 - 18.10	Free time Swimming and sports		Bedtime



Equivalence between educational systems

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1° E.S.O.	1st year
2° E.S.O.	2nd year
3° E.S.O.	3rd year
4° E.S.O.	Transition year
1° Bachillerato	5th year
2° Bachillerato	6th year



Transition Year in Los Sauces

Why Los Sauces?

The great advantage of studying with Los Sauces is that you are dealing directly with us – no third parties or agencies are involved. We pride ourselves on our tight ‘triangle of communication’ between students, their parents and the school. Our school in Bray hosts our own Spanish students from the four Los Sauces schools in Spain, all year round, and our 40 years of experience in this field means we believe we know how to offer the optimum experience to students studying a foreign language in a foreign country.

Another advantage is that Los Sauces offers Irish students the opportunity to tailor their time in Spain – they can spend the entire Transition Year in Spain or shorter stays, at times of their choosing. Whatever decision they make, they will be able to improve their knowledge of Spanish, supported by qualified teachers, and learn about a new culture and customs.

Cultural and sporting activities

Sport is an essential part of school life and students have numerous options. They can swim in the indoor heated pool, which is used in both PE classes and after-school hours. They can also sign up for surfing activities (in summer), water polo, handball, martial arts, basketball, fencing, horse riding, gymnastics, tennis and badminton, among others. In addition, the facilities include an indoor sports hall and a number of football pitches, basketball and tennis courts.

There is an extensive programme of after-school activities which students can choose from depending on their interests and abilities. Options include music, piano, dance, robotics, computer science, Chinese and chess.





Free time

Students have different options for their free time. One of the most popular is the indoor heated swimming pool, but they also have a cosy TV room, games room, reading area and library. Wi-Fi is available throughout the premises and lets students stay in contact with families and friends.

Students also go on short excursions to places of interest nearby, such as the centre of Pontevedra. They are always accompanied by a monitor.



Applying to Los Sauces TY programme

Transition Year is the ideal time and the ideal age for students to take the opportunity to live in Spain and learn Spanish language and culture. If you are thinking of applying to Los Sauces, you might consider these guidelines, which we believe will help you in your first steps towards a TY programme and will help you to get the most benefit from it:

- You are aged between 15 and 17
- You have studied Spanish for a minimum of 2 years
- You are motivated to speak Spanish and are willing to adapt to a new culture and environment
- You have a good academic record
- You agree to adhere to the school regulations and code of conduct

You can contact us by phone - 0879873984 We are very happy to invite you to visit our school at Brook House and/or arrange a Skype/Zoom appointment to discuss the programme and ask any questions.

A quick and easy process

Students coming to Los Sauces will need to send the following documents:

- Complete school questionnaire
- Copy of ID
- Documents from school in Ireland



Dates and travel

Our Bray school will coordinate travel arrangements, which students and their families are free to choose, and advise students and their families on the programme that best suits their needs.

Irish students can choose to stay at Los Sauces for any length of time - minimum of one month which can be extended to a term or a full academic year.

Our experience has shown us that a stay of least 4 weeks is most beneficial.





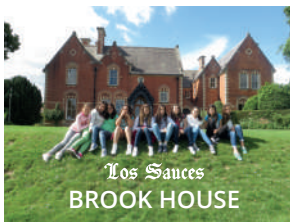
Costs

Included:

- Help with application process
- Orientation session prior to departure
- All tuition fees
- Extra Spanish languages classes where required
- Full board accommodation at student residence
- Airport transfer
- Individually assigned Coordinator
- Support at all times
- 24/7 emergency contact
- Progress reports for parents, informing them of the student's personal and academic development during their stay. Parents can contact school at any time of the day or night which allows for peace of mind while their children are in Spain.

Not included:

- International travel costs
- Medical and travel insurance
- Personal expenses and entrance fees/excursions



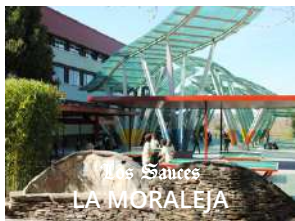
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