

Study in Ireland

I went to Ireland during last summer. I have been here for five months. In here, the weather is freezing cold in winter and it rains all the time. My first impression of Ireland was that it has countryside everywhere. It is so remote as if you were living near Mai Po in the New Territories, Hong Kong. But it is more beautiful and decent. Everything you come across is very natural whether it is the landscape or people.

Students look more relaxed here. The reason is not that they are lazy. I have found out the answers to that: it is partly related to the educational approach and partly to people's lifestyle here. Irish people generally live a leisurely life.

After the unsatisfactory results of my DSE, I realized that I need to change. Studying abroad is one of my choices and it is an opportunity for me to become more independent and mature. One may ask, "Why did I choose Ireland, not England nor Australia to further my study?"

Coming to Ireland is a huge gamble for me and my family because not many students know about the learning prospect in Ireland. Usually, we may find Ireland on a travelling program only. However, the educational method is so different when you compare it with that of Hong Kong. I am studying at the Department of Business in my school and my teacher is a university lecturer. In Hong Kong, the class size is so huge that every teacher has to take care of many classmates. But here, each teacher can look after each student closely. I have always appreciated that LTPSS has small class teaching, but you would never be able to imagine that there are only 7 students in my class!

The relationships between teachers and students are very close, my teachers are trying to encourage us to answer or ask questions. In Ireland, most students have a good chance to go to university if they meet the university requirements. Thus, you do not have to compete with too many students, you just need to compare with yourself and keep on improving to pass the reasonable examinations.

Ireland is a beautiful place and the people are nice. For many Hong Kong students, it is a boring place, but here you can better focus on your studies. Furthermore, you can make new friends from other countries. There are a lot of students coming from Europe and you can practice your English any time. I really enjoy my learning here very much. Ireland is an ideal place for students to study abroad.

Lastly, I would like to take this golden opportunity to say 'thank you' to all teachers at LTPSS and wish every member of LTPSS a Happy Chinese New Year.

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