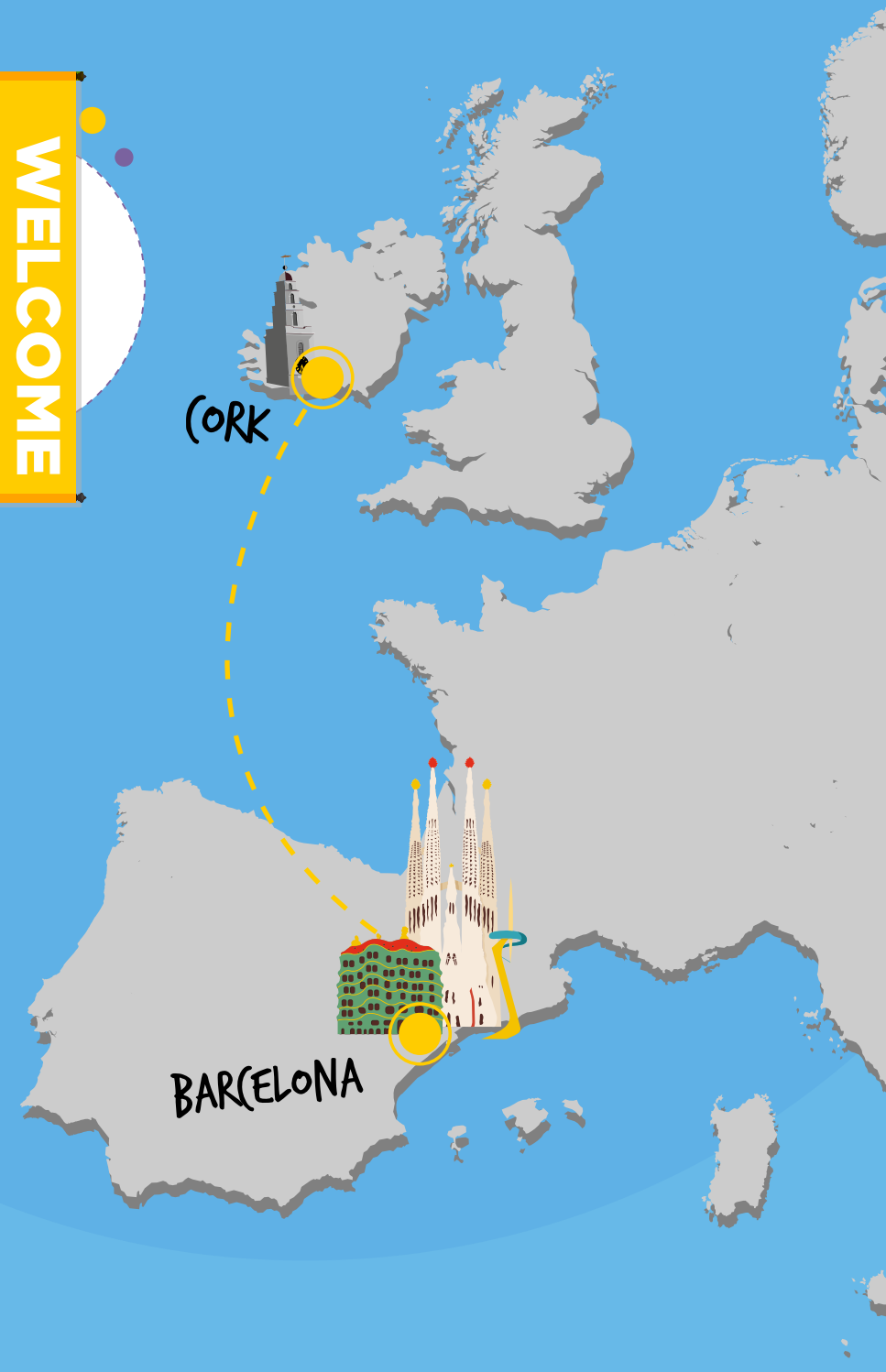


UCC BA (Early Years and Childhood Studies)

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THE CITY

Cork began as a monastic settlement back in the sixth century.

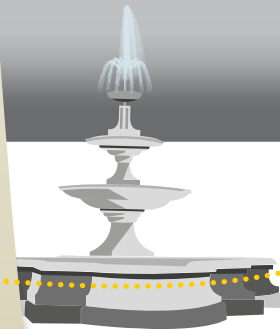
Cork is steeped in history and there are many wonderful sites to visit in the city which due to the size can be accessed by foot or short bus ride! Yes **UCC** is listed as a must visit in cork!



INFORMATION ON ATTRACTIONS IN THE CITY:
https://www.cork-guide.ie/cork_city/corkcityattractions.html

THE STATS!

Population	210,000 +
Students	36,000 +
Size	3750 KM



THE CITY

Due to Cork's position in one of the largest Natural harbours in Europe you are never far from the coast and its many colourful villages and towns.

We have selected just a few that we recommend to visit..

● COBH

This colourful town on the harbour, the last stop of the Titanic with a great visitor centre. Also access by ferry to Spike Prison No1 UNESCO site in Europe.

● CLONAKILTY

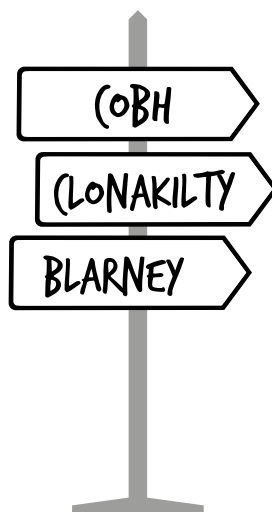
Based in West Cork full of bars and great Craic*!

● BLARNEY

With its famous castle and gardens, where you can kiss the Blarney stone, said to give you the 'gift of the gab*!'.

* See Page 8 Culture and Language

PLACES AROUND CORK CITY ALL A BUS RIDE AWAY



THE CAMPUS

● UCC INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

This is a key contact for all visiting students: giving information before and during your stay:

International student information Ireland (ucc.ie)

● UCC CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

UCC has various student accommodations around the city all within waling distance:

UCC Campus Accommodation

| University College Cork

● UCC CLUBS & SOCIETIES

With over 100 societies and clubs, there is something for everyone:

Clubs and Societies Space, The Hub | UCC Societies

● STUDENT HEALTH & SUPPORT SERVICES

Information on all heath services which are available to students:

Student Health and Well-being | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

● STUDENT SUPPORT ON PLACEMENT

Your designated placement supervisor is always on hand to support you in Cork

Dr Alison Moore | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

Mr Stephen Curran | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

Ms Florence C Noonan-Lepaon | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

HELPFUL LINKS

UCC THIS WAY



FOOD & DRINK

The campus has sixteen various food and drink outlets, so you will always find something to suit your taste. There are two bar areas offer drinks, and run various entertainment:

Food and Drink | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

STUDENT HUBS

Student Hubs are great areas to meet:

Áras na Mac Léinn | University College Cork (ucc.ie)

Sports arena:

Mardyke Arena Health & Leisure Centre Cork

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Getting Around campus. Detailed maps are available of the buildings and also the location of rooms:

Maps of the UCC Campus | University College Cork

Coca-Cola Zero Bike Scheme is the ideal way to get around the city and the campus. With many cycle line across the city:

Coca-Cola Zero Bike Scheme - Cork City Council



CULTURE & LANGUAGE

Cork like many cities and counties in Ireland, has its own unique History, Heritage and Culture.

Cork is known for its use of slang in everyday use. Using the words Boi or Guurl at the end of a sentence refers to male or female.

You often hear “I will yea” which actually mean NO. One of the most famous words from cork and Ireland Craic which means fun. Mank is often use to describe something Ugly or horrible. Gawlk in cork means sick “I got the Gawlks after that curry”. “Balm out” this means I am going to lay out in the sun. “Donkey’s years means long time.

Heritage of the city can be accessed through the many links in the **Cork Heritage site** which is by Kieran McCarthy. You can access Audio tours around the city through Kieran’s site. All you need is a Android phone and internet and a good pair of walking shoes. From bridges to buildings cork is often referred to as the Real capital of Ireland as well as the Rebel county.

CORK PHRASES



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I MEAN LIKE?



IMAGE FOUND FROM CORK ILLUSTRATOR JOG:
[HTTPS://WWW.JASONOGORMAN.IE/PRINTS/CORKTALK](https://www.jasonogorman.ie/prints/corktalk)

FESTIVALS & IMPORTANT DATES

● ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

Cork celebrates this in style and colourful and enchanting parade and all the hotels and bars celebrate with live traditional music.

● HALLOWEEN KNOWN AS SAMHAIN

Halloween is becoming a big festival in Ireland, Cork celebrates this with the Dragon of Shandon. When a large dragon wakes from its sleep and makes its way down to the city bringing all the underworld creature with it. This is a great visual parade:
[Dragon of Shandon - Home](#)


● THE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This is held in the village of Leap in West Cork a tiny Village which has over 200 displays of scarecrows each year.

● CLONAKILTY

Has various music festivals throughout the year and is world famous for many of surprise artists that appear in the famous folk club De Barras. George Ezra, David Bowie, Bell X1 and many more have preformed here.

Other festivals through out the year can be found [here](#).



FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT CORK ON
THESE WEBSITES
AND THE EXPLORE
CORK APP



WE ARE CORK:
www.wearecork.ie



YAY CORK:
www.yaycork.ie



PURE CORK:
www.purecork.ie



WHAZONCORK:
www.facebook.com/WhazOn.Cork/

ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION

UCC accommodation offers ensuite rooms within 1.5km of the main campus. The average weekly rent is €220+.

Host Families Cork have a vetted supply of families willing to take foreign students through their facebook page €140-180 per week and some families include meals.

Eazycity is another option, **Homestayin** is another option for student who want to immerse themselves in the Cork culture and English language.

There are lots of short term lets, please only use reputable companies and be careful of scammers on line.



UCC WELCOME SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

1. Introduction to UCC campus, welcome and campus tour
2. Lunch
3. Meet the principals and student reps and placement supervisors

DAY TWO

1. City Bus Tour
2. Meet and greet with the Student Union Clubs and Societies
3. Evening of traditional Irish music, in the Aras Bar for all international students.

UCC STUDENT CARD

MEMBERSHIP

Free membership of the Maradyke Leisure complex for duration of your exchange in Cork.

DISCOUNTS

Discount on many retail shops and restaurants in Cork.

STUDENT FOOD DISCOUNTS

- **Captain America's** - Enjoy a Main Menu Item of your choice, Hand Cut Fries and a Soft Drink for only €9.95 Monday - Friday with valid Student ID
- **Dominos** - 35% off with UNiDAYS
- **McDonalds** - €5 Extra Value Meal when you show your student card in McDonalds.
- **Milanos** - 30% off Sunday to Thursday with UNiDAYS

CAMPUS FOOD

On Campus food is similar in price to that of Barcelona, however it is more a grab and go service. The Aras Bar serves a hot dinner daily, you can also get a very good offer in the Brookfield part of campus

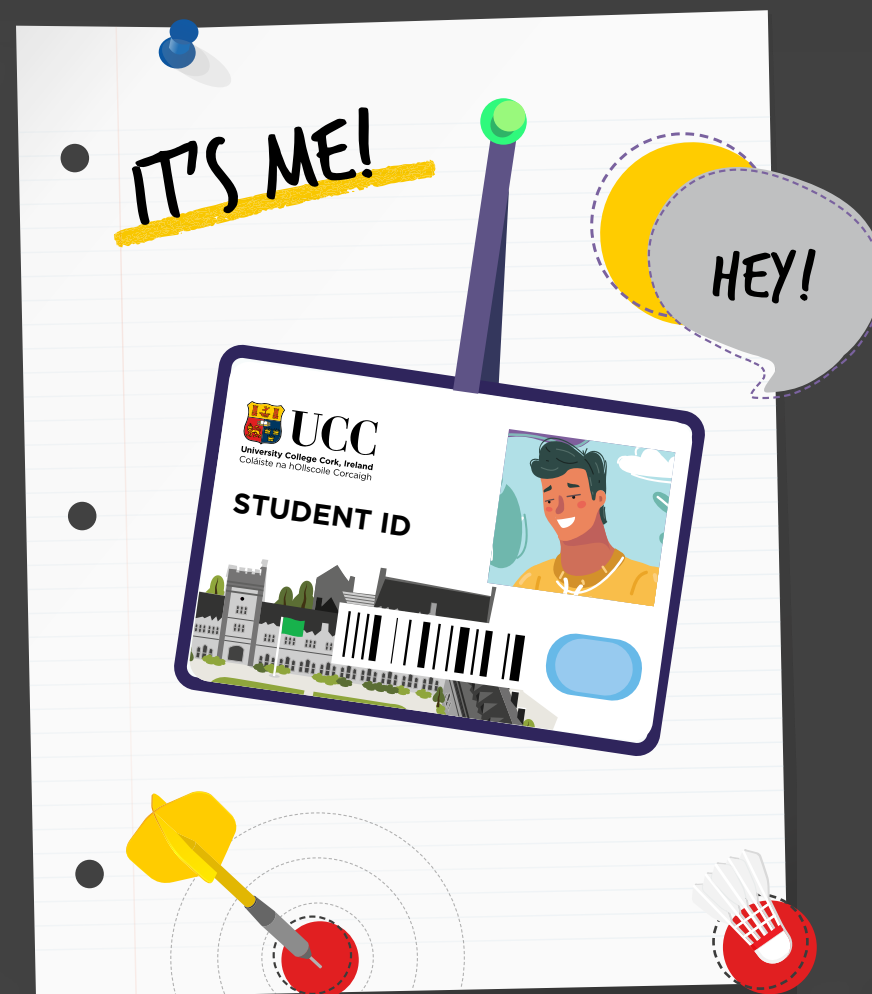
STUDENT TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

- **Irish Rail** - Lower prices with valid form of student ID (second level and University level)
- **Student Leap** - The national student travel and discount card



FOR OTHER STUDENT SAVINGS VISIT:

www.savvyspender.ie



THE SETTINGS

● CORK EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL SOUTH LEE

- **School principal:** David Cashman
- **Email:** office@southleeeducatetogether.com
- **Phone:** (021) 242 7429
- **No Students:** 40

We teach the Learn Together Curriculum on a daily basis. This ethical education curriculum is taught in place of religious instruction. It is a key part of our ethos as an Educate Together school. This curriculum is delivered through specific lessons as well as integrated throughout the curriculum and throughout the day in how we develop relationships in our school.

● ROCHESTOWN EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL

- **School principal:** Dr Alan Sheehan
- **Email:** info@rochestownetns.ie
- **No Students:** 400+
- **Ag Foghlaim Le Chéile**

Rochestown Educate Together National School is a new primary school that opened in August 2013 at Douglas Hall AFC. Due to our rapid growth, we are now accommodated at a purpose built 12 classroom temporary building at Garryduff Sports Centre. We strive for excellence in everything that we do.



THE SETTINGS

● GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL WITH FACILITY FOR DEAF CHILDREN

- **School principal:** Louise Roche
- **Email:** Office@stcolumbasgns.ie
- **Address:** Douglas West, Douglas, Cork
- **No Students:** 403

Situated on a five acre campus in the heart of Douglas, our school has been a centre of learning for over 100 years. Our most important resource is our staff of teachers, classroom assistants, administrative and maintenance personnel.

● ST. COLUMBA'S BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

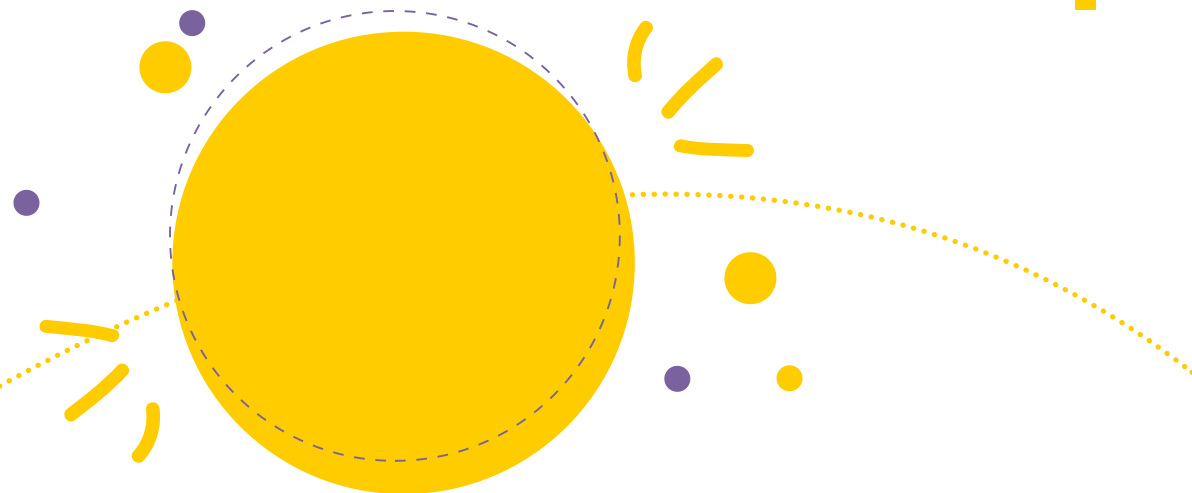
- **School principal:** Dan O Connor
- **Email:** office@stcolumbasbns.ie
- **Phone:** (021) 436 4938
- **No Students:** 378

Here in St. Columba's "the children are the focus of all our energy" and this is clearly evident in the dedicated staff and vibrant school community of parents, grandparents and guardians who work tirelessly together for the betterment of all our children.

● CHEEKY CHERUBS EARLY YEARS SCHOOL

- **Setting info:** Manager
- **Phone:** (021) 434 0404
- **Website:** <https://cheekycherubs.ie>

Our objective is to create the best learning environment where children collaborate with their peers and educators, making choices based on their interests, in spaces that challenge their innate desire to learn. Our goal is that each child can explore and develop into capable, creative and active citizens, who love learning.

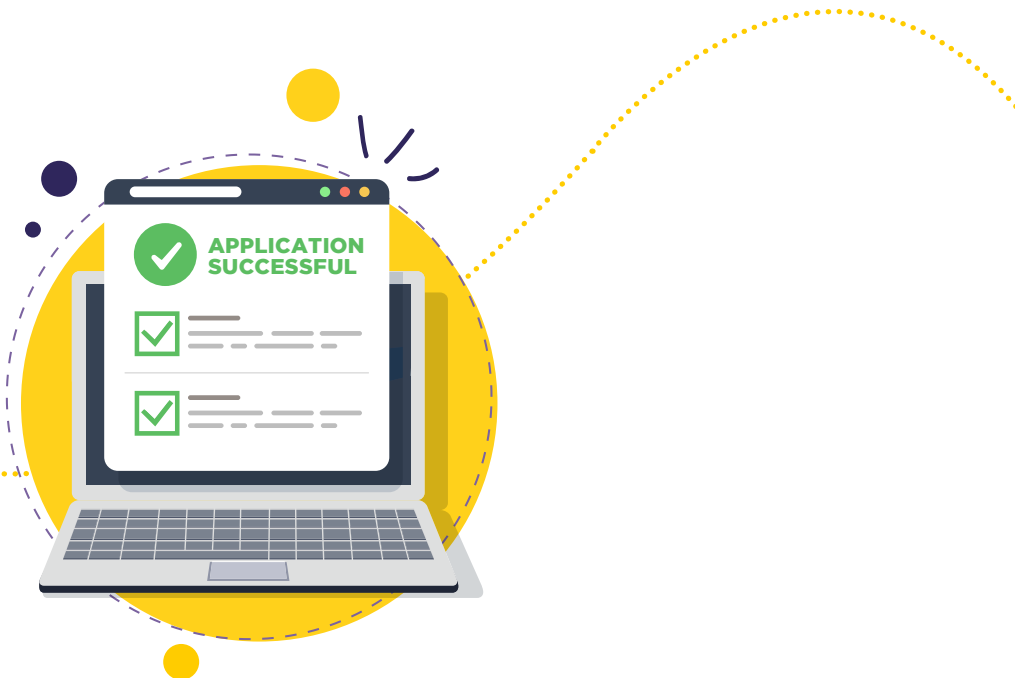


ORK WELCOME

BENVINGUTS A BARCELONA

Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC)

Congratulations you have been accepted to the Erasmus program in Barcelona and this is the beginning of an experience that we hope you will find both enjoyable and rewarding.



THE CITY

BARCELONA IN NUMBERS

It is the second-largest city in Spain (after Madrid) with a population of about 1.7 million people and the most visited city in Spain.

Barcelona has two official languages: Catalan and Spanish. 95% of the residents understand Catalan and 75% speak the language actively.

It has the greatest number of parks and gardens (69) and has 10 beaches.

The Sagrada Familia began in 1882 and is still being built.

Finally, it has its version of Valentine's Day called Saint George's day. Saint George's Day takes place on April 23rd and celebrates the patron saint of Catalonia. It is a day of celebration where men and women exchange books and roses. During the festivity, all the streets are crowded with stalls selling books and roses.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN BARCELONA:

EPIPHANY

Fri 6 Jan 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 7 Apr 2023

EASTER MONDAY

Likely Mon 10 Apr 2023

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Sun 23 Apr 2023

WHIT MONDAY

Mon 5 June 2023

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

EASTER HOLIDAYS

3 Apr to 10 Apr 2023

ACTIVITIES & MUST-SEES

● PARK GUELL

Designed by Gaudi.

● MEDIEVAL GOTHIC QUARTER

Explore the nooks and crannies of the medieval Gothic Quarter with a guide (Free).

● TURO DE LA ROVIRA

A place to take a great photo of Barcelona with the Mediterranean backdrop (avoid the sunset as it gets very busy).

● MAGIC FOUNTAIN OF MONTJUIC

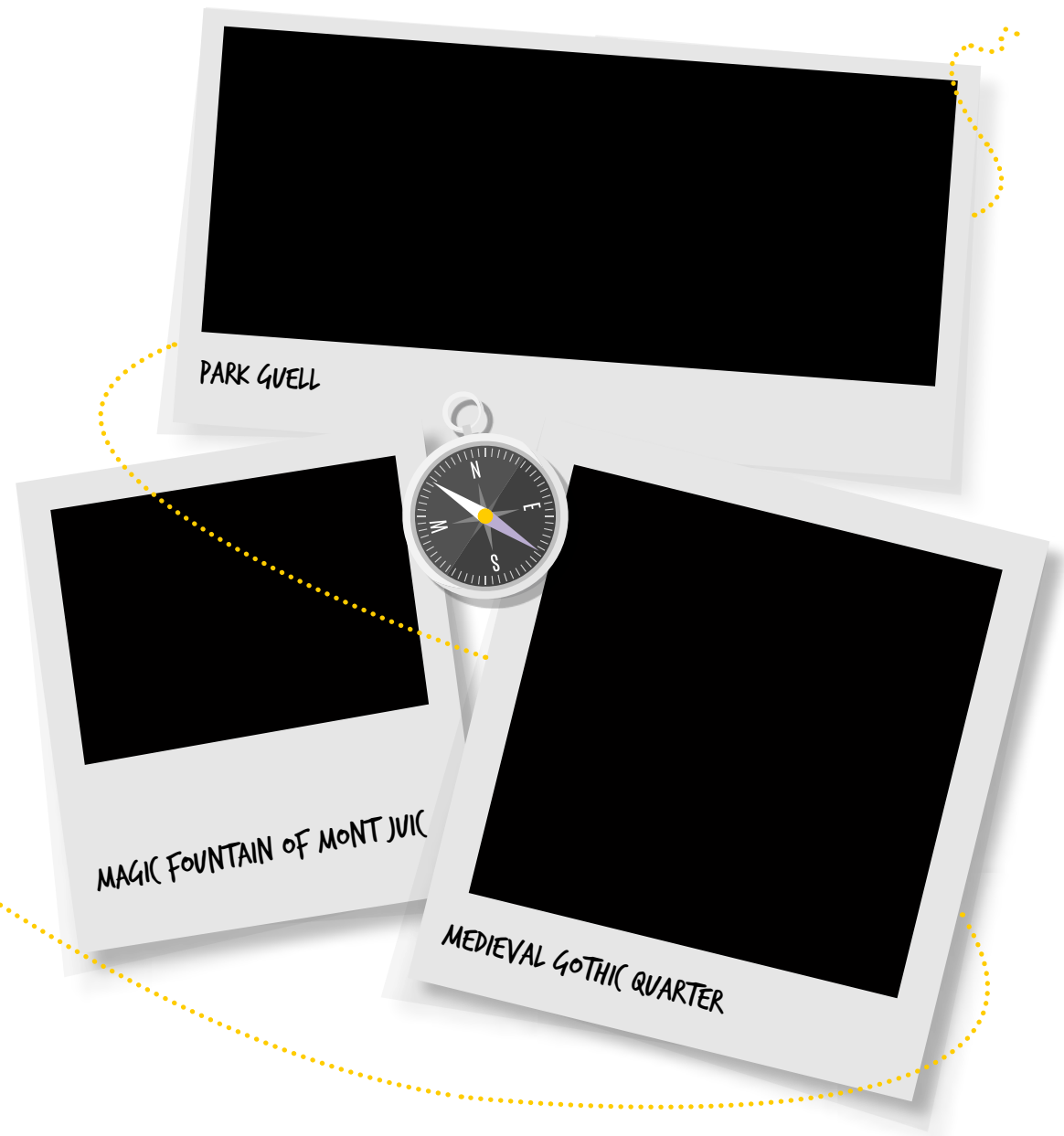
A water fountain show illuminated by changing colours, synchronized lights, and music. It is a free show. From the 1st of October to the 30th of April.

● STREET ART

Discover the Street Art and explore the Poble Nou neighborhood for the big murals.

● MARKETS

La Boqueria is the best-known market in Barcelona, and Santa Caterina Market in El Borne is also a great market.



THE CAMPUS

Brief Introduction to the **Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC)** your host university.

The university was founded in 1997 and is a private institution with around 8000 students, from 60 different countries. Its motto is 'Veritas Liberatis Vos': the truth will make you free.

UIC has two campuses, one in Barcelona and one in Sant Cugat del Vallès. The Faculty of Education is situated in the Hospital Universitari General de Catalunya in Sant Cugat.

CONTACT PERSON IN UIC

International office (details will be given to students during the induction day)

info@uic.es

Maria Pujols Valls (Academic coordinator)

mpujolv@uic.es

Mariloli Càmara Luque
International Mobility Coordinator
mdcamara@uic.es

VERITAS LIBERATIS VOS

VIC THIS WAY



SERVICES SERVICES

(FREE OF CHARGE)

N.B You will have access to the following facilities once you have your student card (information on how to obtain the card will be given at the welcome session).

- **Library**
- **Student Guidance** (Personalised student support provided by an advisor)
- **Computer Access**
- **Photocopying**
- **Sports Services** (No Sports Facilities Available On Campus)
- **Faculty Menus** (8 Euros With The UIC Student Card)
- **Student Counselling In English** (UIC offers one free session per student)

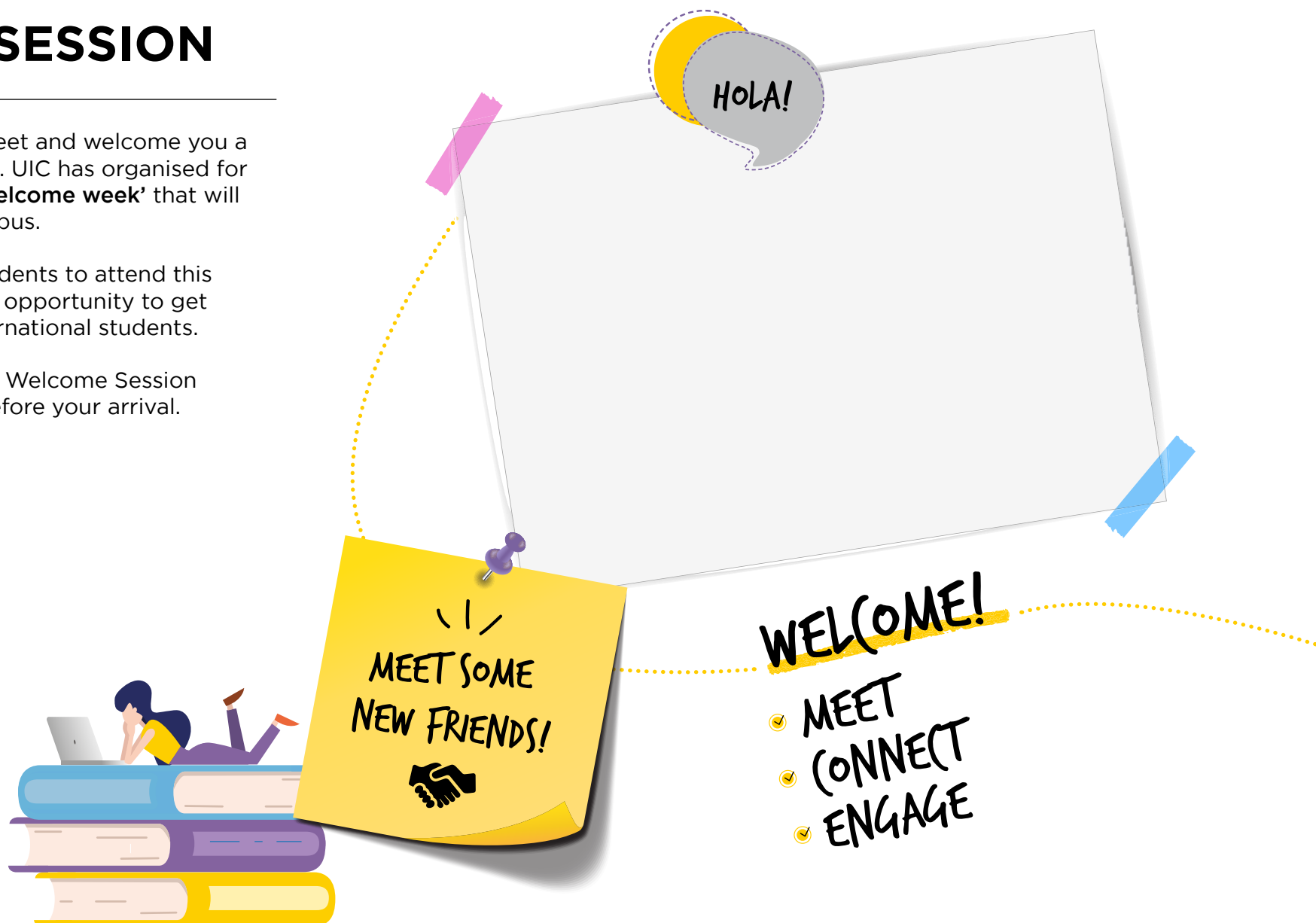


WELCOME SESSION

Your host University will meet and welcome you a few days before placement. UIC has organised for all exchange students a **'Welcome week'** that will take place in the main campus.

We strongly encourage students to attend this welcome week as this is an opportunity to get to know UIC and meet international students.

You will be informed of the Welcome Session date and time via e-mail before your arrival.



ACCOMMODATION

The earlier you start your search, the better.

**CHECK THE UIC WEBSITE:**

<https://www.uic.es/en/university/services/accommodation>

Monthly rent for a room in a shared flat in Barcelona:
400-600 euros

TIPS FROM PREVIOUS STUDENTS:

- Gracia district is one of the most central and popular among students. It is well connected by public transport, so getting around is easy.
- Eixample forms the University Area, where most students live.



VIC WELCOME SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

Orientation Day /introduction day
(tour of campus?)

DAY TWO

1. Getting to know the Catalan culture and language.
2. Catalan for Dummies
3. Culture Shock.

DAY THREE

1. Visit Barcelona
2. Tour bus (free of charge)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

It is cheap, well connected and above all reliable. Metro, buses, trams, and trains run frequently until late at night.

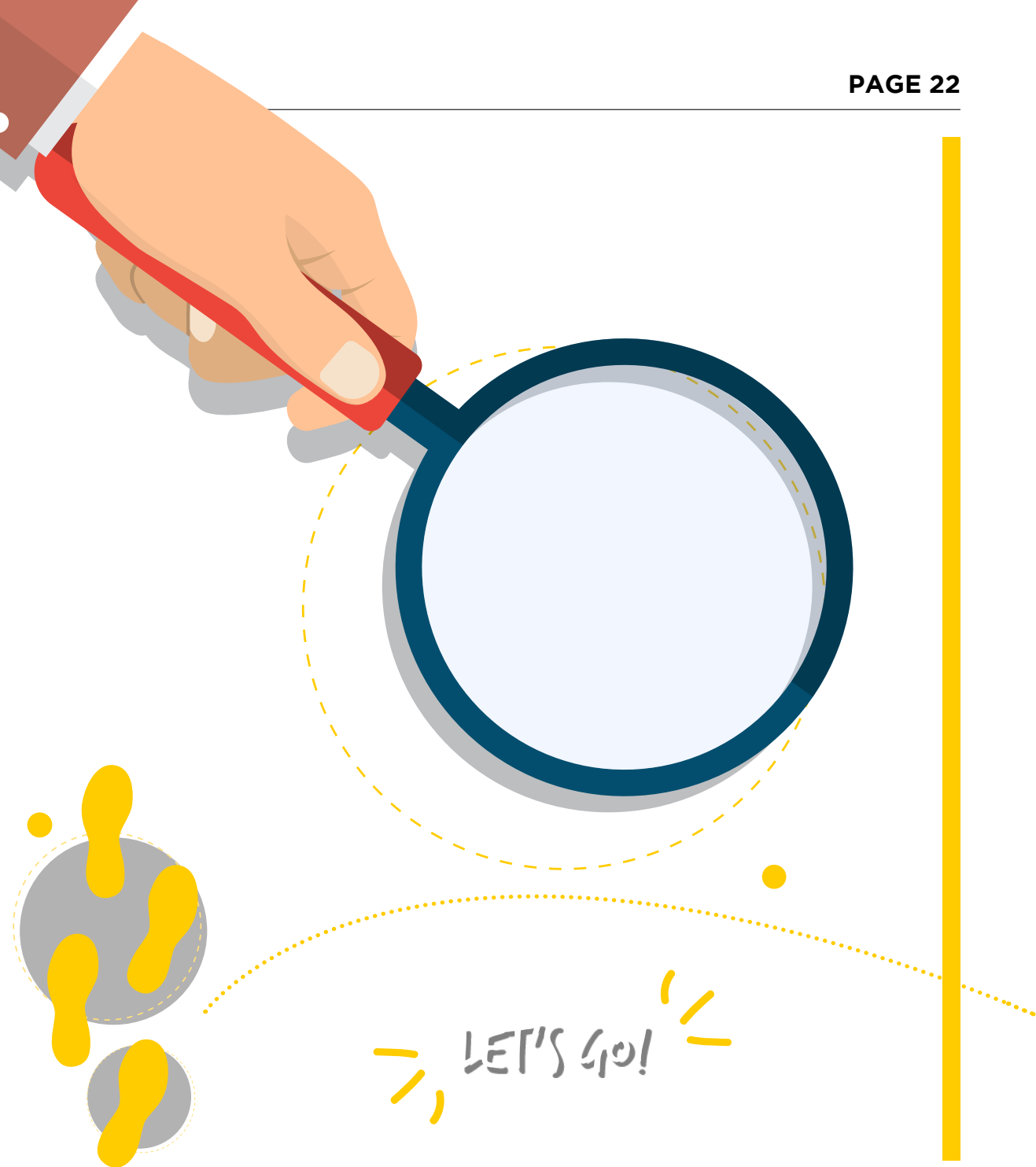
METRO, BUS TRAIN AND TRAM

If you plan to use either, you need to invest in a travel card. There are two types of travel cards you might be interested in:

- **T-JOVE:** this card can be used by anyone under the age of 25 and costs 40 euros (2022) for Zone 1 (Barcelona and San Cugat are in Zone 1) and lasts for 90 days.
- **T-CASUAL:** This **10-journey** travel card costs 7,95 euros (Zone 1) (2022). This card is ideal if you use public transport less than twice a week.

• All tickets can be purchased from the ticket machines in every metro station.

All ticket machines are in English, too.



HEALTH INSURANCE

European Health Insurance Card (please make sure your card is up to date).

It is also strongly advised to have cover for private medical coverage. Please check when the cover commences and what is covered in the policy and consider repatriation.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

Students need to provide their primary contact details to the setting in Barcelona and to their placement supervisor in Ireland.

CRISIS CONTACTS:

Samaritans in Spain
Freephone: 900 525 100

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES:

If you are in an emergency, the essential phone number in Barcelona, Spain is **112** (help in English)

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

Fire Service & City Police 112



THE SETTINGS

● AGORA PATUFET INFANT SCHOOL

- **Address:** Carrer de Sant Jordi,22,
San Cugat del Valles,
Barcelona.
- **Phone:** +34 935 89 84 85
- **Director:** Vicenc Gandol
(Children from 0 to 5 years old)

Agora Patufet Infant School was founded in 1972 and is located in the city of San Cugat del Valles.

It welcomes students of all nationalities and children learn English, Catalan and Spanish through play and songs.

Curriculum and Pedagogy:

- **Opening hours:** 8.00 am to 6 p.m.
- The school promotes learning through play, exploration, reflection, activity, and creativity and follows the International Baccalaureate curriculum.
- Learning is about encouraging children to be imaginative, curious, respectful, capable, and active.

● ST PETER'S

- **Address:** Eduard Toldia, 18, Barcelona.
- **Phone:** +34 932 04 36 12
- **School principal:** Mr. Jordi Ginjaume.
- **School Motto:** "A Step Beyond"
- **School Day:** 9 am to 4.30 pm

St Peter's was founded in 1964 and was the first international school in Barcelona to use English as a first language. It is the only school with a Science Lab for Early Years, and it is the first centre that has introduced subjects such as blockchain, nanoscience, neuroscience, and artificial intelligence in its curriculum.

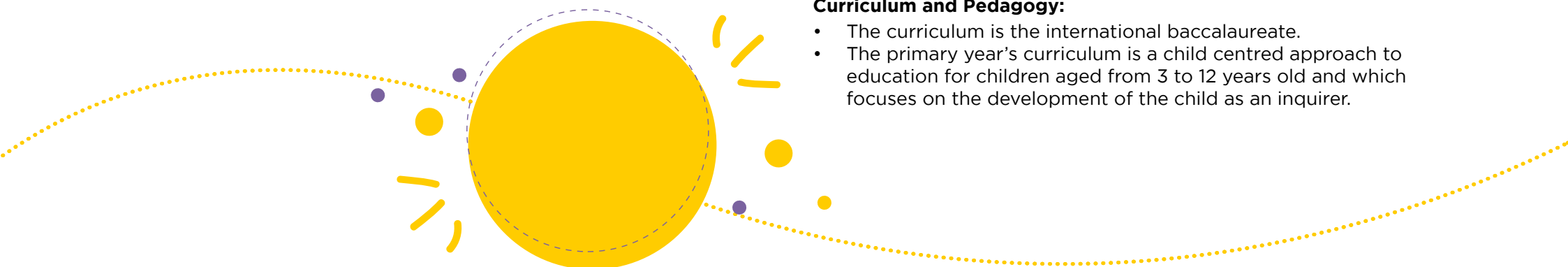
All the subjects are taught in English. Spanish and Catalan are introduced gradually in the Primary years.

Key facts about the school:

- There are 600 students from 40 nationalities in the school.
- The age range is from 12 months to 18 years and the average class size in Early and primary years is 22 children.
- The student-to-teacher ratio is in Early and Primary Years 1:6

Curriculum and Pedagogy:

- The curriculum is the international baccalaureate.
- The primary year's curriculum is a child centred approach to education for children aged from 3 to 12 years old and which focuses on the development of the child as an inquirer.



THE SETTINGS

● ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

- **Address:** Provença, 283, Barcelona.
- **Phone:** +34 932 15 49 53
- **School principal:** Mrs. Maria Alcaide
- **School Day:** 9 am to 5 pm.

There is a two-hour break between 1 pm to 3 pm (UCC students are free to leave the school during the break).

UCC students can either have lunch in the school for 4 euros or bring their lunches (a microwave is available in the staff room)

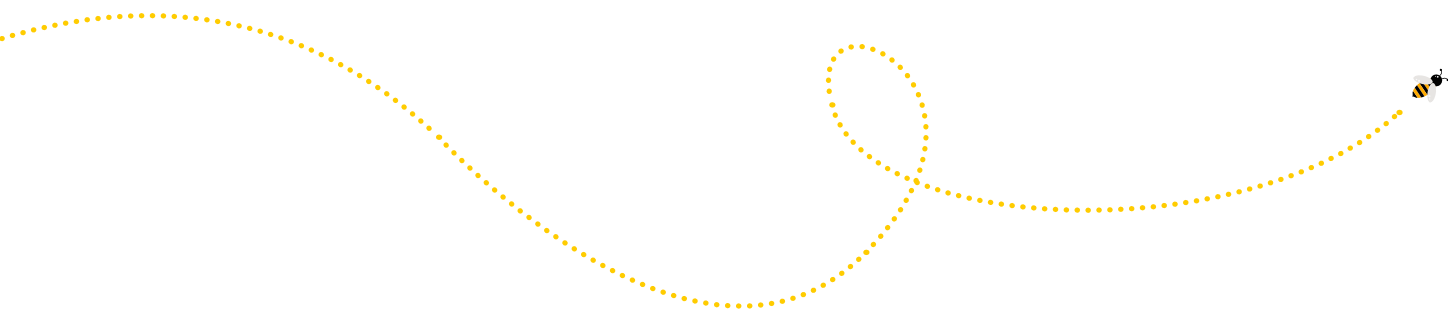
Key facts about the school:

- There are 400 children from 42 nationalities currently in the school. The age range is from 3 to 16 years old and the average class size is 25 children.
- The student-to-teacher ratio is 1:25.

Curriculum and Pedagogy:

- The school follows the Spanish curriculum and promotes creativity and research as a method of work.
- The role of the teacher is not to merely transmit knowledge but to guide and encourage pupils to be the protagonists of their learning.





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