**Programme for Erasmus Teachers Job Shadowing**

**Meet and Greet**

The teachers are met on the first day of the programme by Arthur Godsil MA M.Ed, lead educational consultant with Godsil Education.

The orientation seminar consists of:

* **An overview of the Irish Education System**
  + Brief history from the beginning of the Irish state and the introduction of the state examination system in 1924
  + Current structure and the differences between the different types of schools
  + The national curriculum and range of subjects
  + Teacher contracts and terms of employment
* **Outline of the school**
  + Introduction to the key personnel in the school
  + Introduction to the liaison staff member
  + Schedule of classes
  + Information about the receiving school and its ethos, vision and guiding statements
* **Strengths and Weaknesses of the Irish Curriculum**
  + The reasons for the strong retention rate of students to completion of second-level education currently standing at over 90%
  + The weaknesses of the curriculum and its relationship to a rapidly changing international
* **The Future of Education**
  + An examination in the proposed changes to Irish education
  + An overview of international trends
  + Possible future developments

**Tourist and Cultural Orientation**

* The teachers are given directions to the local amenities and advised about possible cultural excursions and visits to local attractions.
* Information about transport options, restaurants and other facilities

**The School**

* Teachers are collected from the hotel and brought to the school on the first day by public transport
* Teachers are introduced to the school personnel and introduced to the school by staff liaison.

**Educational exploration**

* Teachers are provided with the personal contact details of our consultants, who are ready to provide further information on any issue that may arise during their immersion in the school programme.
* After the programme ends, further follow-up is available for additional educational interaction.