

Education in Guernsey

As any parent who relocates with children will tell you, finding the right educational solution generally comes above other considerations when looking at a destination for relocation. It is therefore very reassuring to know that whether you're moving to the island with toddlers or teenagers, Guernsey's education system offers excellence and valuable choice.

Children up to the age of 18 have access to free schooling via the state system, and the island's three independent colleges deliver an excellent standard of private education.

All three to four year olds are entitled to free pre-school provision for up to 15 hours per week, 38 weeks a year (term time only).

For a list of Guernsey's pre-schools, day nurseries and crèches, please visit www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=113980&p=0

The education system

Guernsey's education system is very similar to the UK. Most students will be allocated a primary school at the beginning of the school year in which they reach their fifth birthday. Primary school places are allocated by the catchment area and are at the heart of parish communities.

Children stay in primary education until they are 11 years old. Thereafter the island's mainstream secondary schools accept all-ability year groups, allowing all children to be provided with similar opportunities at each school.

More than 80% of students decide to stay in education after Year 11. The College of Further Education and Sixth Form Centres within the secondary schools are good options for continued learning, and there are plenty of opportunities to learn new skills via apprenticeship schemes and training courses.

Curriculum

Guernsey follows the same curriculum as the UK. Children go through three key stages at primary school level; Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Once children move on to secondary school, Key Stage 3 covers Years 7 to 9 and Key Stage 4 applies to Years 10 and 11. In addition, students sit GCSEs and A-Levels at 16 and 18 years of age respectively.

In addition to the full range of A-Levels, students can study for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, which is recognised around the world.

All schools are subjected to regular inspections that focus on the impact of schools in improving the educational experiences and lives of students through learning and achievement.



Guernsey's pass grade average frequently exceeds that of the UK.

For more information on Guernsey's education system, visit www.gov.gg/movingtoguernsey

State schools

Guernsey primary schools, including two Catholic schools, can be found across the island's parishes. Thereafter children will attend a non-selective secondary school based on that school's catchment area.

Guernsey also has three special schools for students requiring more specialist provision – two primary school facilities and one within the state's secondary school system. To be considered for admission to Le Rondin or Le Murier schools, students need to undergo a formal assessment, which identifies their prime area of need.





Private schools

Guernsey has three independent colleges, two of which accept preschool-aged children.

Elizabeth College comprises Acorn House Preschool and Infant School, Beechwood Junior School and Elizabeth College Senior School, all of which will be co-ed from September 2021. Acorn House accepts children from three years of age. Visit the website for more information www.elizabethcollege.gg

The Ladies' College has historical links with Cheltenham Ladies College and accepts girls from preschool through to 18 years. When students reach sixth form, the College fosters a joint arrangement with Elizabeth College. For further information visit www.ladiescollege.com

Blanchelande College is a co-ed independent Catholic college, providing education from preschool through to GCSE level. For more information visit www.blanchelande.co.uk

Extra-curricular activities

Guernsey's schools boast excellent sports facilities, encouraging participation for all and mirroring the island's healthy lifestyle. There are lots of opportunities for children to participate in sports, both on and off the water, at a competitive and recreational level. Many after-school clubs also offer various music, dance, drama and youth groups.

Guernsey's reputation as a safe, family-friendly community encourages children to embrace healthy activity at grass-roots level.

Contact Locate Guernsey for more information. We will help you find what you're looking for and, if it's useful, make introductions to key people at the schools or Education Services to help you get the answers you need.



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