

Claire Byrne

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PROFILE

Secondary English teacher with seven years of classroom experience in diverse, high-EAL schools. I hold high standards, tell students the truth kindly, and run a drama club that somehow keeps winning things.

EXPERIENCE

English Teacher & Form Tutor

St. Mary's Secondary School, Cork

2021 — Present

- Teach English across years 7–13 including exam classes; 94% of my 2025 cohort achieved target grades or above
- Co-designed the school's EAL literacy intervention programme, now supporting 60+ students across 12 first languages
- Direct the annual school production and run a weekly drama club (40 students; regional youth theatre award 2024)

English Teacher

Riverview Community College, Dublin

2019 — 2021

- Taught in a DEIS school with 65% EAL intake; developed differentiated reading materials adopted department-wide
- Introduced a moderated peer-assessment system that improved coursework consistency across four teachers

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Professional Master of Education

University College Cork

2017 — 2019

B.A. English & Theatre Studies

University College Dublin

2013 — 2017

Teaching Council registered • CELT cert (EAL specialism)

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Current

SKILLS

Teaching: Exam preparation, EAL differentiation, literacy intervention, formative assessment

Wider school life: Drama direction, form tutoring, parent communication, trip leadership