

**ATLAS**  
**LANGUAGE**  
**SCHOOL**

DUBLIN  
IRELAND



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# Why Ireland?

Ireland is a country famous throughout the world for its welcoming people, its proud artistic tradition and its stunning scenic beauty. Safe, friendly and fun, it is the perfect destination for language learning!



Galway

## DID YOU KNOW?

- 80 million people worldwide claim Irish descent!
- Saint Patrick's Day is Ireland's national holiday and is celebrated on March 17th each year.
- The national symbol of Ireland is the harp. 
- Ireland has been a member of the European Union since 1973. The currency is the Euro. 
- The capital of Ireland is Dublin. It has a population of 1.5 million people and is over 1000 years old!
- Four Irish writers have won the Nobel prize for literature: Samuel Beckett, WB Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Seamus Heaney.
- Over a million people visit the world-famous Cliffs of Moher each year.
- The Newgrange passage tomb in Co. Meath was constructed in 3200BC making it older than the Pyramids in Egypt! 

Cliffs of Moher





Giant's Causeway

“ One of the **top 10** friendliest countries in the world. ”

- Lonely Planet



Belfast

Sligo



Newgrange

DUBLIN



Kilkenny



Cork

**SAFE, FRIENDLY, FUN AND WELCOMING - IRELAND IS THE PERFECT DESTINATION FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING!**



**D**ublin is a lively, modern, and cosmopolitan city with a population of approximately 1.5 million people. It is located on the east coast of Ireland, at the mouth of the River Liffey. The city is over 1000 years old, established under the Vikings in the 9th century.



Dublin is surrounded by mountains and located on the coast, which means that visitors are never too far away from a scenic view. As the transport hub of the country it also makes it the perfect base from which to explore the rest of our beautiful island.

Dublin has many of the advantages of a larger city while retaining the charm and tradition of a smaller one. It is a multicultural city where you can meet people from all around the world. Over the years there has been an explosion in foreign cuisine, with a great selection of European, Asian and South American restaurants to choose from.

All this, together with its lively, bustling atmosphere, friendly people and famous nightlife make Dublin one of the most popular and most visited cities in Europe!



- **A FRIENDLY, YOUNG AND WELCOMING CITY**
- **SURROUNDED BY THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA**
- **DUBLIN IS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY WHERE YOU CAN MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD**
- **THE PERFECT LOCATION TO EXPLORE THE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND OF IRELAND**





Dublin City



Atlas Language School





**At Atlas Language School our mission is to make every day of every student's language travel programme an unforgettable life and learning experience.**

**W**e provide the highest level of service in each aspect of a student's time with us - their language classes, student support and welfare, accommodation, and social and cultural activity programme.

Atlas is located in Portobello House, a beautiful landmark building in the heart of Dublin that overlooks the Grand Canal. The school has some of the best facilities in the country, including 25 large and bright classrooms, a large student lounge, computer room and student cafe.

Atlas Language School's excellent facilities, experienced and attentive staff and comprehensive range of courses make us the number one choice for students looking for a quality language learning and cultural experience in the great city of Dublin. We look forward to welcoming you to our school!

- **A FULL RANGE OF COURSES, INCLUDING EXAM PREPARATION, BUSINESS ENGLISH, TEACHER TRAINING, AND GROUP PROGRAMMES**
- **EXCELLENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING LARGE STUDENT LOUNGE, LIBRARY, COMPUTER ROOM AND RESTAURANT**
- **GREAT NATIONALITY MIX WITH STUDENTS FROM EUROPE, ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA**
- **A PERFECT LOCATION IN THE CITY OVERLOOKING THE GRAND CANAL**

# inside the school...



CLASSROOM

CAFE

COMPUTER ROOM







**LIBRARY**



**STUDENT LOUNGE**

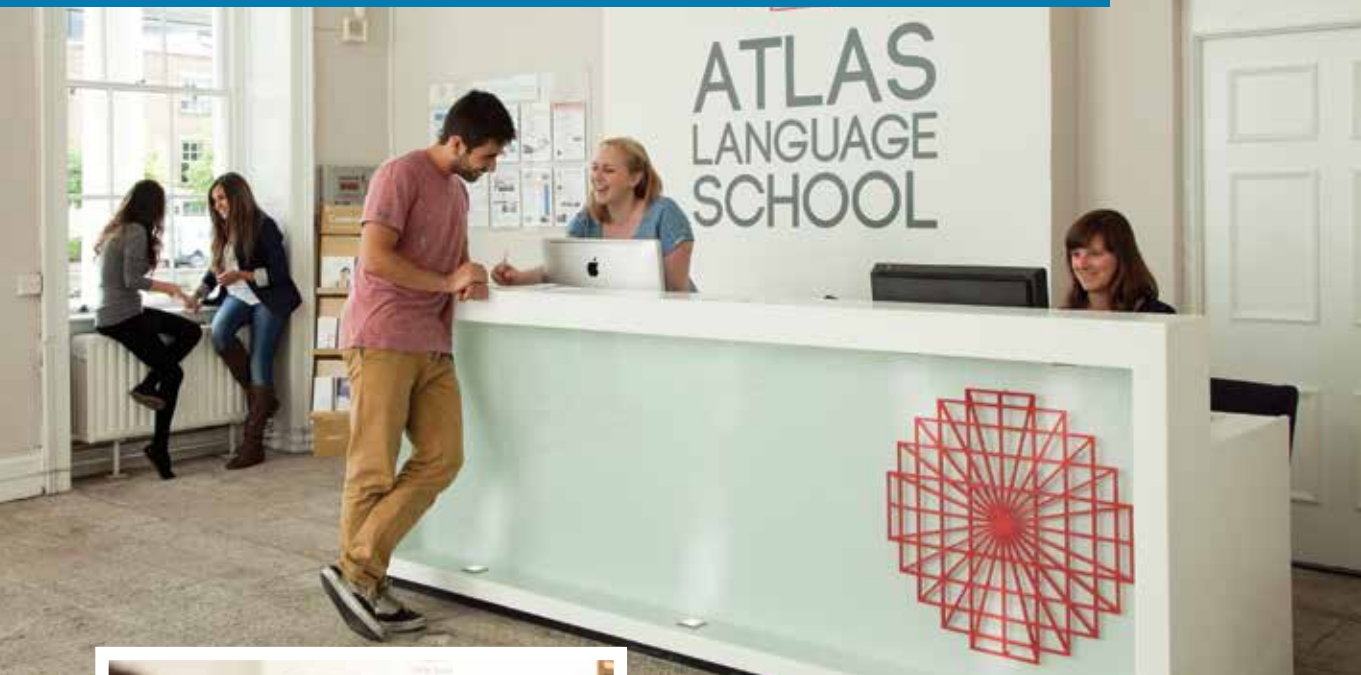


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# Learning at Atlas



**At Atlas we have developed our Language Learning Pathway to provide all learners with a clear description of the objectives for each of our levels. Whether you are with us for 2 weeks, 8 weeks or a year we'll help you design a clear learning strategy based on your individual goals.**



**W**e aim to help you better understand and improve your learning and make effective choices on how best to learn English, teaching you skills and learning strategies that you can take with you after you leave our school.

Whatever advice you need, our door is always open. Our Academic Manager and support staff are regularly available to give advice and provide you with feedback on your work and progress. We're here to guide your decisions about your own learning, and help you set goals and objectives for your next week of study and beyond.

In addition to providing the best possible environment we also try to ensure that we have the best possible staff. That's why we only hire the most enthusiastic and dedicated teachers and why we have regular training and development sessions to help them achieve their maximum potential. All our teachers are experienced, degree qualified English speakers and are always on hand to provide individual feedback and advice to their students.



- **WEEK-ONE FEEDBACK TUTORIALS**
- **MONTHLY ACADEMIC TUTORIALS TO HELP YOU SET CLEAR LEARNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
- **WEEKLY CLASS TESTING**
- **EXPERIENCED IELTS, TOEIC AND CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION TEACHERS**
- **FREE AFTERNOON STUDY CLUB SESSIONS WITH SENIOR ACADEMIC STAFF**
- **FULLY QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHERS**

# Full Course List

<b>General English Fluency GE20</b>	<p>Our most popular course consists of 20 lessons of General English group classes per week that focus on improving your accuracy, fluency and confidence in English. These are fun and challenging classes that focus on real-life grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation, as well as on your ability to interact and communicate successfully with people from all over the world. Your teachers will monitor your progress and give you regular feedback to help you use new language with confidence and communicate with others more effectively.</p>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>
<b>GE Fluency Plus GE26</b>	<p>The Fluency Plus course combines General English Fluency with 6 extra lessons of small-group English training in the afternoons. A great option for students who wish to maximise their learning in a short space of time!</p>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>2pm - 4.30pm</b>  <b>Tue &amp; Thur</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>
<b>GE Fluency Intensive 26 GE26INT</b>	<p>Fluency Intensive allows students to combine General English classes in the morning with 6 lessons individual training in the afternoon. Before beginning this course students will complete an extensive needs analysis and interview with our Academic Manager to design their afternoon programme.</p>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>
<b>GE Fluency Intensive 32 GE32INT</b>	<p>This course combines General English classes in the morning with 12 lessons individual training four afternoons a week. Before beginning this course students will complete an extensive needs analysis and interview with our Academic Manager to design their afternoon programme.</p>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>2pm - 4.30pm</b>  <b>Mon - Thur</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>
<b>Fluency Plus Exam Preparation</b>	<p>We have a number of exam preparation options for students who wish to improve their level of General English while also focusing on developing the skills and techniques required to succeed in the most popular and widely-recognised English language exams. Students can choose from a number of afternoon exam preparation classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEIC Preparation <span style="float: right;">GE26TOEIC</span></li> <li>• IELTS Preparation (6.0 to 7.5)</li> <li>• IELTS Improvers (4.0 to 5.5) <span style="float: right;">&gt; GE26IELTS</span></li> </ul>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>2pm - 4.30pm</b>  <b>Tue &amp; Thur</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>
<b>Cambridge English First Preparation FCE20 / Cambridge English Advanced Preparation CAE20</b>	<p>We run full-time FCE and CAE exam preparation courses all year round. They are designed and monitored by our senior Academic team who have many years experience teaching the Cambridge exams.</p> <p>We are an authorised Cambridge English Test Centre and our students can take the FCE and CAE exam at our school.</p>	<p><b>9am - 12.50pm</b>  <b>Mon - Fri</b>  <b>Age: 18+</b>  <b>Available year round</b></p>



<b>IELTS preparation IELTS20</b>	We run full-time IELTS exam preparation courses designed and monitored by our senior Academic team. We offer an Improvers class for students who are in the IELTS bands 4.0 to 5.5, and a Preparation class for students whose current level is at band 6.0 or above.	<b>9am - 12.50pm</b> <b>Mon - Fri</b> <b>Age: 18+</b> <b>Available year round</b>
<b>Atlas Study &amp; Internship Programme GE20COM</b>	Our Study & Internship programme combines English learning with a quality internship in a company related to their studies. Work placements are from 4 - 24 weeks and are available in a wide range of sectors. For more information please see page 18.	<b>9am - 12.50pm</b> <b>Mon - Fri</b> <b>Age: 18+</b> <b>Available year round</b>
<b>Atlas Professional</b>	At Atlas Professional we design highly practical executive programmes which combine both focused language learning and effective team building. For further information or to request an Atlas Professional brochure please contact the school.	<b>Age: 20+</b> <b>Available year round</b>
<b>Fluency Intensive Business GE26INTB GE32INTB</b>	Part of our Atlas Professional suite of programmes, Intensive Plus allows students to combine General English classes in the morning with 6 or 12 lessons one-to-one Business English training in the afternoons. Before beginning this course students will complete an extensive needs analysis and interview with our Academic Manager to design their afternoon programme.	<b>9am - 12.50pm</b> <b>Mon - Fri</b> <b>2pm - 4.30pm</b> <b>Mon &amp; Wed</b> <b>Age: 20+</b> <b>Available year round</b>
<b>Atlas Junior ATJUN</b>	Atlas Junior runs each summer in Ireland and the UK. To learn more about these programmes or to request an Atlas Junior Brochure please contact the school.	<b>Age: 11 - 17 (Ireland)</b> <b>9 - 17 (UK)</b> <b>Available July / August</b>
<b>High School Programme</b>	Atlas organises single term or full academic year placements in some of the best secondary schools in Ireland. All our partner schools have long traditions of providing excellence in education and are renowned for their academic, sporting and pastoral programmes.	<b>Age: 12 - 17</b> <b>Available Sept - June</b>
<b>Teacher Training Programme</b>	These training programmes have been designed specifically with the teaching needs of non-native primary and secondary teachers in mind. They are language and teaching skills refresher courses that aim to improve teachers' English language level while also renewing classroom skills and helping teachers keep up-to-date with recent changes in language methodologies.	<b>Age: 20+</b> <b>Fixed start dates</b>

# General English Courses

## General English Fluency (GE20)

20 lessons per week

General English Fluency is our most popular course and runs from 9am -12.50pm, Monday to Friday.

The timetable is as follows:

- Lesson A:** 09.00am - 10.40am
- Break:** 10.40am - 11.10am
- Lesson B:** 11.10am - 12.50pm

Lessons A and B are taught by different teachers to give you exposure to a variety of accents and teaching styles. Lesson A focuses on developing your grammar, vocabulary and functional language.

Lesson B focuses on interactive communication with an emphasis on Speaking Skills and Pronunciation. Our teaching is based on a communicative and task-based approach, which means you always focus on effective real-life communication.

## Sample Academic Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
09.00 - 10.40AM	<p><b>GE20 MORNING A:</b></p> <p><b>New Students:</b> Placement Test &amp; Induction</p> <p><b>Current Students:</b> Review &amp; Recycle (HWK 3 review + points arising from previous week's test &amp; feedback)</p>	<p><b>GE20 MORNING A:</b> Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language</p>	Grammar, Vo (Wri
10.40 - 11.10AM	BREAK	BREAK	
11.10 - 12.50PM	<p><b>GE20 MORNING B:</b> New students join classes + introduce the week's objectives Lesson 1B: Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language</p> <p><b>HWK1</b> (Grammar &amp; Vocabulary) set for Tuesday</p>	<p><b>GE20 MORNING B:</b> Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension</p> <p><b>HWK2</b> (Grammar &amp; Vocabulary) set for Wednesday</p>	Vocabular Sp
12.50 - 14.00PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14.00 - 15.40PM	<p><b>Current Students:</b> GE20/GE26 Electives</p>	<p>Plus Courses (GE26)</p>	GE20/GE26
15.40 - 16.30PM	<p><b>New Students:</b> Orientation Tour</p>		Study Club
16.30 - 17.00PM			

## General English Fluency Plus (GE26)

### 26 lessons per week

The General English Fluency Plus course combines the General English Fluency course with 6 additional lessons in the afternoons. These afternoon classes are normally on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. These are small group classes so are a good option for students who have a short amount of time to study and who wish to maximise their study time with our teachers.

If there are specific areas of English that you would like to focus on during these small-group lessons, the following 'plus' options are also available:

- Fluency Plus with General English
- Fluency Plus with TOEIC
- Fluency Plus with IELTS

WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY
<b>GE20 MORNING A:</b> Vocabulary, Functional Language + Writing Skills  <b>HWK3</b> (Writing Skills) set for Friday		<b>GE20 MORNING A:</b> Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language + HWK1 correction		<b>GE20 MORNING A:</b> Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language
BREAK		BREAK		BREAK
<b>GE20 MORNING B:</b> Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension		<b>GE20 MORNING B:</b> Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension  <b>HWK4</b> (Grammar & Vocabulary) set for Friday		<b>GE20 MORNING B:</b> Weekly Review & Test
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH
Electives	Study Club	Plus Courses (GE26)	Study Club	GE20/GE26 Electives



# Electives

**Our afternoon elective courses are a great way for students to practise specific language skills and broaden their knowledge of English. These popular courses run throughout the term and have been designed by our academic team to be fun, engaging and informative. Best of all these electives are included free as part of our full-time morning programme, with different choices available each term. Some of our most popular electives are listed below!**

## **English and Drama**

Throughout this popular course students work on various speech and drama techniques such as voice, working with texts, movement, body language, and developing their imagination. The classes have a free and open atmosphere and there is a strong emphasis on having fun!



## **Conversation**

A great way for students to develop their speaking skills in everyday social situations. Each week is structured around a themed lesson where teachers focus on different aspects of developing conversation.



## English in the Workplace

This course is designed to develop students' communication skills in the context of the English speaking workplace. Functional language for applying for a job, contributing in meetings, negotiating, and making presentations are all covered.



## Irish Cultural Studies

A very popular course that introduces students to different aspects of Irish history and culture. Topics covered include Irish history and the emergence of modern Ireland, Anglo-Irish writers and literature, Irish sport, and traditional and popular Irish music.



## Study Skills and Academic Development

This course offers students the possibility to improve their study techniques and develop more effective learning strategies that will enable them to perform better and more confidently in their present and future studies.



## Pronunciation

Improves students' abilities to understand native spoken English as well as improve their own pronunciation and confidence when speaking in English. Emphasis is given to those aspects of connected speech such as controlling pace, stress and intonation and word linking that can quickly benefit students' fluency and confidence.



## English Around the World

See and hear how English is spoken in countries such as England, the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Jamaica! Learn about the history, culture and traditions of different English-speaking countries.



# Atlas Study & Internship Programme



**Our Study & Internship Programme provides Atlas students with a great opportunity to combine English learning with a quality work placement in a company related to their studies.**

**O**ur Study and Internship Programme allows students the opportunity to take unpaid Internships across a range of companies and sectors in Dublin. After completing their language studies our Internship Officer will match each student's profile, experience and language ability with one of the many local companies we have links with. Work placements are guaranteed once a student attains a minimum level of English.

Work placements are available from 4 - 24 weeks in a range of sectors including:

- Administration
- Communication and Media
- Electronic and Electrical (maintenance)
- Finance and Accounting
- IT (software and hardware)
- Logistics
- Marketing and Business
- Mechanical (maintenance)
- Sales (shop assistant)
- Tourism (hotel and catering)





# Group Programmes

**Since we were founded a large part of our business has been designing group programmes for schools and colleges worldwide. These tailor-made courses are built in close consultation with group leaders and are created to meet the specific language requirements of the students involved.**

**F**rom the moment you arrive it is important to us that every aspect of your stay is a success and we are committed to ensuring that your programme is planned and designed to the highest standards so that you have the most rewarding experience possible.

We have experience delivering a number of different type of programmes,

including project work, exam preparation, and work experience. Group programmes normally consist of 15 to 20 hours English language training in the morning with integrated social, cultural or academic activities in the afternoon. Programmes also generally include evening activities and weekend excursions.

For further information or to request a quotation or sample timetables please contact the school.

# Atlas Junior



**Atlas Language School's Junior Programmes run every summer in Ireland and the UK. Our Junior courses allow students to improve their language skills while learning about Irish and British culture in a fun and challenging environment.**

- A full range of course options including Cambridge exam preparation, Work experience and Intensive '4 to 1' courses.
- A network of very experienced, warm and friendly local host families, located within close proximity of the campus.
- Fully secure and supervised residences with student common rooms and free Internet access.
- A minimum of 3 hours tuition every day (Monday to Friday). Classes include Grammar, Idiomatic usage, Writing, Reading, Aural Comprehension, Conversation and Pronunciation.
- Dynamic and exciting mix of sports, activities and excursions each week day, evening and weekend.
- Private transport to and from the school each day (homestay programmes only).

For further information or to request an Atlas Junior brochure please contact the school.



## ATLAS JUNIOR DUBLIN - IRELAND

Atlas Junior Dublin is one of the longest running and best regarded Junior Programmes in Ireland. This high-end homestay programme is centrally located in a leafy suburb of Dublin on the private grounds of a school. Our campus boasts excellent facilities including 30 bright and spacious classrooms, a sports hall, sports pitches, basketball court and a large concert hall.

Atlas Junior Dublin is a fantastic way for young learners to get to see the city and experience the delights that Dublin has to offer!



## ATLAS JUNIOR CHICHESTER - UK



Located on the south coast of England, Chichester is a charming and lively city just one hour from Gatwick airport. Our programme takes place in the University of Chichester and is just a 10 minute walk to the historic town centre and a 10 minute drive from the coast where there are many seaside villages to explore as well as a number of popular beaches.

The programme also includes day trips to nearby cities such as London, Brighton and Portsmouth. The campus has state of the art facilities including a newly-built sports complex, large spacious classrooms, a fully-equipped canteen, shops, library, and computer labs.

## ATLAS JUNIOR REAL MADRID CAMP

Our Real Madrid programme provides students with the opportunity to learn English, improve their soccer skills, and immerse themselves in the Real Madrid ethos!

This programme takes place on our Chichester campus in the UK and combines language learning and football training with coaches from the world's largest football club! Official Real Madrid coaches deliver all training sessions, providing our students with a fantastic opportunity to learn from the very best.





# High School Placement



**Atlas works with some of the best secondary schools in Ireland to provide High School Placement programmes. Our close relationships with all our partner schools helps us ensure that we can provide the best advice to students on the type of school that is right for them.**

**A**ll our partner schools are among the best in the country with long traditions of providing excellence in education. They are renowned for their academic, sporting and pastoral programmes. We are very happy to discuss the best suitability for your child and can organise a phone appointment for this if you so wish.

- A diverse portfolio of partner schools.
- A personalised service that guarantees individual care and attention for each student.
- Regular student support, feedback and review sessions.
- Monthly progress updates.
- Boarding and day school options.







# Accommodation

## Homestay

Over the years we have built up strong relationships with a number of local families who host our students during their time in Ireland, all of whom are personally interviewed by our accommodation officer and are chosen for their experience and friendliness. Students have the choice of their own room or sharing with a friend. Students of the same nationality are not hosted by the same family except on request or when they come as part of a group.

## Student Residence

For students who do not wish to stay with a host family we have a number of modern, fully serviced apartments available for short-term rent around the city. Due to demand, apartment accommodation generally needs to be booked at least 4 weeks before a student is due to arrive.

## Hotel / Hostel Accommodation

If students require hostel or hotel accommodation during their stay in Ireland we are happy to help students book suitable places to stay in the area.







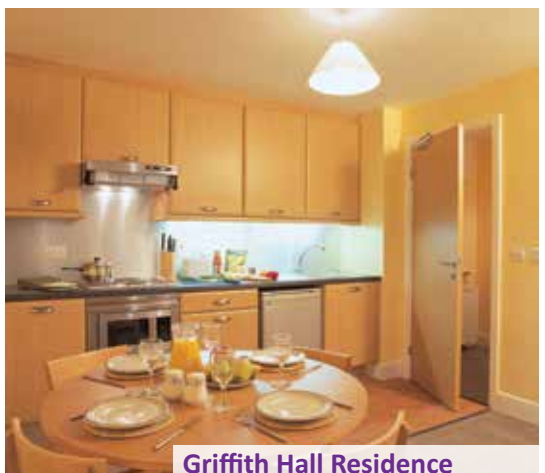
**Terenure Park Residence**



**Terenure Park Residence**



**Homestay Bedroom**



**Griffith Hall Residence**





Galway



Greystones



Howth



Malahide castle

Adriano Elisei



Guinness Storehouse



## Social & Cultural Programme

**We believe that in order to get the most from their time in Ireland, students should be exposed to English not just in the classroom but in a variety of environments and contexts.**

**T**hat's why our social and cultural programme is so important to us and why we spend so much time and energy making sure that it is as vibrant and interesting as possible.

We have a dedicated social programme team who organises activities, tours and visits throughout the year for our students. These activities are a scheduled part of all courses and normally occur after class in the afternoon and evening. We also organise day and weekend trips to scenic areas outside Dublin, such as Connemara, Clare and Galway.

### **Activities include:**

- Art gallery and museum tours
- Visits to the cinema / theatre
- School parties
- Cycling, football and other sporting activities
- Festivals
- Day trips to historical sites in and outside of Dublin
- Traditional Irish music nights
- Overnight trips to Belfast, Galway and Cork





**Atlas Language School is located at Portobello Bridge, Dublin 2 - only 10 minutes walking distance from Dublin city centre. The school is conveniently located near Harcourt and Charlemont Stations on the Green LUAS Line and a number of bus stops.**

## 4.6 Star Rating on Google



I loved this school!



Great school, amazing teachers, a lot of activities to do , great location



Atlas Language school offers various language courses of different levels. The school has a number of professional teachers and very friendly staff. Everybody loves to help you. It is amazing. There is a warm and familiar atmosphere in the school. The social program and the afternoon classes are very helpful to improve my English. Furthermore I enjoy being together with my classmates in the afternoon and at the weekend.

## 4.8 Star Rating on facebook

Great school, great staff, best country!

5.0★

One of the most beautiful experience that I could have in my life, the teachers are great, the school has a great location, the staff is friendly and helpful, I don't regret that I choose Atlas to spend my time in Dublin.

5.0★

The best school in Dublin!! I've studied there for 2 months. I'm so grateful to met beautiful and incredible Friends, fantastic teachers I had fun!!! Everyday the school organise activities to do and you can join... Thank you so much, I hope to come back soon

5.0★



“ Atlas is an amazing school with great teachers that will help you achieve fluency while having fun through well-prepared classes and carefully planned activities. Its location is also a plus, since Atlas faces the canal, giving students a heart-warming sight every morning. It's impossible not to start your day in a good mood! ”

Larissa Ravália, Brazil



Atlas Language School is the best place to improve your English. The teachers are very good and helpful and also show you real friendship. Everyone should have this experience! ”

Zeynep Akdemir, Turkey



“ I'm really happy I chose Ireland to study English because here in Ireland I've found everything - a quiet city, friendly people, beautiful landscape and more! ”

Rashad Ahmedi, Libya



I've studied in Atlas three different times and felt that it was a very positive experience because the teachers make the lessons very interesting and I've met a lot of great people while studying here. I think that I will come back again and again...let's go to Atlas! ”

Lorenzo Raybaudi Massilia, Italy







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