

# School Groups and Mini Stay English Programmes

"...warm welcome, safe and beautiful environment with Dublin City at hand and professional teachers and caring families = happy students."  
**Sandra, France**



## Mini Stay Programmes

The Irish College of English specialises in mini stay programmes for juniors and adults. We run and develop English programmes to suit different types of English learners and budgets. Both our branches are located in Dublin, within 10 minutes of Dublin International Airport and therefore we offer an ideal choice for short stays.

As a long established school with highly qualified staff, we have the expertise and skills to design a variety of programmes. We encourage adult, junior and school groups to come to Ireland in the low season (Sept-June) and can offer very competitive rates.

We already have a number of state schools, private schools, third level colleges and language institutes abroad that send groups to the Irish College of English on an annual basis and our student/leader feedback is excellent.

Both schools offer great locations, in the ideal settings of Malahide and Swords, we offer groups an exceptional experience, where they can generally walk to school from their host families and live in the safe environment of friendly beautiful towns.

## Academic Programme Options

- Individually tailored academic programmes
- 15 + hours tuition per week
- Max. 15 students per class
- Certificate of Attainment and individual student feedback on completion of course

## High Standard Host Family Accommodation

- (Within walking distance of our centres)
- Full Board Accommodation with a carefully selected Irish Family
- Families are located in the local area, within walking distance of the school
- Students can stay one per family or in pairs depending on preference

## Cultural / Social Activity

- All inclusive programme with afternoon & evening activities
- Programmes can be designed to meet group cost requirements
- Our staff are always available to give advice on free activity options
- Student Bus / Rail Pass can be included

## Group Benefits

- Return Airport Transfers
- Free Leader accommodation with every 15 students

## Classes

Students are taught in closed groups or in our international classes. Students are given a placement test on arrival and are placed into a class appropriate to their level of English. All our classes have a maximum of 15 students per class, so students have an excellent opportunity to speak and to receive individual attention from their teachers. Our highly qualified teachers are specially chosen for their ability to relate to the age / interests of the group. On finishing their course, students are awarded a Certificate of Attainment stating their level of English.

## Accommodation

Students are placed in the local area within easy reach of the school. Full board is provided with an Irish Host Family. Breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal are provided with an emphasis on a balanced nutritious diet. Student welfare is our main concern and we choose our families carefully to ensure maximum comfort.

In addition, we have a Home Stay Charter in place which clearly sets out our standards and policies concerning all home stays. Students may be placed with other international students thus developing new friendships with people from all over the world.

## Activities

In addition to offering tuition, we can arrange visits to places of cultural interest including local attractions such as Malahide Castle, Howth Head and Dublin City Centre attractions. We also organize excursions outside of Dublin, and facilitate Irish social nights, etc. We can arrange sporting activities, including football, tennis, golf, etc.

## Student Welfare & Safety

Student welfare is our main concern and every effort is made to ensure an enjoyable and safe stay for everyone. Malahide is a small, affluent and friendly area. The Irish College of English also offers a 24 hour emergency phone service.

## Insurance

We advise all students to take out medical insurance prior to departure. All students travelling from EU Countries should bring a Students European Health Insurance Card with them. Students are not insured by the school or by the host family, against illness, theft or loss of personal effects. The school cannot accept responsibility in the event of any such occurrences. We recommend personal insurance cover.

## Sample Group Programmes

### General English Programme

This programme caters for students by aiming the course at their current English Language Level with an emphasis on using the language.

### Over 50s Cultural Programme for Mature Students.

This Programme is aimed at older students wishing to improve their English, see Ireland and learn about the culture.

### Irish Literature/History/Cultural Programme

This programme is an intensive cultural programme. Aimed at high level students of English who are motivated to study English/Irish Literature etc., and can relate to what students are studying/planning to study in their own school.

### Preparation for Business English Exams (BEC)

This Intensive programme prepares students for the Cambridge Business English Certificate

### Conversation/Speaking only Programmes

This programme is aimed at students, who have good writing, reading and grammar ability but have had little opportunity to perfect their fluency in English.

## Sample Programme

On arrival, Welcome Meeting at Dublin Airport by our school staff. On arrival at school, students receive a 'Welcome Pack' with maps of Dublin & Malahide, train/bus timetable and other useful information. Students also receive a free bus/rail pass for the duration of their stay.

Sunday	Free Day with Family	
Monday	English Language Class	8.45am - 12.00pm
	Possible Afternoon Activities	12.30pm - 5.00pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided Tour of Dublin</li> <li>• Guinness Tour</li> <li>• Dublinia Viking World &amp; Christchurch Cathedral</li> <li>• Croke Park and The GAA Museum</li> <li>• Trinity College Library and The Book of Kells</li> <li>• Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship Tour</li> </ul>	
Tuesday	English Language Class	8.45am - 12.00pm
	Possible Afternoon Activities	12.30pm - 5.00pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Museum of Decorative Arts &amp; History</li> <li>• Natural History Museum</li> <li>• National Museum of History and Archaeology</li> <li>• The National Gallery of Ireland</li> </ul>	
Wednesday	English Language Class	8.45am - 12.00pm
	Possible Afternoon Activities	12.30pm - 5.00pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GAA (Irish Sports) Skills Session</li> <li>• Sports - Pitch &amp; Putt Golf, Tennis, Football</li> <li>• Bowling • Quasar • Cinema</li> </ul>	
Thursday	English Language Class	8.45am - 12.00pm
	Possible Afternoon Activities	12.30pm - 5.00pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasure Hunt • Howth Village &amp; Cliff Walk</li> <li>• Shopping</li> </ul>	
Friday	English Language Class	8.45am - 12.00pm
	Possible Afternoon Activities	12.30pm - 5.00pm
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Malahide Castle Tour • Kilmainham Gaol</li> <li>• St. Michans Church • Newbridge Farm</li> </ul>	
Saturday	Full Day Excursion Options Glendalough, Kilkenny, Dublin Zoo, Belfast City	