

### Introduction

# **Message from Managing Director**

Each summer, the DLTC English Language School (Dublin, Ireland) offers an exciting programme of English classes and extracurricular activities to foreign teenagers who want to learn English in Ireland. We are a family-run business and provide a very personal service to each student and take great care to ensure that students are safe, relaxed and enjoying themselves throughout their stay. As part of our most comprehensive package, DLTC:

- meets the student at the airport;
- places them in accommodation with an Irish family (that has been vetted by Irish police services);
- places them in English classes appropriate to their level of English;
- integrates them with other students;
- focuses on developing students fluency and speaking ability;
- provides them with a range of fun and interesting holiday activities;
- monitors their progress and contentment;
- finally returns them to the check-in and security gates at Dublin Airport for departure

Feel free to contact us on info@dltc.ie with any questions you have and we hope to hear from you soon!



Best wishes,

Bob Golden

**Managing Director** 

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# **About our Summer Junior English Study Holidays in Dublin**

#### Who is our course for?

The **summer junior English study holiday** is aimed at students from around the world between the ages of 12-17 years who wish to attend **English courses in Ireland** and enjoy a holiday at the same time. We welcome individual students arriving on their own as well as groups of up to 50 students at a time.

#### When is the course available?

The course is available in July and part of August 2024.

## Where is the English study holiday based?

## **Dun Laoghaire, Dublin**

This **summer junior English study holiday** takes place in an area called Dun Laoghaire (pronounced like 'dunliri') which is part of Dublin, the capital of Ireland. It is a beautiful seaside town and well-known as a very safe and upmarket part of Dublin. The town centre is small and very safe and easy for young students to find their way around. It has lots of amenities with shopping centres, cinema, cafes, library etc

- The English course takes place in a purpose-built national school in Dun Laoghaire (not at our offices!)
- The school is a 5-minute walk from the centre of Dun Laoghaire and has all the facilities and recreation amenities of a typical school.
- The area is known as a very safe,
  picturesque and up-market part of
  Dublin. It has lots of transport links and is
  an ideal base from which to explore as
  Dublin city centre is only 20 minutes
  away in one direction and the beautiful
  natural landscapes of Wicklow 20
  minutes away in the other direction



• Host families are all located within the Dun Laoghaire area – within 5-40 minutes of the school. Students travel to and from their host families each day on public transport and it is very safe and easy to do so. Host families show students the best and safest way to travel.

#### Other Locations:

DLTC also offers a Summer Junior English & Activities Course in the West of Ireland with trips to the world-famous Cliffs of Moher, Galway city, Aran Islands and activities such as Surfing, Climbing and Traditional Sports. For more information, please see our website or request a brochure from info@dltc.ie

## What do we provide?

Our comprehensive summer junior English study holiday (SJA) includes all of the following:

- English Classes (Monday-Friday 09:15-12:30)
- Accommodation + all meals (with Irish host family)
- Assessment Tests
- Local Bus & Train ticket (unlimited use for duration)

- Airport Arrival and Departure personal transport service
- Weekly Activity Programme: 5
   afternoons, 2 or 3 evenings and 1 full day excursion. Activities are of high quality, fun-filled and full of adventure.
- Course Certificate & Detailed Report with suggestions for further learning
- **24-hour emergency contact** number

**Important:** when choosing a school, check what is included in the price and what is not. <u>Many</u> schools do not include airport transfers or local travel tickets in their standard prices.

#### IF YOU DO NOT REQUIRE A FULL PROGRAMME, YOU CAN CHOOSE BETWEEN:

- English Classes only (SJC-DL)
- English Classes with Activity Programme & Local Travel Ticket (SJB-DL)
- English Classes with Activity Programme, Homestay Family Accommodation and Local Travel Ticket (SJA-DL)







## A very personal and responsive service

In order to ensure that students and parents are as happy and relaxed as possible, we provide:

- 24-hour school contact number (for parents, students, and host families)
- A feedback form each week to check satisfaction with class, accommodation, meals, and general contentment
- personalised welcome pack on arrival
- personalized online level test before arrival
- individual speaking assessment on first morning at school
- active introductions to other students on the first morning so no student feels isolated
- personalised reports and suggestions for further study at the end of courses
- We also obtain police checks on all host families and staff

#### What's New in 2024?

- Students will continue to have the opportunity to meet Irish teenagers who will join in their classes and activities for set periods each week an opportunity to make local friends, connect with peers, practice English and discover Irish youth culture.
- new activities different from those in 2022 and 2023 so students won't repeat the same ones
- new excursions to different parts of Ireland
- new class materials

# **About our English Classes**

#### We provide:

- 15 hours of General English classes per week (Monday-Friday 09:00-12:15)
- Experienced, native-speaking English teachers (qualified to Irish Department of Education standards)
- 6 levels of English classes from Beginners (A1) to Advanced (C2)
- Online assessment test before arrival and personal oral test on first day
- Special focus on getting students 'speaking' and using the language successfully by focusing on topics relevant to the student
- 'Meet your Peers' unique feature! meet and learn with Irish teenagers for a class each week in the classroom
- Average class sizes of 12 students per class (Maximum 15)
- Use of all course materials and use of modern, interactive, classroom technology
- Weekly monitoring of progress with progress test
- A short piece of homework most days this can involve getting students to find out information from their host families or some other task designed to exercise their English outside of class

- End-of-course Certificate, suggestions for further study, progress report and Statement of Results







## Important: We focus on 'speaking'

At DLTC English Language School, our belief is that you haven't really learned a language until you can speak it. Many students arrive at our school with some ability to answer English grammar questions in books but with little experience in using that knowledge and actually speaking the language. Therefore, while our classes also cover grammar, writing, listening and reading, our main focus is getting students to speak the language successfully. We do this by focusing on relevant, real-world topics that are of interest to the student and that are matched to their level. We have 6 class levels available from Elementary A1 to Advanced C1 so whether a student is only beginning in English or aiming for a Cambridge exam, we know our classes will help them succeed at their goals. Our aim is that at the end of the course each student will be able to talk about their summer in Ireland and depart with better fluency, an increased vocabulary and a greater confidence in their use of English.

### **Typical Class Schedule**

	09:00-10:30	Break	10:45-12:15	
Monday	Introductions, Oral Assessments, team building activities, speaking activities		General English Class	
Tuesday	General English Class (homework correction, grammar, Exam Skills		Speaking Activities / introduction and review of worksheets related to	
Wednesday	module, language topics,		afternoon activities / Project Work /	
Thursday	vocabulary, listening, reading and		Progress Test on Thursday / 'Meet your	
	writing exercises)		Peers'	
Friday	General English Class		Review of the week, activity worksheets, debates	

#### Accommodation with Irish families

Students can choose to stay with a local family. It's a great way to practise speaking English and to gain a real cultural experience by discovering what life is like in an Irish home. Irish host families are very welcoming. They take a great interest in their guests and often include the student in the family activities. Our students often comment how they feel at home and like one of the family! (*Tip:* While not necessary, we do suggest that students, particularly younger students, should have at least a little experience of being away from parents before – it helps relieve worry of parents and students.)

### What you can expect:

- A welcoming and caring Irish host family that has been carefully selected and visited by our accommodation manager and that has been vetted by Irish police.
- Three healthy meals each day:
  - o Breakfast: cereals, toast, fruit, tea/coffee/juice
  - o Packed-lunch: fruit, sandwich, drink, crisps/bar
  - Dinner: pasta/rice/potatoes with meat and vegetables/salad with dessert
  - Vegetarian families are available. Special dietary needs (coeliac etc) can be catered for on request (additional costs apply)
- homes located between 5-40 minutes of the school in safe, residential areas.
- a wide range of families which are matched to students' needs
- **for students aged 13-17 years** (at the time of the course start), you may request to be the only student of your nationality/mother-tongue in the house.
- for students aged 12 years or younger (at the time of the course start), we may require students of this age to share their host-family with another student of the same nationality/mother-tongue. In our experience, students at this age, even with a reasonable level of English, often feel home-sick, shy or anxious and this encourages them to spend more time at home where they could interact more with the host family.
- There are a maximum of 3 students per house. Students may be in single or shared rooms depending on availability.
- Laundry once a week
- Family details (including address, telephone numbers, names, ages and interests of the families) to be provided 3 weeks before arrival
- Students travel to and from their host families each day on public transport and it is very safe, normal and easy to do so. Host families show students the best and safest way to travel on the first day and how they should get home.
- **Tip**: If your child has never used public transport before, we suggest you give him/her a little experience of it in your own country before coming to Ireland it will help with any worry that you or your child may feel. Also if this is your child's first time abroad like this, it helps to reassure them that homes, people and customs will be different to what they are accustomed to and that learning to adapt to these things is part of the experience.





## **Arrival and Departure**

Airport transfers are included in our accommodation package for individual students. Here's what we offer:

- o to meet the student personally in the Arrivals hall of Dublin airport
- o to sign for student on arrival if travelling as an Unaccompanied Minor
- o to bring the student by private car to their host family and introduce them

- o to provide a welcome pack which contains school ID card, local bus & train travel pass, local maps, school and family contact numbers, notepad and pen
- o on departure to collect the student by private car from host family
- o to bring the student to the airline check-in desk and the security gates for departure
- to sign for the student at the airport check-in if an insurance waiver is required by airline or if travelling as an Unaccompanied Minor (extra fee applies in both cases as driver must wait at airport until flight departs or until air stewards take charge see booking form for current charges)
- Students can generally arrive 1 or 2 days before the start of the course. Accommodation
  is provided on a weekly basis so students will generally leave on the same day of the
  week they arrive (additional nights are possible for an extra fee)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students who are traveling alone should carry a letter signed by their parent(s) and with their parents' contact details giving them permission to travel and attend DLTC Language School. This may be requested at Immigration Control in the airport. The letter should provide contact details of parent(s)/guardian(s) and contact details of school (provided to you in advance of arrival).

(**Groups (10 students or more)** are met on arrival at Dublin airport in the arrivals hall and are taken by private bus to a meeting point where the students are introduced to their host families. Similarly on departure families bring their student(s) to a meeting point for departure by private bus to Dublin airport.)

# Activity Programme - High Quality, Adventurous and Fun-Filled

Students attending our summer junior English course can choose to take part in our leisure activity programmes.







- Activity programme is available every week of the course. The activities include a balance of sports, entertainment, adventure and cultural visits. Each week it includes:
  - 5 afternoon activities;
  - o 2 evenings
  - o 1 full-day excursion.
- With full-day excursions to famous tourist locations around Ireland such as Galway/Athlone;
   Kilkenny; Wexford; Wicklow Mountains National Park; outdoor adventure activities such as climbing, kayaking/sailing, archery, zip-lines, cycling
- Fun activities like Escape Room, Adventure Quest, bowling, lazertag, karaoke, and crazy golf
- Sports such as traditional Gaelic Football, soccer or basketball as well as games, dance and cooking with opportunity to interact with Irish teenagers

- Half-day visits to famous tourist locations within Dublin such as Dublinia Viking Experience, Dublin Castle and City Hall, St Patricks Cathedral, National Museums
- Groups of 15 or more can request specific or additional activity programmes







# Sample Standard Activity Schedule

	Afternoon	Evening		
Monday	Sports, Dance, Art and Cooking + opportunity to interact with Irish teens			
Tuesday	Hill walk / Kayaking	Scavenger Hunt / Table Quiz		
Wednesday	Bowling/Lazertag/Adventure Quest			
Thursday	Museum/Cultural Centre/Historic Sight	Weekly International Disco		
Friday	Dublin city visit & shopping			
Saturday	Day tour to National Park / Traditional Farm / Adventure centre with			
	climbing / ziplining / Kilkenny City / Galway city.			
Sunday	Free time to spend with host-family and friends			

## Sample Standard Activities

## **Entertainment & fun**

- Bowling
- Lazer-tag
- Karaoke
- Crazy golf
- Cinema
- Weekly Student Disco
- Karaoke
- Irish Dance & Music
- Local Summer Festivals

#### Sports, Games, Art, Music

- Football
- Gaelic Sports
- Art & Crafts
- Cooking
- Dance
- Climbing / Kayak / Adventure

#### Sightseeing

- Wicklow National Park
- Dublin City Centre
- Dublin Castle
- Dublinia Viking
- Trinity College
- National Museums
- Glendalough
- Powerscourt Gardens
- Phoenix Park
- Temple Bar







#### **Day Excursions**

- Private bus tours to famous locations including: Glendalough Historic Valley; Wicklow Mountains
  National Park; Galway City / Athlone Town and the Shannon; Boyne Valley in Ireland's Ancient
  Fast
- Outdoor Adventure centres with climbing, orienteering, ziplining, and archery
- Working Farms with farm animals and farm games
- **Fun parks** with crazy golf, lazer-tag, archery
- Watersports centres with sailing & kayaking







## **Private Group Activity Programmes**

The DLTC can also provide tailor-made activity programmes for groups of 15 and more students. The group can attend our courses, stay with our families, be transferred to and from the airport and take part in their own activity programme or combine their own programme with some of our standard programme. Other possible options include tours to the West of Ireland and visits to Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Burren, Aran Islands, Blarney Castle, Bunratty Castle, surfing, kayaking and more. Please contact us to discuss your particular requirements and receive a quote.

# **General Prices & Dates - Individuals & Small Groups**

Summer Junior English courses are available between 01st July and August 03rd 2024.

PROGRAMME	CODE	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Comprehensive Course: incl. English Course + Mixed Activities + Accommodation + Airport Transfers + Local Travel Ticket + Course Materials + DLTC Certificate + Welcome Pack	SJA-DL	€1,763	€2529	€3,296
Comprehensive Course (no Accommodation; no Transfers): English Course + Mixed Activities + Local Travel Ticket + Course Materials + DLTC Cert + Welcome Pack	SJB-DL	€1007	€1,507	€2008
English Course Only: English Course + Course Materials + DLTC Certificate + Welcome Pack (no Accommodation; no Transfers; no Activities; no Local Travel Ticket)	SJC-DL	€545	€838	€1,134

# Compare our prices – what is included?

	SJA-DL	SJB-DL	SJC-DL
Classes (15 hours per week)	✓	✓	<b>✓</b>
Family Accommodation (includes all meals)	✓		
Airport Transfers (to and from airport)	✓		
Activities (5 afternoons & 2/3 evenings per week)	✓	✓	
Saturday Excursion - full-day	✓	✓	
Bus & Train Travel Ticket	✓	✓	
Welcome Pack	✓	✓	✓
Course Materials, Course Report and Certificate	✓	✓	✓
24-hour Emergency Phone Number	✓	✓	✓
No extra registration fee!!	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>

# When comparing prices please note that we include:

- ALL BOOKING FEES AND REGISTRATION FEES
- Airport transfers in Dublin & Local Transport Ticket in our standard SJA course
- <u>high quality activity programme</u> with courses (SJA & SJB) e.g. kayaking, climbing etc

#### Note

Minimum stay 2 weeks. Students should arrive at accommodation on Saturday or Sunday and depart on the same day of the week. 35euro per night applies for each additional night in accommodation.

# Special Offers for individuals or small groups (5 or less)

### www.dltc.ie/special-offers

For groups of 6 or more students, contact us directly on <a href="mailto:info@dltc.ie">info@dltc.ie</a>

### How to book

#### **Individuals**

- Send us an email to info@dltc.ie and we will send you a booking form by email.
- Complete the booking form and send it back to us to <a href="info@dltc.ie">info@dltc.ie</a>.
- We will confirm within 48 hours and send you an invoice with bank details.
- 25% of the total should be paid by bank transfer within 10 working days to reserve place.
- The remaining 75% must be paid within 3 weeks of the start of the course
- 3 weeks before arrival we will send you details for arrival including: details of host family, airport arrival and transfers information, finalised activity schedule.

### **Groups (10 or more)**

The DLTC welcomes groups from schools, private academies, travel organisations, and individual organisers. Send us an email to <a href="mailto:info@dltc.ie">info@dltc.ie</a> with your details (name, type of organisation, address, telephone number) and your requirements (dates, size of group, preferences etc). We will contact you directly to provide the best possible quote based on your needs.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE from **Irish Immigration Services**:

#### "Groups travelling with Minors (e.g. school tour groups):

The accompanying adult is advised to present to the Immigration Officer first, providing the following documentation:

- A list of all members in the group;
- Letters of consent for travel with the nominated adult from each minor's parent(s)/guardian(s), including contact details;

See http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/travel-with-children for complete information

# About the DLTC English Language School

The DLTC is an English language school based in Dublin, Ireland, and has been providing English language courses to foreign students since 2002. We specialise in providing courses with cultural, sporting, sightseeing and activity programmes to foreign teenagers and adolescents – coming to our courses either as individuals or as groups.

The DLTC English Language School is motivated by a very practical sense of learning. We believe that you haven't really 'learned' a language until you can speak it successfully. So, the main focus of all our courses is to get students to 'speak' English. Many students arrive on our courses knowing how to answer grammar questions but are not able to talk about themselves or their ideas. For that reason, we spend as much class time as possible getting students to talk and getting students to talk about topics that are relevant and interesting to them. We believe that if a topic is not interesting or relevant, students won't want to talk; and if they don't want to talk, then they'll never learn to speak the language.

During the summer, the DLTC English Language School offers our Summer Junior English & Activity programmes. This is a hugely popular programme and we have been operating it since 2003. On this programme, we welcome private individual students - who travel on their own or with friends - as well as larger groups of teenagers from language schools, secondary schools, and other youth organisations in any country.

During the spring and autumn, DLTC English Language School welcomes groups from secondary schools around Europe and the World who want to spend a study week in Ireland. We provide an English language course to suit the needs of the group; accommodation and meals with an Irish host family; transfer service to and from Dublin airport; and an activity programme specifically designed according to the wishes and budget of the group so that they can enjoy the famous sights and entertainment activities that Dublin and Ireland has to offer.

#### Other Courses Available each year

Contact us for details of our other courses:

- Summer Junior English & Activities in Clare in the West of Ireland: July each year
- Private English & Activity Programmes for School Groups in Dun Laoghaire (Dublin): Available on request February-June and September-October.
- Part-time evening English courses for Cambridge First Certificate and Advanced exam preparation: available September June

### **Contact Us**

Call us or email us with questions, to arrange a visit or to book:

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