



Arena School of English

Dublin - Ireland

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Welcome



Welcome to Arena School of English, Dublin!

Arena school of English is a premium English language school located in Dublin city centre. The school is recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English language teaching. We are committed to providing high quality English language training and a great cultural experience.

The school is located in a student area beside many bars, cafes and music venues. There are many shopping streets, parks and transport links to and from the city centre with 5 minutes walking distance from the school. We hope you have a fantastic experience in the school and in Dublin.

The School

The school office is open from 09.00 – 17.30 on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and from 09.00 – 19.00 on Tuesday & Thursday. The school is closed on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays

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Emergency contact

The emergency phone number for the school is: +353 (0)86 3667627.

Please use this number outside office hours only when the school is closed and if you have an urgent emergency. During office hours, please contact the school directly.

Public Transport to the school

Tram: Luas Green Line stop at Harcourt Street.

Nearest Buses: 9, 14, 15, 16, 44, 61, 65, 68, 83, 122, 140, 144 (stop on Camden St.)

Train: 15 minute walk to Pearse Dart Station, Westland Row.

Course Timetables

Course Name	Hours	Timetable
General English Morning (Full Time)	15	09.30-12.45 (Monday-Friday)
General English Morning Plus (Full Time)	20	09.30-14.00 (Monday-Friday)
General English Intensive (Full Time)	25	09.30-14.00 (Monday-Friday) 15.00-17.30 (Tuesday & Thursday)
Non-EEA Student Visa Courses (25 Weeks)	15	09.30-12.45 (Monday-Friday)
General English Afternoon (Part Time)	5	15.00-17.30 (Tuesday & Thursday)
Evening English Course (Part Time)	4	18.45-20.45 (Tuesday & Thursday)
Business English Evening (Part Time)	4	18.45-20.45 (Tuesday & Thursday)
Cambridge FCE Level Evening (Part Time)	4	18.45-20.45 (Tuesday & Thursday)
Cambridge CAE Level Evening (Part Time)	4	18.45-20.45 (Tuesday & Thursday)
IELTS Exam Preparation (Part Time)	4.5	18.30-20.45 (Tuesday & Thursday)

Course Information

Our courses cover all language skills – speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar with a particular emphasis on practical communication, pronunciation and vocabulary building. Classes are small and interactive which ensures that every student receives individual attention and a good mix of nationalities means that there is a vibrant atmosphere in each class.

Levels

Before a student starts a course they complete a level placement test. The test has three parts – grammar & vocabulary, writing and speaking. Levels correspond with the Common European Framework (CEFR) guidelines for language levels.

Teachers

Our English teachers are all native English speakers, fully qualified and highly experienced and they ensure that classes are always well planned and also interesting and fun.



Homework

Homework is an important part of your course and your teacher will give you homework every day. You should try to complete your homework for every class.

Tests

You will take a short progress test every Friday as part of your class. We also provide end of level tests, please ask at reception.

External Examinations

We are happy to provide students with information on internationally recognised English language examinations.

Changing your level

We continuously monitor the progress of our students to make sure all students are in the correct class level. If you would like to discuss your level when you are in the school you can speak to your teacher and the manager. The manager will decide what the correct level for you is.

Extending your course

If you would like to extend your course please go to the school reception before the end of your course. You must pay for your course to reserve your place.



Course Books & Materials

Each course has a specially selected course book which is used in conjunction with the course syllabus. Extensive course materials are also provided by your teacher. Course books are available to buy at the school reception.

Feedback Questionnaires

It is very important to us that you are happy with our school. In your first week you will receive a questionnaire. Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the reception by Friday. On your last day, you will receive another questionnaire to complete.

Certificates

You will receive a certificate when you complete your course. Please collect the certificate at reception after class (only if you attend 85% of your classes). Your certificate will state your course dates, the course attended and your level of English at the end of your course. End of course assessments are provided on request.

If you have a problem

If you have a problem or complaint, please ask for a complaint form at reception. We are always available to speak with you and help solve any problems you have.

Learning English outside school

It is very important that you make the most of studying English in an English speaking environment and that you use the language you have learnt outside school.



Read English - Read magazines and books. Read newspapers online for free – www.irishtimes.com, www.independent.ie.

Listen to English - Listen to the radio, watch TV, go to the cinema. Many podcasts at www.newstalk.ie and www.todayfm.com.



Speak English - Explore Dublin! Ask Irish people for directions. Agree with your friends to have “English-only days”. Use your English in shops, post offices, banks, on the bus and in restaurants.

Get involved in the social programme in the school. This is a great way for you to practise your English and make lots of new friends.



School Facilities & Information



Coffee Room

The Coffee Room is for your use to relax at break-time or after class. In the Coffee room there is tea & coffee and computers with free internet. The school has free WIFI.

Please do not leave rubbish or cups after you in these areas. Please use the bins provided. Remember; the Coffee Room is an English speaking zone!

Library

We have a library available for students to use with a selection of English language books, DVDs and CDROMs for all levels. If you would like to use the library you pay a €10 deposit at reception which will be returned to you.

Study Room

Arena School of English has a dedicated room where you can study English when you are not in class.

Arena Etiquette

To preserve a great atmosphere in the school we request:

The school is an English only zone. Only speak English in class and at break times. Learning and speaking English is why you are here!

Arrive on time for your class. If you are late going to class you will disrupt the class and this is not fair to your teacher or the other students.

Be polite and treat other people the way you would like them to treat you - your teacher, other students and the staff of the school. Rudeness is not cool!

Please respect the school's secular environment. All cultures and religions are respected equally and no special treatment is provided to any individual or group. Please turn off your mobile phone completely when you are in class (not on silent or vibrate).

No eating or drinking in the classrooms (except water). You can eat in the students' area in the basement.

Health & Safety Information



Please note the fire exit in your classroom. If the fire alarm rings, please accompany your teacher to the meeting point. Please be calm! We have regular fire drills at the school and we will inform you of a drill in advance. We have a health & safety officer at the school who can inform you further if you would like more information. If you have any minor injuries, please go to reception where there is a first aid kit.

Illness

If you are sick and cannot come to school please contact us by telephone or email.

If you need a doctor or a dentist, there is a medical clinic very near to the school, please ask at the school reception.

If you have an E111 Card (European medical card), doctors are free. If you have private insurance, you will have to pay the doctor's fee and keep your receipt for refund in your country.

Student Travel Card



A Student Travel Card will give you discounted travel on public transport and a discount in many shops. To get a student travel card please ask at the school reception. The school will give you a letter to bring to the Student's Union in Trinity College Dublin.

The price is €15. You must be studying for a minimum of 4 weeks with the school in order to receive a student travel card.

Applying for a PPS number to work in Ireland

If you are from an EU member state or one of the countries of the EEA or Switzerland you are entitled to come to work in Ireland. PPS numbers are issued by the Department of Social Protection. To get a PPS number you need to contact your local Social Office. Visit www.citizensinformation.ie to find your local office. You will be asked to produce documentary evidence of identity and residence in Ireland.

Opening a bank account

There are a number of banks based in the city centre that offer different accounts and services. Banks are obliged to establish your identity and verify your address before you can open a bank account. The banks will provide you with all the information you need to open an account with them. Generally banks will only open bank accounts for people who are living and working in Ireland.



Social Activities



At Arena School of English learning English does not stop when you have finished your classes. We have an excellent social programme which gives you the opportunity to use and practise the English you have learned in class, mix with other students, meet Irish people and have lots of fun at the same time.

Our social activities are well organised and fun and are a great way to make friends. So whether you like playing football or dancing, visiting museums, taking tours or just enjoying a Guinness in a Dublin pub, Arena School of English has something for you.

Activities include:

Irish Pub Nights with Irish music – because of our fantastic central location there are a number of great pubs beside our school.



Guided tours to locations outside Dublin – Glendalough, Howth, Malahide Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Belfast, Galway, Kilkenny.

Cinema nights in Dublin city centre.

Tours to cultural and historical sites in Dublin including the Guinness Store House, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Jail and the National Museum of Ireland.

Regular student and staff parties in Arena School of English at night with music and games.



Movie nights in the school showing popular English language films from Ireland, the UK and America.

Quiz nights in the school with prizes for the winning team.

5 a side football.

Arena running club.

Gaelic football and hurling.

We will visit your class to update you on the social activities and you can see them on the school webpage and facebook page.

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Accommodation

Host Family



We have carefully selected each of our Irish host families to ensure you are provided with friendly and comfortable accommodation. Most host families we select are located on the green LUAS tram line with an average travel time to and from the English school of 15-20 minutes. Students have a private room with breakfast and dinner every day and laundry service every week.

Student Apartment

Students have a private room with a shared bathroom and share the kitchen and living room with other students.

City House Share

We have a number of rooms available in houses and apartments in the city centre close to the English school. Accommodation is normally a maximum of 15 minutes walk from the school and you will have full use of the accommodation's kitchen, washing machine, etc.

City Centre Hostel

This is an excellent international hostel located in the centre of Dublin beside the school. There are discounted prices for our students that include a light breakfast every morning and bed linen. There is also a communal kitchen where you can cook meals. If you stay here you will be located in the city centre and meet other people from all over the world. Accommodation types include single rooms, twin rooms, triple rooms, 4-bed rooms and dorms.



Other accommodation in Dublin

If you are thinking of renting an apartment in Dublin or finding an apartment to share with other people please visit the website www.daft.ie.

About Dublin

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland and the largest city. It is a modern, young and vibrant city. The **River Liffey** is the main river running through the city and it divides the city into Northside and Southside.

Public Transport



Public transport in Dublin consists of bus, tram (Luas) and train (Dart). The bus and Dart run until about 23.15 and tram until 00.30. There are Nitelink buses on Friday and Saturday until 04.00. There are many taxis available at taxi ranks or you can stop them on the street. Taxis are quite expensive. For information on buses see www.dublinbus.ie, tram see www.luas.ie and train see www.irishrail.ie. Dublin also has an excellent bicycle rental system, please see www.dublinbikes.ie.

Finding a job in Dublin

Dublin still has a vibrant economy and jobs are available. Many big multinational companies have their European headquarters in Dublin including Google, Microsoft, IBM, Facebook, Ebay, Paypal and Intel. These companies look for customer service and technical support people, normally with European languages. In Dublin there are also casual jobs available in bars, cafes and shops. The best websites for jobs in Dublin are www.irishjobs.ie, www.recruitireland.com, www.jobs.ie, www.monster.ie.

Public Libraries

The Central Library is located in the Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. It is open Monday to Thursday: 10.00 – 17.00, Friday and Saturday: 10.00 – 17.00, Sunday: closed. There is also a public library near the school on Kevin Street.

Shopping



There are two main shopping streets in the city centre: Grafton Street on the Southside and Henry Street on the Northside. Most shops open from 9.00 – 18.00 and until 20.00 on Thursdays. Dublin's largest shopping centre is located in Dundrum, 20 minutes by tram from the city centre.

Gyms and swimming pool



There are a number of gyms near the school including: Iveagh Fitness, Christchurch (has a swimming pool). YMCA, Aungier Street. Fitness Dock, Camden Street.

Cafes and Restaurants



Dublin has a large selection of cafes and restaurants which offer great coffee and food at affordable prices, including:

The Bald Barista, Aungier Street (serves the best coffee in Dublin!).

Yamamori, Georges Street (serves a big selection of Japanese food).

Cake Cafe, Pleasants Place (an oasis in the city).

Honest to Goodness, 12 Dame Court (great sandwiches).

Jo Burger, Castle Market (great burgers!)

The Pepper Pot, Powerscourt Centre (great for lunch).

Pubs and Clubs

Dublin is famous for its pubs, Guinness and Temple Bar area. As you will discover, there are many pubs and clubs, including:

The Swan, Aungier Street (very popular with students on a Friday after school).

The Long Hall, Georges Street (traditional Dublin pub).

Dicey Reilly's, Harcourt Street (Tuesday is student night).

O'Donoghues, Merrion Row (traditional Irish music and great pints of Guinness).

Copper Face Jacks, Harcourt Street (a popular nightclub in Dublin).

Whelans, Wexford Street (late night live music venue).

Fitzsimons, Temple Bar (late night sports and music bar).

Cafe en Seine, Dawson Street (large late night bar).

The Bernard Shaw, South Richmond Street (great beer garden).

Sport in Dublin



Ireland has two traditional sports - Gaelic Football and Hurling. If you are interested in seeing these sports, you should visit Croke Park Stadium. For tickets visit www.crokepark.ie.

Rugby and soccer are also very popular in Dublin with Leinster the big rugby club and Shamrock Rovers the most popular soccer club.

Ireland is also famous for horse racing. The nearest racecourse to the city centre is Leopardstown racecourse. If you are interested in going to a day at the races please visit www.goracing.ie or www.leopardstown.com.

General safety information for your stay in Dublin



Although Dublin is a very safe city, it is important for you to be aware of possible dangers during your stay. Always be aware of your surroundings. At night it is better to travel in a group rather than alone. Be aware of your personal belongings and do not carry large amounts of money with you. If you are the victim of a crime contact the Garda (Police) immediately. For emergency police, fire or ambulance services call 999 or 112 for free.



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