

## General Information

### Welcome pack

After you have applied and paid for your course at The Language House School of English, you will receive our Student Guide containing useful information about living in Dublin and Ireland. On your first day at School, you will receive your Course Timetable and other useful information, a copy of our School's A - Z Guide to Ireland, together with your own folder to keep your work organised.

### Your first day

You will register in the Reception Room first, after which you will take our Placement Test to determine your level of English. You will then join class.

### Emergencies

We are happy to offer a 24-hour emergency telephone number to all our students to deal with any problems of a serious nature.

### Airport Transfers

Airport transfers can be arranged to your Host Family accommodation between 8.00 - 23.00hrs. Please send full flight details as soon as possible (at least 10 days before travelling). Alternatively, you may take a taxi from Dublin Airport to your Host family, for which we can advise you of the approximate cost.

### Medical and Travel Insurance

All students should obtain medical insurance in their own country before travelling and should organise travel insurance in case of accident or damage to baggage. Students coming from an EU country should bring the Social Security form E111 with them.

### Visas

Students from EU member countries do not require a visa to enter Ireland. Students from non-EU countries should check with their nearest Irish Embassy to determine if a Student Visa is required. We are happy to provide you with assistance upon application to our School.

### How to enrol

If you have decided to study at The Language House, you should first fill in the Application Form (on paper or through our On-line Application Form at our website) and return it either directly or to an authorised agent for The Language House in your country with

required deposit. We shall then reserve a place for. If you need a visa to study in Ireland, please apply as early as possible so that we can send you all the documents you will need to make an application.

### Some final comments..

*We are well aware that you may need some help and advice at some point during your stay with us. All staff at The Language House School of English are happy to help you with any problems you may have while you settle into your course with us.*

*Our Student Advisor is available to help you with any problems, large or small - whether this involves opening a bank account, sending a fax home or visiting the dentist!*

*Although it is a true that most students' stay with us is enjoyable and problem-free, we strongly recommend that you arrange some insurance before you leave your country to ensure peace of mind.*

*We understand just how important a decision you are making to come to Ireland to study English with us. We all work hard to ensure that you have the most rewarding English Language learning experience possible during your stay with us.*



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## Welcome from the Principal

The Language House School of English looks forward to welcoming you throughout the year to study English in Dublin, the stylish, exciting capital of Ireland.

If you are aged 17 or more, you can choose to study one of our English language courses for your general, business, academic or recreation needs.

Our courses are carefully devised and developed from authentic materials based on the most effective language learning methods by our teachers and our Principal, a *Master of Arts (MA) language graduate from University of Oxford*. We all work together to make your experience in the classroom as enjoyable and instructive as possible during your stay with us.

You will not only have fun in the classroom, however. Dublin and Ireland are world-famous for their warm welcome, huge number of cultural and artistic delights and attractions, music and entertainment to suit all tastes, and of course, Guinness to add to the fun! The Language House provides you with a wide range of enjoyable social activities and excursions to help you make the most of your Irish experience with us.

Our excellent facilities help you to learn English in a comfortable and stimulation environment, and our student advisor is available throughout the School day to assist you and provide advice on any matters of concern.

We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin soon.

Sean K. Tyrer MA (Oxford)  
Principal



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## Ireland

Ireland offers a warm welcome to visitors from all over the world, and provides a wonderful environment in which to learn English.

With its rich cultural and literary heritage, Ireland offers you the opportunity of becoming familiar with such world-famous writers as *James Joyce*, *George Barnard Shaw* and *Oscar Wild*, to name only a few, while musically you will discover other famous names Ireland has offer: *U2*, *Westlife*, *Sinead O'Connor* and *Enya* are just some of the world-famous artists in contemporary music, and the *Dubliners* and *Chieftains* are examples of our continuing traditional musical heritage.

Ireland is proud of its huge economic and industrial expansion over the last thirty years, but it has achieved success without losing its own special identity, or its strong sense of traditional value.

You will be delighted by the beautiful landscape, with its green unspoilt countryside, clean beached and magnificent coastline.



## Dublin

Dublin, the beautiful capital city of Ireland, has a rich and varied history spanning more than a thousand years.

With a population of approximately 1.5 million, Dublin has all the advantages of a major capital city while preserving the warmth and charm of a smaller one. It is an exciting, bustling city, with an enormous variety of shopping and entertainment opportunities.

Irish pubs, famous throughout the world, are warm and friendly, and the Irish music scene is a very lively and exciting one.

Easily accessible by air from all major cities around the world. Dublin is a vibrant and richly rewarding city to explore while you study English with us.



## Our Teachers

All our teachers are graduates with English as their mother tongue, and are qualified and experienced in teaching English as a foreign language. Many have lived and taught English abroad, and so understand very well the possible difficulties you may face in living and studying in a foreign country. Our teachers are very happy to help you and give you advice whenever necessary.

All our teachers work hard to make your lessons not only instructive and useful but enjoyable as well.

## Teaching Philosophy

Our principal aim is to teach you to communicate well in everyday situations, from elementary to advanced levels.

## The School

Founded in 1996 in the British Isles, The Language House now operates all year round in the prestigious D2 district of central Dublin.

Situated by the beautiful Grand Canal, a minute's walk from the lively shops and cafes of Baggot Street, the School is only ten minutes' walk from St. Stephen's Green, the National Museum and the lively shopping areas around Grafton Street.

The School is housed in a recently refurbished 4-storey Georgian building, with modern facilities and bright, spacious classrooms, and is only a 5-minute walk from the nearest train (DART) station and the main local bus routes.

You will discover a warm and friendly environment in which to study, and our teachers will often mix with you at break-times in the School cafe.

Our Student Advisor is available throughout the School day to help and advise you on any matter of concern, and our Course Co-ordinator is available each week to advise you on any matter relating to your academic work during your course with us.

While we place great emphasis on practical communication, we concentrate equally on the acquisition of language structures to facilitate this. While it is true that knowledge of grammar for its own sake alone does not advance the building of communication skills, grammar knowledge combined with a growing understanding of English usage will provide you with a good proficiency in everyday communication.

Our comprehensive approach allows you to progress more thoroughly than by concentrating solely on oral technique and 'rote' learning, as you gain insight into how the English language works as a whole.

All courses at The Language House place great value upon your increasing understanding of 'register' and situational language i.e. the tailoring of language in speaking and writing to meet the needs of different formal and informal situations. The ability to move freely and confidently between these 'registers' marks the difference between merely adequate and very good linguistic ability.

## Facilities

The Language House School of English has excellent, modern facilities to help you develop and consolidate your English skills and enjoy your course with us.



## Classrooms

All our teaching rooms are clean, comfortable and well-equipped for your language learning. All the classrooms are bright and spacious, typical of such buildings of the Georgian period.

## Multi-media Room

Equipped with multi-media; computers (free e-mail and Internet access with hi-speed broadband connection), tele-vidoes and listening stations. The room is open from 8.30-17.00 daily.



## Student Cafe

You can relax here and have a chat with your friends during the breaks or after classes. There are comfortable cafe tables and chairs, with cold drinks and free tea and coffee available daily.

## Garden

Our small, pleasant garden with benches leads from the School Cafe, and is a lovely place to relax and talk with friends in the fresh air!

## The Reception Room

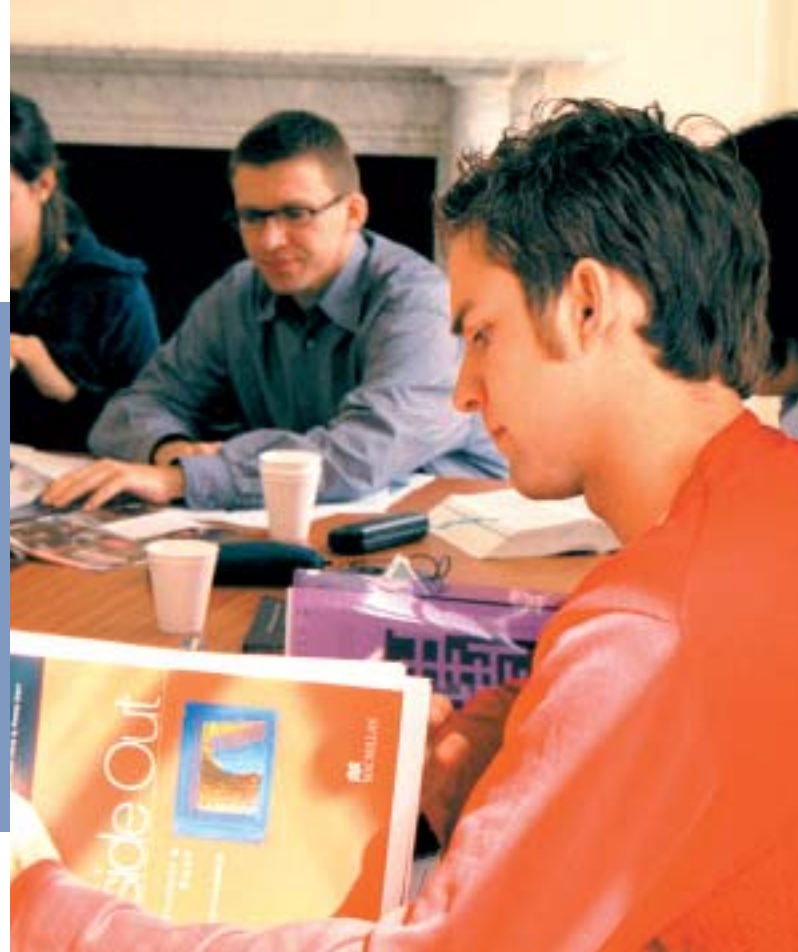
This is where you will come on the first day of your course, and where you are welcome to come during the school day for any help and advice required. You can also access our cassette & video library and graded readers for independent study here.



# Courses

Our courses are based on learning practical English usage and structure for everyday communication. Whichever course you decide to follow, your time with your teacher in class, in the Multi-media room or in the School cafe will help you develop and improve your English effectively and enjoyably.

Your morning lessons are divided into two sessions. The first session focuses on grammar, structure and vocabulary acquisition, and the second session focuses on developing practical communication through speaking, listening and pronunciation practice. You are placed in the correct level for each of the two sessions.



## Courses From September to June

### General English **G20**

20 lessons per week

*Timetable*  
9-00-12.50

*Levels*  
Elementary to Advanced

*Length*  
1-50 weeks. Starting every Monday

This course is designed to give you an excellent understanding of the workings of English in each of the key areas of speaking, reading, listening and writing in an exciting and enjoyable way.

A great deal of attention is given to learning English for wide-ranging, practical situations. This is achieved through your learning new vocabulary and expressions, through frequent discussions led by your Teacher, through role-playing with full involvement with your Teacher, and through the study of composition skills.

This is an 'all-round' course, specially designed and conducted to encourage you to join in, grow in confidence and develop your knowledge of good, practical English.

### Intensive Course - Speaking **IS26**

26 lessons per week

*Timetable*  
9-00-12.50 Mon-Fri, 14.00-15.50 Mon, Wed, Fri

*Levels*  
Elementary to Advanced

*Length*  
1-50 weeks. Starting every Monday

Morning classes follow our General English G20 course and your afternoon classes focus purely on speaking practice. These valuable and enjoyable classes draw on a wide range of topics to enhance your conversation and pronunciation skills in

a stimulating way. You will be encouraged to make a great deal of effort to contribute in these classes, and to respond to both your teacher and to the other students in English in an increasingly confident and informed manner.

Your teacher will guide you through the many ways in which you can express your ideas, thoughts and feelings about the topics raised, with particular attention paid to 'register' and situational language i.e. the tailoring of

your spoken language to meet the needs of different formal and informal situations.

### Intensive Course - Business **IB26**

26 lessons per week

*Timetable*  
9-00-12.50 Mon-Fri, 14.00-15.50 Mon, Wed, Fri

*Levels*  
Intermediate to Advanced

*Length*  
1-50 weeks. Starting every Monday

This is an excellent combination course for students who want not only to improve their existing General English skills, but also to learn the language of the business world.

General English is studied in morning classes, and Business

English in afternoon sessions. Your morning General English classes give you the opportunity to increase your understanding of English in each of the key areas of speaking, reading, listening and writing in a stimulating and enjoyable way.

Your afternoon classes introduce you to the language of the business environment, and you will develop and practice English for everyday, practical business situations. Language for such useful topics as Meetings & Negotiations, Presentations, Sales & Marketing, Telephone practice, Memoranda and Business Etiquette is introduced and developed through case studies, role-play and discussion.

### Intensive Course - Examinations **IE26**

26 lessons per week

*Timetable*  
9-00-12.50 Mon-Fri, 14.00-15.50 Mon, Wed, Fri

*Levels*  
Upper Intermediate to Advanced

*Length*  
10 weeks. Starting January, March, September

*Cambridge Examinations (FCE, CAE)*  
*TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC, TIE*

This course incorporates General English in morning classes together with dedicated Examination preparation and practice in afternoon classes.

Although this course is demanding, the wide-ranging scope of the language analysis involved ensures an enjoyable and rewarding course of English study.

Deadline for the applications: 15 December (January course)  
15 February (March course)  
15 August (September course)



### Your Level

Use this guide to determine your level of English. You will take a Placement Test when you arrive.

Elementary	I can understand a little and can speak a few words.
Lower Intermediate	I understand quite well. I can speak in familiar situations; I can read simple English but I find writing difficult.
Intermediate	I speak well but not fluently; I understand most spoken English. I can read fairly well; I can write simple sentences but make mistakes.
Upper Intermediate	I understand almost all spoken and written everyday English. I can speak confidently, even in unfamiliar situations, and my writing is quite good.
Advanced	There are occasional errors or misunderstandings, but generally I communicate clearly and effectively in both spoken and written English.

# Summer Courses From July to August

## International Summer English S20

20 lessons per week JULY/AUGUST ONLY

### Timetable

9-00-12.50

### Levels

Elementary to Advanced

### Length

1-9 weeks. Starting every Monday

Our International Summer English programme gives you the opportunity to combine a fun and activity-filled experience of Dublin and Ireland with an excellent insight into the workings of

English in each of the key areas of speaking, reading, listening and writing.

A great deal of attention is given to learning English for wide-ranging, practical situations. This is achieved through your learning new vocabulary and expressions, through frequent discussions led by your teacher, through role-playing with full involvement with your teacher, and through the study of composition skills.

Your social activities programme on this Summer course is busy, and is filled with exciting events and visits 5 days each week.

## Summer Intensive - Speaking SS26

26 lessons per week JULY/AUGUST ONLY

### Timetable

9-00-12.50 Mon-Fri, 14.00-15.50 Mon, Wed, Fri

### Levels

Elementary to Advanced

### Length

1-9 weeks. Starting every Monday

This Summer course combines a lively social activities programme with your English language learning experience. Morning classes follow our International Summer English course and your afternoon classes focus purely on speaking practice. These valuable and enjoyable classes draw on a wide range of topics to enhance your conversation and pronunciation

skills in a stimulating way. You will be encouraged to make a great deal of effort to contribute in these classes, and to respond to both your teacher and to the other students in English in an increasingly confident and informed manner.

Your teacher will guide you through the many ways in which you can express your ideas, thoughts and feelings about the topics raised, with particular attention paid to 'register' and situational language i.e. the tailoring of your spoken language to meet the needs of different formal and informal situations.

Your lively social activities programme ensures that you have lots of fun and learn about Dublin and Ireland while you improve your English skills with us.

## Summer Intensive - Business SB26

26 lessons per week JULY/AUGUST ONLY

### Timetable

9-00-12.50 Mon-Fri, 14.00-15.50 Mon, Wed, Fri

### Levels

Lower Intermediate to Advanced

### Length

1-9 weeks. Starting every Monday

This Summer programme is an excellent combination course for students who want not only to improve their existing General English skills, but also to learn the language of the business world, together with a fun, lively social activities programme.

General English is studied in morning classes, and Business English in afternoon sessions. Your morning General English

classes give you the opportunity to increase your understanding of English in each of the key areas of speaking, reading, listening and writing in a stimulating and enjoyable way.

Your afternoon classes introduce you to the language of the business environment, and you will develop and practice English for everyday, practical business situations. Language for such useful topics as Meetings & Negotiations, Presentations, Sales & Marketing, Telephone practice, Memoranda and Business Etiquette is introduced and developed through case studies, role-play and discussion.

With an active social activities programme, you will also have fun while you learn.



## Academic Year Courses

Our Academic Year programme of 12, 24 or 36 weeks gives you the chance to make fantastically thorough progress in your English language skills, together with learning skills which will remain with you for the rest of your life.

15 lessons per week

### Timetable

Choice of: 9-00-12.00, 14.00-16.20 or 18.00-21.00

### Levels

Elementary to Advanced

### Length

12, 24 or 36 weeks. Starting every Monday

For students who want to achieve the highest level they can in English, this course is ideal. You have the chance to learn over time the real heart of the language through your studies at School and when meeting and talking with new people. Your confidence will grow as your acquired skills start to become 'second nature'.

You will receive advice about taking recognised international Examinations during your course with us, which you can sit if you want official proof of your language proficiency.

Depending on your level, you also have the chance to plan for higher education at college or university. We can advise you on suitable courses, application procedures and help with letters of introduction to educational institutions to which you wish to apply.

This course at The Language House will give you a wonderfully rewarding experience that will provide advantages and benefits in your life that no-one can ever take away.

## Certificate

At the end of the course you will receive The Language House School of English Certificate showing the level of English you have attained and providing details of the course chosen and completed.





# Accommodation

## Host Families

Many of our students stay as paying guests with our carefully selected Irish families. We take great care in placing you with a family, as we understand that an enjoyable and effective Homestay will add to your enjoyment and the benefits of your English language learning experience with us.

We regularly visit and inspect all our Host Families, and make sure that you are placed with the most suitable family according to your age, interests, occupation and background.

Accommodation comprises breakfast and evening meal on weekdays and all meals at the weekends. During the winter, you will have a single room, and twin room accommodation in the summer months (July and August). Single room accommodation is also available during the summer on request at a supplementary fee.



Unless requested to do so, we never accommodate two students of the same mother tongue together.

Most of our families live in the suburbs of Dublin on an easy bus or train (DART) route from the School.

## Hotel and Guesthouse

Dublin has a large number of quality guesthouses and hotels. You may choose from the affordable bed and breakfast type accommodation through to top quality 5-star hotel accommodation.

We are happy to arrange whichever type of accommodation you prefer.

Depending on availability, we are also happy to arrange university residence, youth hostels or self-catering accommodation if required.



## Social Activities



### Summer Course Activities

During July and August, we arrange 4 weekday activities and one weekend trip each week.

### Throughout the year (September to June)

We have 2 activities on weekdays and 1 Saturday coach trip every other week from September to June.

### Sample activities - Weekday

Trip to: Trinity College, National Museum, Dublin Castle, Guinness storehouse, Dvblinia, The Dublin Writer's Museum, Number Twenty Nine, Old Jameson factory, National History Museum, St Patrick Cathedral, Pub night, Sport activity, cinema & theatre visit.

### Weekend (Saturday)

On day coach trip to: Glendalough, Powerscourt and Gardens, Newgrange, Malahide Castle, Kilkenny and more.

The Language House School of English social activities programme provides you with a great deal to see and do after the lessons and at weekends. They offer an excellent way for you to discover the beauty and rich history of Dublin and Ireland, have fun and find useful opportunities for improving your English.

