

ATLAS
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DUBLIN
IRELAND



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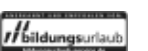
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Why Ireland?

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!

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! 





Dublin 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.

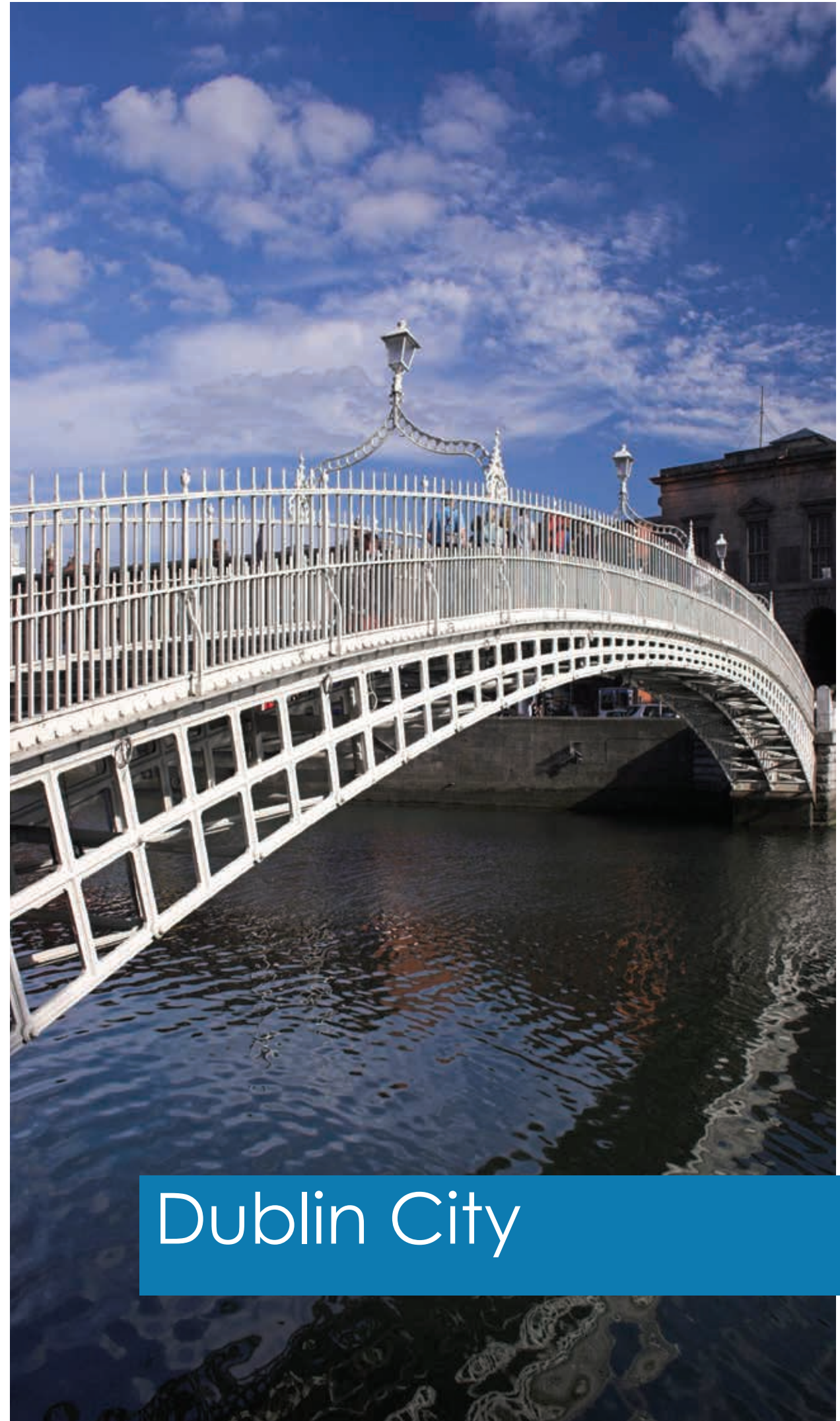
Dublin is surrounded by mountains and located on the coast, which means that visitors are never too far away from a scenic view. As the transport hub of the country it also makes it the perfect base from which to explore the rest of our beautiful island.

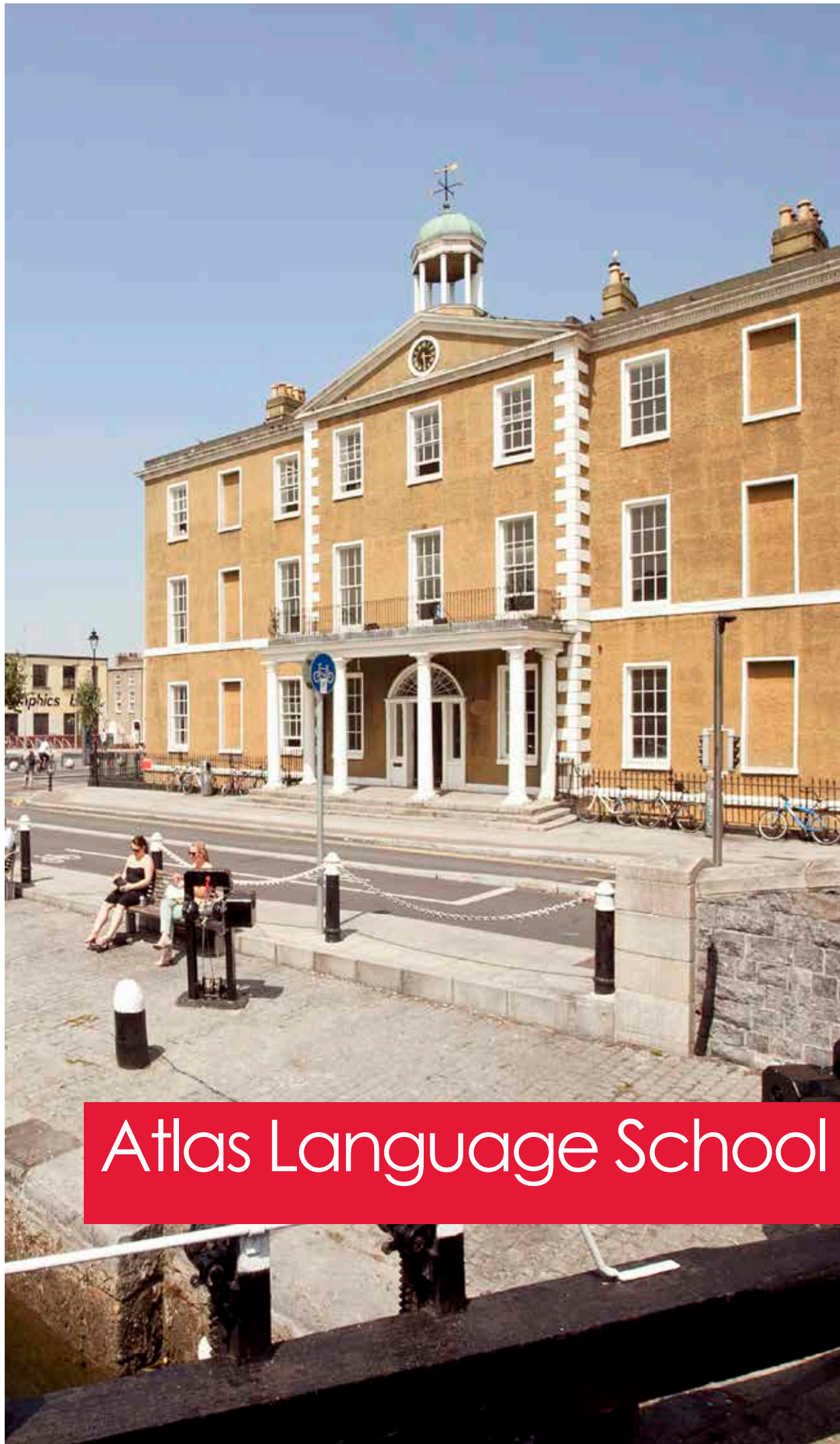
Dublin has many of the advantages of a larger city while retaining the charm and tradition of a smaller one. It is a multicultural city where you can meet people from all around the world. Over the years there has been an explosion in foreign cuisine, with a great selection of European, Asian and South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

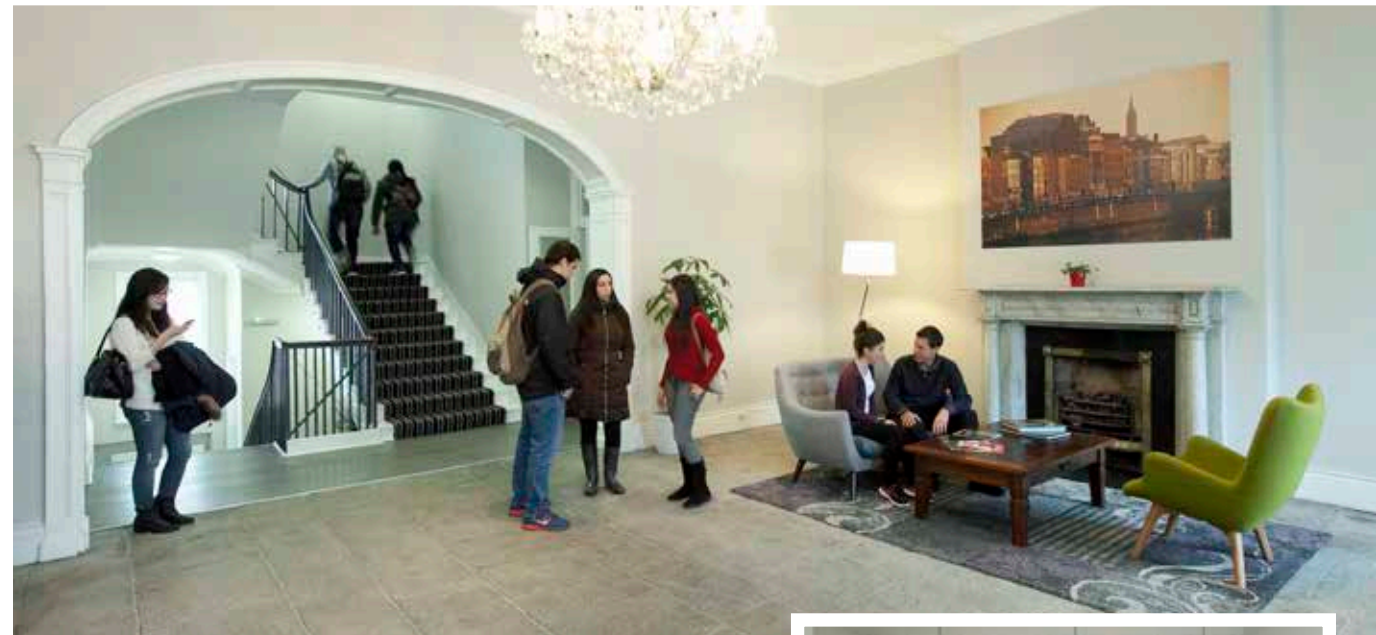


- A friendly, young and welcoming city
- Surrounded by the mountains and the sea
- Dublin is an international city where you can meet people from all around the world
- The perfect location to explore the beautiful island of Ireland





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.

We 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



LIBRARY



CAFE



STUDENT LOUNGE



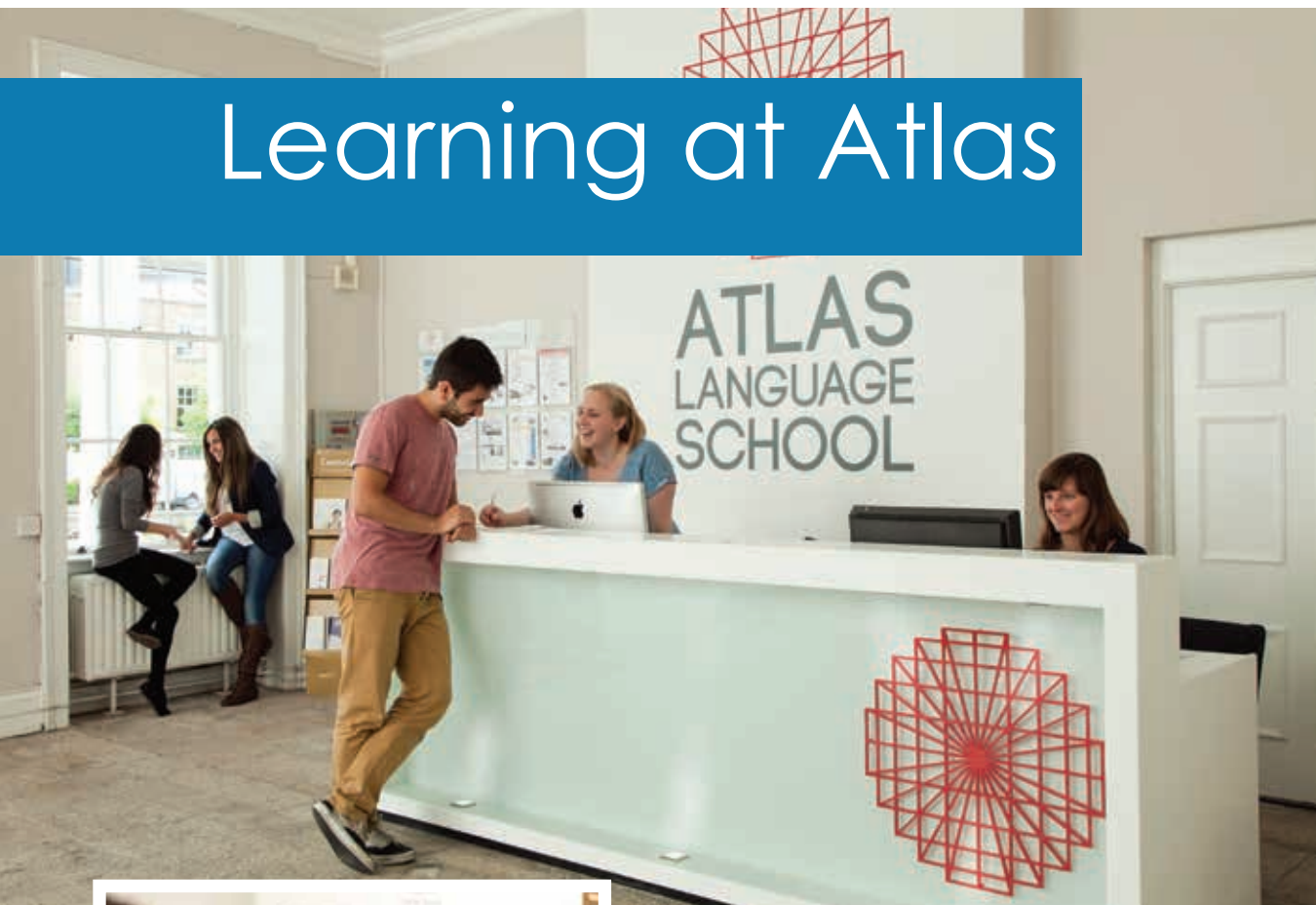
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Learning at Atlas



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.

We 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 native 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, native English speaking teachers

Full Course List

General English Fluency GE20	Our most popular course consists of 20 hours 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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri Age: 18+ Available year round
GE Fluency Plus GE25	The Fluency Plus course combines General English Fluency with 5 extra hours 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!	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri 2pm - 4.30pm Tue & Thur Age: 18+ Available year round
GE Fluency Intensive 25 GE25INT	Fluency Intensive allows students to combine General English classes in the morning with 5 hours 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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri Age: 18+ Available year round
GE Fluency Intensive 30 GE30INT	This course combines General English classes in the morning with 10 hours 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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri 2pm - 4.30pm Mon - Thur Age: 18+ Available year round
Fluency Plus Exam Preparation	<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">• Cambridge First Certificate GE25FCE• Cambridge Advanced GE25CAE• TOEIC Preparation GE25TOEIC• IELTS Preparation (6.0 to 7.5)• IELTS Improvers (4.0 to 5.5) > GE25IELTS	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri 2pm - 4.30pm Tue & Thur Age: 18+ Available year round
Cambridge First preparation FCE20	We run full-time FCE exam preparation courses that start approximately 10 to 12 weeks before the exam dates in the March, June, August and December Cambridge exam sessions. They are designed and monitored by our senior Academic team who have many years experience teaching the Cambridge exams.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri Age: 18+ Available year round

IELTS preparation IELTS20	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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri Age: 18+ Available year round
Atlas Study & Work Placement GE20COM	Our Study & Work Placement programme combines English learning with a quality work placement 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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri Age: 18+ Available year round
Atlas Professional	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.	Age: 20+ Available year round
Fluency Intensive Business GE25INTB GE30INTB	Part of our Atlas Professional suite of programmes, Intensive Plus allows students to combine General English classes in the morning with 5 or 10 hours 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.	9am - 1.10pm Mon - Fri 2 - 4.30pm Mon & Wed Age: 20+ Available year round
Atlas Junior ATJUN	Atlas Junior runs each summer in Ireland, the UK and the USA. To learn more about these programmes or to request an Atlas Junior Brochure please contact the school.	Age: 12 - 17 Available July / August
High School Programme	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.	Age: 12 - 17 Available Sept - June
Teacher Training Programme	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.	Age: 20+ Fixed start dates

General English Courses

General English Fluency (GE20)

20 hours per week

General English Fluency is our most popular course and runs from 9am -1.10pm, Monday to Friday.

The timetable is as follows:

Lesson A:	9.00am - 11.00am
Break:	11.00am - 11.30am
Lesson B:	11.30am - 1.10pm

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 and ways of practising and achieving it.

General English Fluency Plus (GE25)

25 hours per week

The General English Fluency Plus course combines the General English Fluency course with 5 additional hours of classes in the afternoons. These afternoon classes are normally on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. These are small group classes, with a maximum of 6 people per class 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 Cambridge
- Fluency Plus with IELTS

Sample Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9.00 - 11.00 AM	LESSON 1A: New Students: Placement Test & Induction Current Students: Review & Recycle (HWK 3 review + points arising from previous week's test & feedback)	LESSON 2A: Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language	LESSON 3A: Grammar, Vocabulary, Functional Language + Writing Skills HWK3 (Writing Skills) set for Friday	LESSON 4A: Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language + HWK1 correction	LESSON 5A: Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language	SOCIAL PROGRAMME Full day excursions take place every Saturday throughout the year. Typical excursions include Glendalough National Park, the prehistoric monuments at Newgrange, the medieval city of Kilkenny and overnight stays in Galway & Connemara in the west of Ireland.
	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	
	LESSON 1B: New students join classes + introduce the week's objectives Lesson 1B: Grammar, Vocabulary and Functional Language HWK1 (Grammar & Vocabulary) set for Tuesday	LESSON 2B: Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension HWK2 (Grammar & Vocabulary) set for Wednesday	LESSON 3B: Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension	LESSON 4B: Vocabulary Building, Pronunciation and Speaking Skills Extension HWK4 (Grammar & Vocabulary) set for Friday	LESSON 5B: Weekly Review & Test	
11.30 - 1.10 PM	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
	New Students: Orientation Tour	Social Programme 1	Social Programme 2	Elective 2: (2pm - 3.30pm)	Film and Fluency	
	Current Students: Elective 1 (2pm - 3.30pm) Job Shop (2pm - 3.30pm)	FLUENCY PLUS (2pm - 4.30pm) Study Club (2pm - 4.30pm)	Study Club (2pm - 4.30pm)	FLUENCY PLUS (2pm - 4.30pm)		
2.00 - 5.00 PM						

Electives

Electives are additional afternoon classes that give students the opportunity to diversify and focus on other areas that they have an interest in. These classes are included free as part of General English courses, 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!



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.



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.



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 Professional

Atlas Professional offers English language coaching programmes to executives who appreciate that advanced language skills are increasingly important to enhance workplace effectiveness. Our suite of programmes is designed to meet specific business needs and aims to develop confident, articulate English-language communicators.

Features of Atlas Professional

- Interview and needs analysis to develop a clear understanding of your business and the goals you have set
- Tailor-made programmes to meet those needs
- Integrated activities, company visits, presentations linked to your interests
- Regular goal setting, monitoring, feedback and reports to you on the progress you have made

What programmes do we offer?

ATLAS PROFESSIONAL TOTAL IMMERSION

Our total immersion programmes run for either 3 days (30 hours) or 5 days (50 hours) and are aimed at groups and individuals who require a highly interactive and practical English language skills total immersion course.

ATLAS PROFESSIONAL IN-COMPANY

These programmes are designed for individuals or small groups of 2 to 6 people from the same company, based either locally or internationally.

FLUENCY INTENSIVE WITH BUSINESS

20 hours group tuition + 5 or 10 hours individual business English training classes in the afternoons.

Atlas Study & Work Placement



Our Study & Work Placement programme provides Atlas students with a great opportunity to combine English learning with a quality work placement in a company related to their studies.

Our Study and Work Placement Programme allows students the opportunity to take unpaid work placements across a range of companies and sectors in Dublin. After completing their language studies our Work Placement 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)

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.

From 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, the UK and the USA. Our Junior courses allow students to improve their language skills while learning about Irish, British and American culture in a fun and challenging environment.

- A full range of course options including FCE, PET and Trinity Exam preparation, Art and Drama, Intensive '4 to 1' and Digital Media 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 each morning (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 afternoon, 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 IRELAND

Atlas Junior Dublin has been running successfully since 2007 and is one of the best regarded Junior Programmes in the city. In addition to this exclusive homestay programme we have added an excellent residential programme in Galway. Based in the national university this programme will give young learners a chance to explore Ireland's spectacular Atlantic coastline as well as experience the vibrant city of Galway.



ATLAS JUNIOR UK

We have two very popular Atlas Junior centres in the UK, one in the beautiful port city of Bristol, the other in Chichester in the south west of England. Both centres are located on university campuses with residential accommodation and state-of-the-art facilities.

ATLAS JUNIOR U.S.A.

Known as 'The American Riviera', Santa Barbara is the ideal location for a summer study holiday. The pristine coastline, beautiful architecture, easy access to Los Angeles and warm weather capture what every visitor dreams to experience in California. Our centre is perfectly located on the beach, only 10 minutes from the city's famous Spanish colonial downtown.





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.

All 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



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Homestay Bedroom



Griffith Hall Residence



Bubble Football



Greystones



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.

That'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 co-ordinator 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:

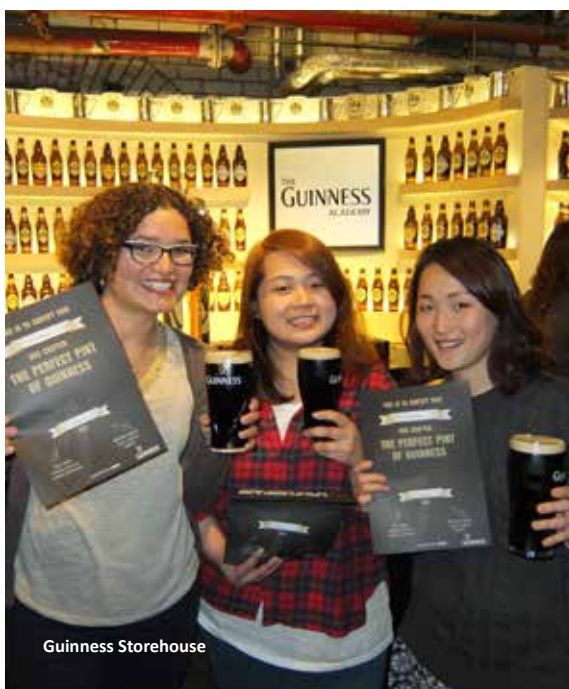
- Art gallery and museum tours
- Visits to the cinema / theatre
- School parties
- Cycling, football and other sporting activities
- Festivals
- Day trips to historical sites in and outside of Dublin
- Traditional Irish music nights
- Overnight trips to Belfast, Galway and Cork



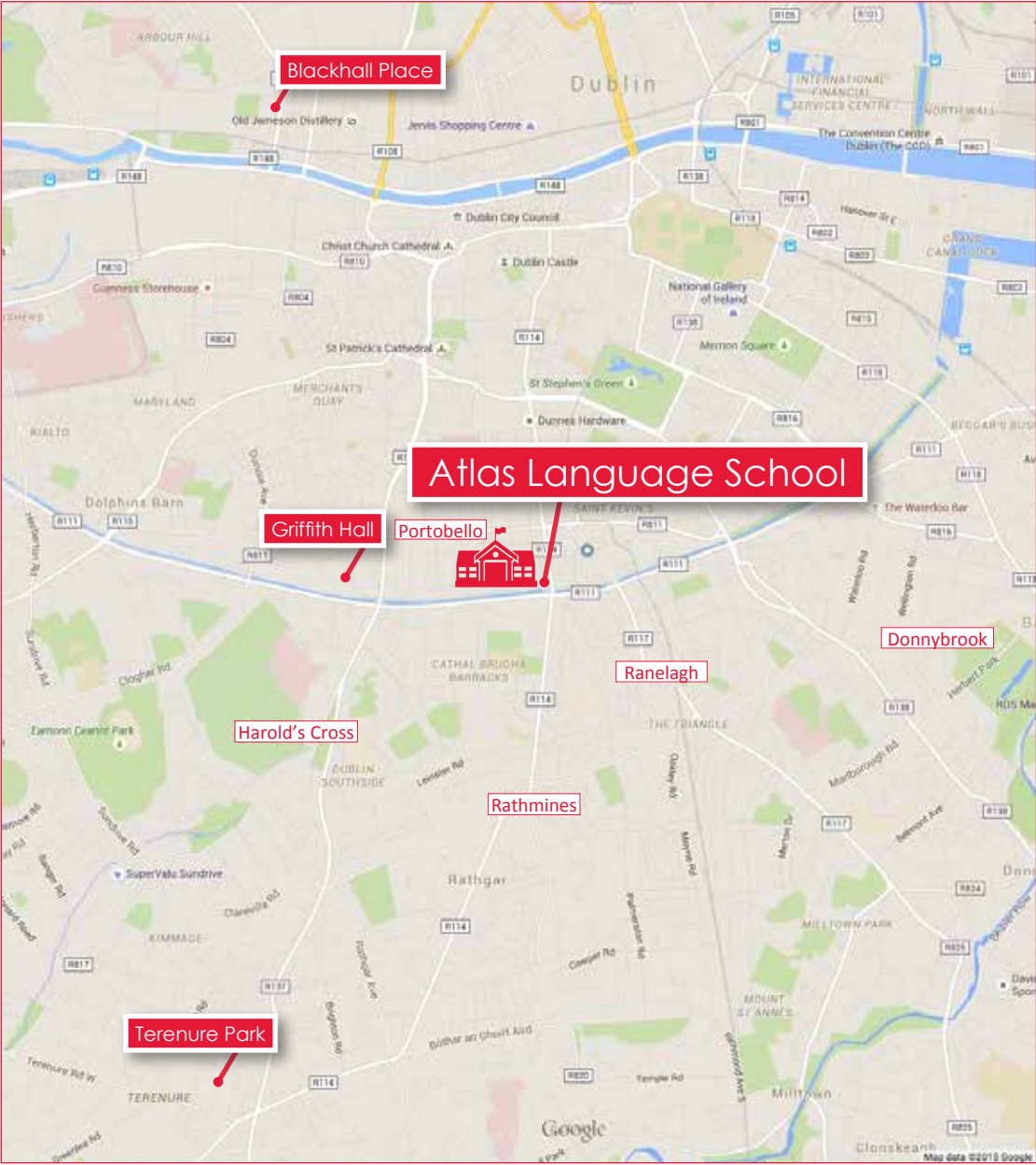
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Malahide castle



Guinness Storehouse



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.



“ 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



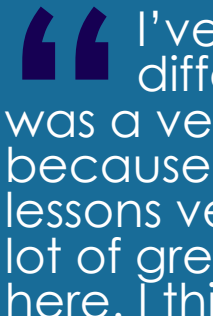
“ Atlas Language School is the best place to improve your English. The teachers are very good and helpful and also show you real friendship. Everyone should have this experience! ”

Zeynep Akdemir, Turkey



“ 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



“ 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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