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SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Teenage Brochure

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Welcome

Are you a teenager who enjoys the outdoors and at the same time wants to make great progress in your English level, then Killarney School of English could be the place for you. The fact that we are situated on the edge of 2000 acres of National Park means, not only will you receive the best quality English language tuition from some of the best qualified language teachers in Ireland but you will also be able to experience an exciting and varied activity programme including visits to historic monuments such as Ross Castle, boat trips across the lakes, cycling trips through the park, and hunting car rides around the town just to name a few. Not only that, but Killarney itself with over 100 years of tourism experience is a bustling and vibrant town with a fine array of cafes, shops and night-time entertainment venues. This means you can have many opportunities to socialise with other students, practice your English and make friends with other nationalities in a safe environment.

Killarney School of English has many years' experience in dealing with students from many foreign countries and we understand what you need to make your stay, a success. We are a small, family-run school who pride ourselves on our concern for your welfare and academic progress. If you are interested in studying with us, we the directors will be delighted to help you, so please feel free to e-mail or ring us at any time. Most important is that you have a happy and rewarding stay so we will try wherever possible to accommodate your interests and concerns.

Best wishes

Nicola and Feargal



Nicola Bradwell,
Feargal Courtney, Luke & David.

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Courses & Testing



Courses

What better way for your teenage child / children to improve their English and have the experience of a lifetime, than to enrol them on one of our teenage programmes. With over ten years of experience we know how to balance what parents want for their children and what teenagers enjoy. To ensure that teenagers get a sense of independence, (and that parents get a little freedom!) they are taught in a separate school situated on the outskirts of Killarney. It is a newly refurbished premises, equipped with the most modern facilities. Classrooms are big, airy and spacious and there is a large sports hall for activities and end-of-week performances.

The teachers are all fully-qualified to teach English to teenagers and have had many years of teaching experience both in Ireland and abroad. They are therefore sensitive to the cultural, pedagogical and social needs of individual students. Our teenage coordinator is responsible for the overall smooth-running of the teenage programme by looking after the general needs of teachers and students and organising all afternoon activities. This should reassure parents that although their child/children are separate from them, they are being looked after and supervised at all times by professionals. Class sizes are small with on average 10 students per class (maximum 15) and there is a mix of nationalities, giving teenagers a greater chance to make friends and practice their English.

We are able to offer two courses for teenagers.

GE1: This course is only available to teenagers who are staying in Killarney with their parents. It consists of 15 hours of English in a group class per week.(mornings only)

GE3: This course is available to all teenagers and is the only course available for teenagers who are not here with their parents. It consists of 15 hours of English in a group class per week + 15 hours of activities in the afternoons and a Saturday day trip.

End of Course

At the end of each course, each child will receive a certificate stating their level, what the course covered and attendance dates.

Testing & Levels

As with the parents & children, teenagers will be asked to complete a short written test before their arrival at the school. This will enable us to put them in the appropriate level. Again the teacher will assess their level through spoken interaction during the first morning and if they feel that the child is in the wrong level, a decision can be made in conjunction with the teenager coordinator, director of the school and parents to move them up or down a level.

During the summer we run 5 levels for teenagers from Beginner to Advanced.

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Cirriculum & Activities



Class Timetable for GE1

MONDAY-FRIDAY	
10:00-11:20	General English Tuition
11:20-11:40	BREAKTIME
11:40-1:00pm	General English Tuition
1:00-2:00	LUNCHTIME

The timetable for the GE3 programme is the same as above but includes afternoon activities which run from 2:00-5:00pm.



Course Curriculum

As with all the other age groups, we understand that the main objective for most teenagers is to improve their listening and speaking skills. They wish to take the greatest advantage they can of being taught in an English-speaking country and put the English they have learned to good use both inside and outside the classroom. That is why the curriculum tends to follow a communicative approach with teachers using a methodology that emphasises the use of role-play, situational dialogues, discussion and games to increase confidence and improve fluency. Reading and writing skills also play a part in helping the speaking as they generate and consolidate new vocabulary and grammar.



In order to reinforce the communicative and fun aspect of the course, there is a performance at the end of the week during which each class sings a song or performs a role play or sketch and awards are given for the best performance. Teenagers love this chance to compete with each other and show off their dancing, singing and/or acting skills.



Activity Programme

Killarney School of English runs a specific activity programme for teenagers which takes place in the afternoons from 2-5pm. Activities include:

Scavenger hunt around Killarney

This is a great fun outdoor activity which involves answering a questionnaire and searching for information around Killarney town. Teenagers love this and it gives them a good orientation around the town too.

Kayaking on Lough Leane

Enjoy this amazing afternoon of Kayaking on Killarney's most picturesque lake.

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Activities



Gaelic football and Hurling

If your teenager loves sport this is a great activity for them. Not only does it test their physical abilities but allows them to experience and practice two uniquely Irish sports.

Cappoeira

Cappoeira workshop with Testa. Killarney's very own Cappoeira expert

Ball Sports

We hold a monthly Football World Cup competition as well as tag rugby instruction and play. We also play indoor and outdoor volleyball and basketball

Cycling around Muckross Lake

This great activity involves cycling through the National Park and visiting Muckross Abbey, Muckross House, Dinis Lake, the Meeting of the Waters and finally Torc Waterfall.



Day Trips

There is also a day trip on Saturdays included in the price; trips to Cork, Limerick, Dingle and the Gap of Dunloe.

Jaunting car trip around town

Killarney prides itself on its services for tourists, and the jaunting cars and the jarveys that drive them form a big part of this service. Teenagers really love going back in time and experiencing this wonderful horse and cart trip around the town and the National Park. It also gives them an opportunity to take some great photos!

Unfortunately we are unable to offer these activities on a pay- as- you-go basis because of difficulties in organisation and coordination, with the school being separate from the Muckross one. For that reason those teenagers who are staying in Killarney with their parents must decide prior to arrival whether they want to be on the activity programme or not.

Killarney School of English Accommodation



Host Family Accommodation

Your comfort and welfare outside of class hours is a very high priority to us and that is why we have taken great care in choosing a host family for you. Living in a host family is very different from staying in a B&B or hotel. You are a guest but at the same time treated as members of the family and so you should not expect special treatment. You are encouraged to spend time with the family but must also appreciate that there will be occasions when the family need time on their own.



The Room

All students have single rooms unless otherwise requested. The bedroom should include a desk/table for study, adequate storage for clothes and a comfortable bed with fresh bed linen provided at least once a week.

A bathroom should be available to you everyday. Please check with the family as to the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the mornings.

You are expected to keep your room tidy and to make your bed everyday. You could also help your family with small jobs such as clearing the table after the meal, etc.



Meals

Most host families may eat their evening meal earlier than would be customary in your own country. Usual eating times are 5:30pm-7:30pm. A lot depends on how late your family works. In many cases work finishes between 5pm and 6pm but in some cases it can be later. Occasionally there are people who do shift work at night.

Laundry

Your laundry will be included with the family's and / or you will have access to laundry facilities.

Telephone

You should not use the host family's telephone and / or internet without permission. If you are allowed to make an outgoing call you must reverse the charges. You can, of course, receive phone calls from your family or friends.



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