



**KILLARNEY**  
SCHOOL OF ENGLISH



# Teenage Brochure

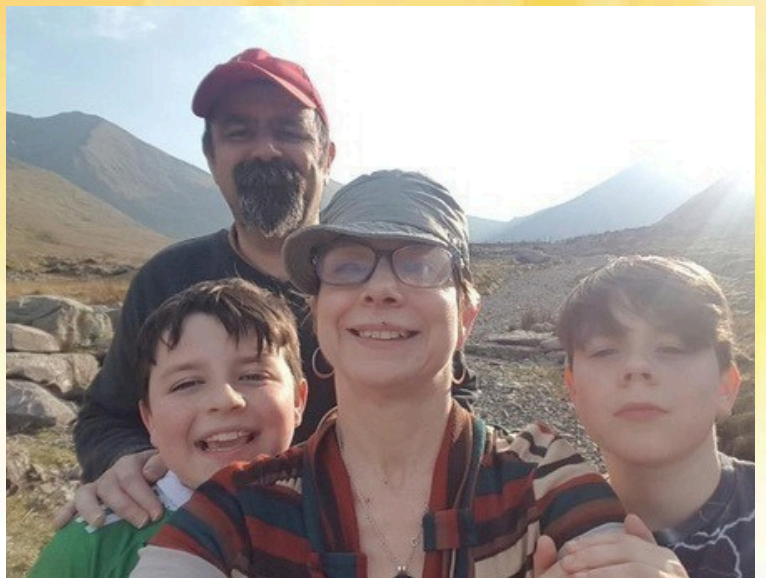
# Welcome!

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 28,000 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 jaunting car rides around the town just to name a few!

Not only that, but Killarney itself with over 175 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



# Welcome

What better way for your teenage child / children to improve their English and have the experience of a lifetime, than to enroll them on one of our teenage programmes. With over twenty five years of experience we know how to balance what parents want for their children and what teenagers enjoy.

To ensure the teens 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. Our teachers are therefore sensitive to 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. The coordinator will create a WhatsApp group for all individual students.

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.

## Courses

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. During the summer we run 6 levels for teenagers from Beginner to Advanced (A1-C1).



# Curriculum & Activities

## 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.

This is why the curriculum tends to follow a communicative approach with teachers using a methodology that emphasizes the use of role-play, situational dialogues, discussions, drama to increase confidence and improve accuracy as well as fluency. Reading and writing skills also play a part in helping the speaking as they generate and consolidate new vocabulary and grammar.

## Afternoon Activities

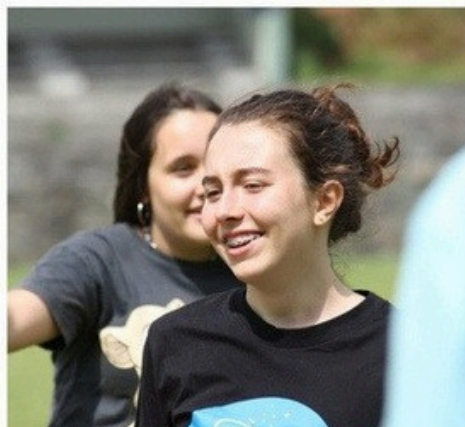
Killarney School of English runs a specific activity programme in the afternoons from 2-5 pm. Activities include:

**Jaunting Car Trip** around Killarney National Park; enjoy this sightseeing tour around Killarney by Jaunting Car followed by a town Treasure Hunt.

**Sports** in the Spa GAA Club including basketball, soccer, Zumba, kick boxing, Gaelic football and tag rugby.

**Swimming** at the Aquila Club in the Gleneagle Hotel.

Visit to **Muckross Traditional Farms**; go back in time and see how Irish people used to live, visit their cottages, farms and watch them making butter and baking bread.



# Activities & Day Trips



Enjoy an active experience of **orienteering** in Killarney National Park

**Pitch and Putt** at the Gleneagle; enjoy a round of Par 3 Golf.

**Cycling** Tour of Killarney National Park, Muckross Abbey, Muckross House, Dundag Beach and Torc Waterfall

## Day Trips / Excursions

Ballyhass Waterpark  
Ballyhass Adventure Centre Surfing at Banna  
Kayaking / Archery / Paintball at Star Outdoors  
Jamie Know Waterpark  
Day Trip To Blarney Castle  
Day Trip to Cork City

**Motor boat trip** to Dinis; enjoy this fantastic boat journey through the two lakes via the meeting of the waters

Afternoon **disco** in Killarney Town Centre. Students can create their own Spotify Playlist.



**Irish Dancing** Talk and Class with Lisa; find out information about Irish Dancing and learn how to wow people back home with a jig or a reel!

**Capoeira** Workshop with Testa Wilson; learn about and practice this fascinating martial art from Brazil



# 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 bedroom:** All students should have a single room 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

**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



**Your laundry:** will be included with the family's and done at least once a week. / or you will have access to laundry facilities

**A bathroom:** should be available to you every day. Please check with the family as to the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the morning when people are rushing to get to work or school.

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

If you have any problems with your host family you can speak to your leader, the teenage Coordinator or Director Feargal. The school has a full time Accommodation office responsible for host families who is here to help!





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