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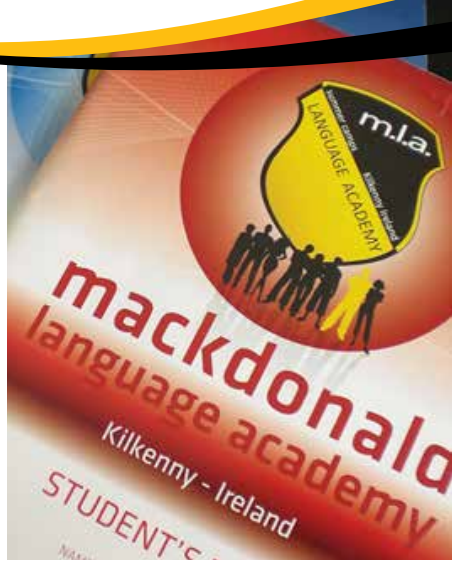

Junior Brochure

English summer camps for kids and teenagers
High school programme 'Irish Experience'
Mini-stays for groups of students

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One of the best countries to learn English is Ireland and one of the best language schools in Ireland is mackdonald language academy.

As one of Ireland's leading independent language schools, we are large enough to be able to offer a wide range of courses, class levels and different nationalities in the class, yet small enough to ensure an individual interest in you and your studies.

Our excellent teaching is balanced with good accommodation and a well-designed leisure programme.

Excellence in learning

mackdonald language academy has a first class record of academic achievement.

Excellence in accommodation

Our host families are all personally known to us and only those who meet our extremely high standards are given the distinction of becoming a mackdonald language academy family.

Excellence in leisure

Our free-time programmes and trips are well-designed and include a comprehensive programme of activities and excursions. This gives you many marvelous opportunities to learn English through leisure.

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Which mackdonald language academy centre to choose?

Choose between three beautifully located centres: Kilkenny (main centre, open year-round, offering host family accommodation), Waterford and Dublin (both summer centres offering residential accommodation).

Whichever you choose, mackdonald language academy will be happy to welcome you.

Why choose a course with mackdonald language academy?

All year-round school

Established 2006 - years of experience in organizing and managing junior courses

'All inclusive'

English lessons, accommodation, leisure programme, excursions and transfers

ACELS / MEI accredited

External recognition of our quality courses

Multinational classes

Students from all over the world learn in an ideal learning environment

Experienced and well-trained staff

Teachers closely monitor a student's progress throughout the course to ensure the student is in the correct level for their ability

Educational and exciting excursions and activity programmes

Designed to improve students' level of fluency, to raise their confidence levels and of course, to be interesting and fun

Quality centres

Based in picturesque landscaped grounds with rich heritage and with lots of historical ambiance

Exceptional student care

Full-time personal support and 24-hour assistance

Home-stay and residential on-campus accommodation

Students have a choice of staying with a host family in their home or in our on-campus residential centres

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Kilkenny - year-round school with home stay accommodation

Our main school is located in Kilkenny, in the sunny South-East of Ireland. Only one hour away from Dublin, Kilkenny is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful cities in Ireland. It is also a much visited tourist attraction of the 'Emerald Isle'.

Kilkenny is a city in the heart of Ireland. Anyone wanting to get to know Ireland at its best, has found the right place.

The city of Kilkenny is dominated by majestic and impressive buildings, the most famous being 'Kilkenny Castle'. 30,000 people live in Kilkenny. Scattered throughout the city are cafés, pubs, galleries and small shops. By day and by night, Kilkenny is full of life.

The untapped natural landscape in and around Kilkenny is an ideal starting point to start one's journey through Ireland. There are many attractions nearby: St.Canice's Cathedral, Rothe House & Garden, Jerpoint Abbey, Butler House, Kilkenny Design Centre, Mount Juliet and many more.

Our school in Kilkenny is open year-round. The school building is located approximately ten minutes by foot from the city centre, in a well-kept suburb of Kilkenny. There are numerous sports, shopping and entertainment facilities nearby.

Waterford - summer centre with residential accommodation

Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, is seen as the capital of the South-East of Ireland. It is a picturesque city, close to the Irish coast and built on the banks of the river Suir.

Our centre in Waterford is located in a prestigious boarding school. It is an on-campus residence, equipped with all modern conveniences. It is the perfect environment to learn English, take part in sports and experience the on-campus atmosphere.

Dublin - summer centre with residential accommodation

Dublin - Ireland's capital, is one of Europe's most vibrant cities.

Home to over one quarter of Ireland's population, just over one million in all, Dublin is a youthful and dynamic city with an ever-increasing cosmopolitan influence.

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Teaching Programme

- Small class sizes – average 13, max. 15
- 15 hours of English tuition per week
- Individual attention to students' needs
- Motivated and professional teachers
- Modern and varied teaching techniques
- End-of-course certificate
- Individual student progress report
- A junior handbook for each student
- Certification - recognised TIE certificate

Activity Programme

At mackdonald language academy, we want our students to learn a substantial amount of English as well as have an enjoyable holiday. We provide a wonderful variety of activities, sports and excursions to make students' leisure time as interesting as possible.

Our Activity Programmes provide great opportunities to have fun and socialize with students from around the world. All activities are led and supervised by our experienced and dedicated teams of Activity Organizers.

Programmes include sporting and non-sporting activities for all.

English PLUS

English PLUS is offered in all centres and for all course durations:

- **'Multi-Sport'** option with strong focus on a variety of different sport activities
- **'Specialized Sports'** option with focus on either Golf, Tennis, Football, Horse Riding or Badminton

English Summer Camps in Ireland			
Location	Kilkenny in the heart of Ireland	Waterford on the Irish coast	Dublin the capital of Ireland
Type	'all inclusive' English PLUS available	'all inclusive' English PLUS available	'all inclusive'
Students	Kids & Teenagers Individuals and groups 8-18 years	Teenagers Individuals and groups 13-18 years	Teenagers Groups 16-18 years
Accommodation	Host family full board/single room	Residences on campus full board/multi-bed room	Residences on campus full board/single room
Dates	June, July, August and September	July and August	August
Price	- - - see separate price-list - - -		

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Your Accommodation

HOMESTAY - BE PART OF A FAMILY

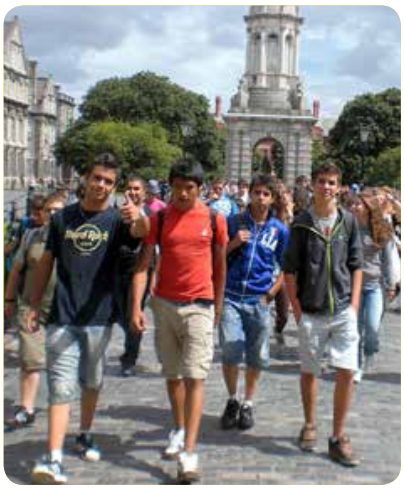
mackdonald language academy has been providing home-stay accommodation in Kilkenny since the founding days of the school. We understand the importance of a safe and friendly home environment for our students.

Home-stay accommodation gives students the opportunity to experience the Irish way of life first hand and to practice English outside the classroom. All families providing home-stay accommodation are carefully selected and revisited every year.

Our families do everything they can to welcome students into their friendly homes and to make their stay happy and successful. All students are housed in a single room - often sharing the family with a student of a different nationality, so they can speak English together.

Home-stay accommodation is available at our main centre in Kilkenny. Families provide breakfast, a packed lunch and evening dinner every day.

Most families are within walking distance of the school and the city centre of Kilkenny. If not, the host family provides free transport to and from the school, activities and city centre.



RESIDENTIAL - STAY ON CAMPUS

mackdonald language academy offers residential summer vacation courses in Waterford and Dublin.

Living in an on-campus residence gives students the opportunity to mix with other international students from all over the world.

Both residential centres offer full-board accommodation. The school will provide three meals each day at the on-campus school restaurant in both centres.

Girls and boys always sleep in separate accommodation and students are supervised by our staff at all times.

Students' welfare and enjoyment are of prime importance. We are always there to help and provide 24 hour assistance.

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Family Language Programme

Learn English and have a family holiday at the same time. Adults, juniors and young learners attend our English lessons in the morning.

We help you find family-friendly activities and venues for the afternoons and evenings. We provide you with welcome packs which include maps, brochures and practical information. We also organize child-care for the little ones.

In addition, we provide you with educational materials for any venue that you visit. Accommodation is in a hotel, family home-stay, B&B guest house or in self-catering apartments.

Year-round mini-stay for groups

mackdonald language academy in Kilkenny is open all year-round and offers specialized English programmes for schools, colleges and adult groups.

Our courses are designed to suit your academic needs including exam preparation. We blend your academic requirements with a suitable activity programme.

We have a broad range of topics to choose from, but we can also design a tailor-made course.

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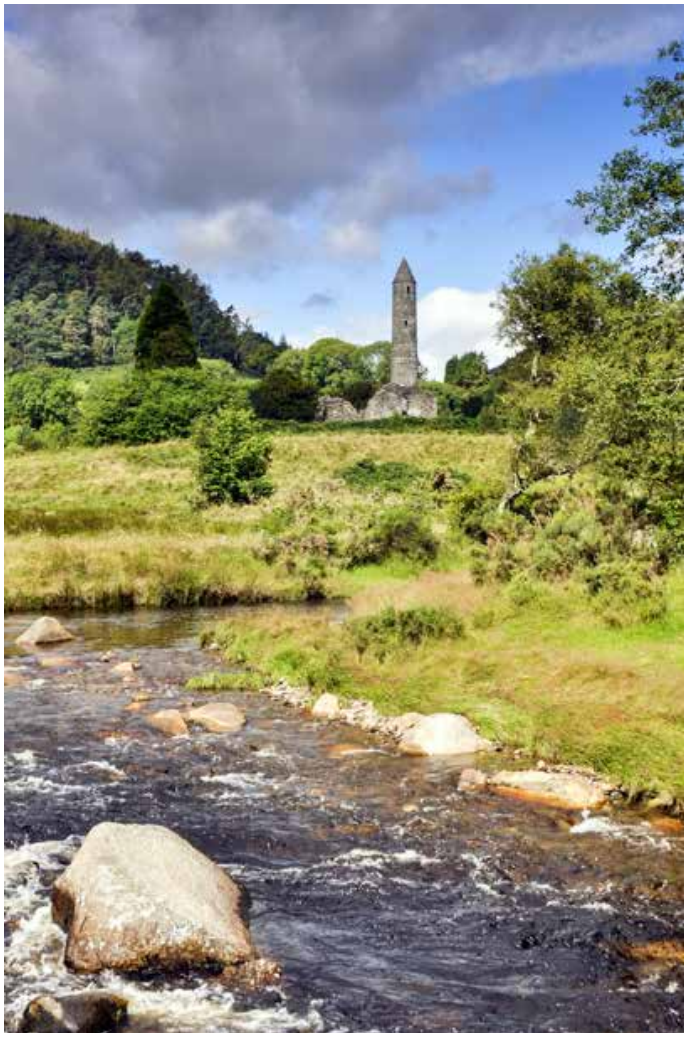

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High School Programme

Our high school programme 'Irish Experience' is available for international students aged 12 to 18 years. Students should have an Intermediate level of English (minimum requirement). It is possible to attend for varying durations: month, term or year.

We collaborate with several high schools in the Kilkenny area (City and County). Our educational consultants will be able to advise you which high school is the right one for you.

Attending an Irish high school will allow you to further your education at undergraduate level in an Institute of Technology, University or any other third level education institution in Ireland and other countries.

Services included in our high school programme 'Irish Experience':

- Free consultation and advise for your 'Irish Experience'
- Selection of a suitable high school
- School tuition fees in the selected high school
- Local orientation upon arrival to Ireland
- Assistance and support of our local coordinator
- Class text books and school uniform (included only for full academic stay)
- Frequent academic reports for the parents at home
- Free Irish SIM-Card for mobile phones (included only for full academic stay)
- Emergency telephone contact 24/7
- Airport transfers upon arrival and departure (assistance with other transfers)
- Accommodation in a carefully selected host family (single room)
- Full board accommodation with breakfast, (packed) lunch and dinner every day
- Short holiday breaks (up to 1 week) to be spent with the host family
- A welcoming & friendly environment
- A successful 'Irish Experience'

We endeavor to offer the best advice on programmes in accordance with the needs, preferences, and academic qualifications of prospective students. We pride ourselves on offering a highly personal and educational service and will help you during the entire process.

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Selected schools in our High School Programme

'St.Brigid's College'
Secondary High School,
Callan

Student numbers:
approx. 300 girls

Accommodation:
Host family

St. Brigid's College is an 'all-girls' school, situated between the cities of Kilkenny and Callan. The school is a well renowned for its long and rich tradition (founded in 1831) with an excellent university track record (more than 80% of all students continue their eduction in third level).

Students are given the opportunity to study in a peaceful setting and participate in a wide spectrum of classes - regular and extracurricular.

In addition to the courses, there are interesting offerings that may be important for your professional carrier after high school: practicing interviews or community projects and training in first aid. Different trips to interesting places throughout Ireland loosen the school year.

Sports (selection): Camogie (Rugby for girls), Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and field

Clubs (selection): Debating, Music and theatre, Book club, Choir, Art, Drama, Artistic Design, First Aid Courses, Games Club, Business Club, Volunteering activities

'Presentation'
Secondary High School,
Kilkenny

Student numbers:
approx. 900 girls

Accommodation:
Host family

Presentation is an 'all girls' school located in a quiet suburb and a 10 min walk from the city centre of Kilkenny. Close to the school is a large sports complex, allowing students to choose from a large array of sports incl. including football, aerobics, dancing, hockey and horse riding. On a regular basis, external speakers visit the school and present an interesting topic of choice to the students.

Students can get involved in many different areas, ranging from the choir club to societies such as 'Young Scientist' or 'Energise Week'. Listed as a 'Green School', the school takes an active role in showing the importance of environmental protection.

Sports (selection): Horse Riding, Hurling, Athletics, Basketball, Tennis, Volleyball, Hiking, Camogie, Soccer

Clubs (selection): Debating, Choir, 'Young Scientist', Theatre, Art, 'Energise Week'

'Kilkenny College'
Secondary High School,
Kilkenny

Student numbers:
approx. 800 boys and girls

Accommodation:
Campus dormitory

Kilkenny College (KCK) is a vibrant and dynamic school offering a wide arrange of classes, courses and extracurricular activities. Whether you're talented in linguistics, athletics or art - KCK has something on offer for everyone.

Rich in history (founded in 1666), KCK has gained the reputation of an excellent high school with students attending their modern and large campus from all over the world. KCK is an outstanding school in all respects and is one of the 10 most established institutions in Ireland.

The on-campus sports facilities are superb: besides a large indoor sports-hall, there are several outdoor sports fields (rugby, hockey, football etc.), 12 tennis courts and many green areas.

Sports (selection): Horseback Riding, Athletics, Basketball, Tennis, Badminton, Rugby, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Swimming, Golf, Football

Clubs (selection): Debating, Musical, Theatre, Art, Various Musical Instruments, Dancing, Computer Club, Drama.

'CBS'
Secondary High School,
Kilkenny

Student numbers:
approx. 650 boys

Accommodation:
Host family

CBS is an 'all-boys' school and situated in the heart of Kilkenny City, only a 2 min. walk from high street. It was founded by the Christian brotherhood in 1860. There are very good sports facilities on and off the campus. The buildings have been recently renovated and are equipped with computer and science labs.

CBS offers a wide range of academic subjects, with specialisation in areas such as wood processing, graphic design and art. There are many extracurricular courses on offer, particularly from the musical spectrum e.g. a choir, a jazz and pipe band.

Sports (selection): Horse Riding, Hurling, Athletics, Handball, Basketball, Golf, Football

Clubs (selection): Debating, Musical, Theatre, Art, Various Musical Instruments, IT Club, Chess, Jazz Band.

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