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Student Handbook 2024

Please note that due to a music festival in Wexford and the resulting lack of student accommodation, our school will remain close from 29 July to 16 August

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
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Introduction

Learn English in Ireland

Where learning is a pleasure

Welcome

Dear Student,
Welcome to Ireland and to the Slaney Language Centre.

Thank you for choosing our school. We are delighted to have you here and we hope you will enjoy your stay with us. This handbook is to help answer any question you may have. Please take some time and read it carefully. We hope you have a happy experience with us and will do everything to help you. Let us know if there is anything we can do for you.

We hope you enjoy your time with us.
Lisa, Esteban, Emma, Susan, Kristina, Greg and
all the teachers of the Slaney Language Centre


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... and if you have enjoyed your stay with us please do not
hesitate to tell your friends and leave feedback on google.



Important phone numbers




- The Slaney Language Centre office: 00353 53 91 22908
- The Slaney Language Centre 24 Hour Emergency Phone Number: 00353 87 231 7270
- Police / Fire Brigade: 999
- Garda (Police) Station Wexford: 00353 53 916 5200
- Wexford General Hospital: 00353 53 914 2233
- Care Doctor (24 hours on call): 1850 334 999
- Irish Tourist Assistance Service (helping tourist victims of crime): 1890 365 700




Please note that as you may be ringing from an international phone, we have used the prefix code -00353- before the number and removed the first 0.




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Travelling to the Slaney Language Centre

Before you travel

On the receipt of your booking form, we will send you in separate emails:

- A confirmation of your booking.
- A link to an online placement test.
- Your Course Invoice.

Closer to your arrival we will email you contact details for your host family. Please send your host family a short email introducing yourself and (if you are in individual student) please arrange your arrival with them.

How to get to Wexford

The majority of our language students arrive at Dublin Airport and travel down to Wexford by public bus (Wexford Bus or Bus Eireann). Buses are easy to locate.

- Wexford Bus (departing from zone 14)

- www.wexfordbus.com

- Bus Eireann (departing from zone 13)

- www.buseireann.ie

Taxi and Minibus hire available. Please contact us for details.

On page 6 you can find the information for the Wexford Town bus routes WX1 and WX2.



Your arrival in Wexford

If you have booked host family accommodation, a member of your host family will meet you at Wexford bus / train station (also known as O'Hanrahan Station or Redmond Square) on your arrival day.

If you are travelling as part of a group, our bus will bring you to a car park in Wexford. Your host family will meet you there. Your host family will explain how to get to The Slaney Language Centre from their house.

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the location of The Slaney Language Centre over the weekend.

Your first day with us

The entrance to our main school is located at the back of our building on Mary Street (opposite the Southeast Learning-Centre).


Arrive at the Slaney Language Centre at 9.10 (at 8.45 in July and August). A member of our team will welcome you, introduce you to The Slaney Language Centre and bring you to your classroom.


In summer our language classes for students under the age of 18 take place in our Summer Centre (Presentation Secondary School) which is located just around the corner from our main building.





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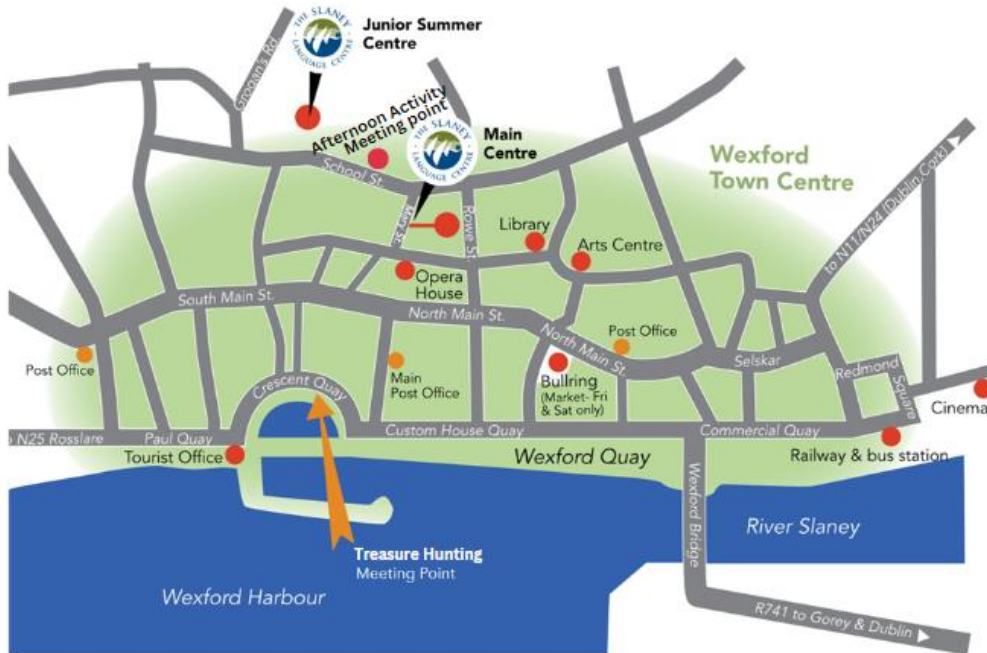
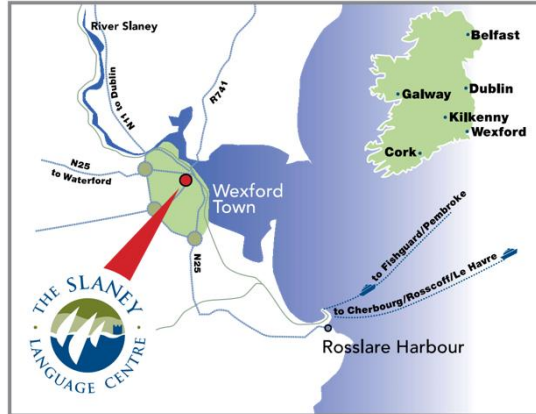
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How to move around Wexford

TIMETABLES VALID FROM 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023

DRINAGH LOOP

Redmond Square >> The Quays >> Drinagh Retail Park >> Whitmill >> Clonard Village >> Hospital >> Redmond Square

WX1

STOP	LOCATION	M-F	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	M-Sa	
1	Redmond Square	-	7:30	8:00	8:40	9:20	10:00	10:40	11:20	12:00	12:40	13:20	14:00	14:40	15:20	16:00	16:40	17:20	18:00
2 to 4	The Quays: Commercial Q, Paul G, Trinity St	-	7:31	8:01	8:41	9:21	10:01	10:41	11:21	12:01	12:41	13:21	14:01	14:41	15:21	16:01	16:41	17:21	18:01
5 to 7	William Street: Fishers Row, Upp William St, Maudlintown	-	7:34	8:04	8:44	9:24	10:04	10:44	11:24	12:04	12:44	13:24	14:04	14:44	15:24	16:04	16:44	17:24	18:04
8 to 9	Kerlogue: Kerlogue Cross, Enterprise Centre	-	7:37	8:07	8:47	9:27	10:07	10:47	11:27	12:07	12:47	13:27	14:07	14:47	15:27	16:07	16:47	17:27	18:07
10	IDA Business Park: Farmers Kitchen	7:10	7:39	8:09	8:49	9:29	10:09	10:49	11:29	12:09	12:49	13:29	14:09	14:49	15:29	16:09	16:49	17:29	18:09
11	Drinagh Retail Park	7:10	7:40	8:10	8:50	9:30	10:10	10:50	11:30	12:10	12:50	13:30	14:10	14:50	15:30	16:10	16:50	17:30	18:10
12 to 16	Whiterock: Sinnottown Lane, Starvehall, Ard na Cuin, Whiterock	7:11	7:40	8:10	8:50	9:30	10:10	10:50	11:30	12:10	12:50	13:30	14:10	14:50	15:30	16:10	16:50	17:30	18:10
17 to 18	Richmond Drive, Loreto	7:15	7:44	8:14	8:54	9:34	10:14	10:54	11:34	12:14	12:54	13:34	14:14	14:54	15:34	16:14	16:54	17:34	18:14
19a	Clonard Village	7:17	7:47	8:20	9:00	9:40	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	13:00	13:40	14:20	15:00	15:40	16:20	17:00	17:40	18:20
20 to 21	Clonard Rd: Bloomfield, The Grove	7:19	7:48	8:22	9:02	9:42	10:22	11:02	11:42	12:22	13:02	13:42	14:22	15:02	15:42	16:22	17:02	17:42	18:22
22 to 25	Coalcoats: Belvedere Grove, Coalcoats, Meadowlands, Newlands	7:21	7:50	8:24	9:04	9:44	10:24	11:04	11:44	12:24	13:04	13:44	14:24	15:04	15:44	16:24	17:04	17:44	18:24
26 to 29	Newtown Rd: Hospital, B Corah Gdns, Parklands, Hill St	7:25	7:56	8:28	9:08	9:48	10:28	11:08	11:48	12:28	13:08	13:48	14:28	15:08	15:48	16:28	17:08	17:48	18:28
1	Redmond Square	7:30	8:00	8:35	9:15	9:55	10:35	11:15	11:55	12:35	13:15	13:55	14:35	15:15	15:55	16:35	17:15	17:55	18:35

CLONARD LOOP

Redmond Square >> Hospital >> Clonard Village >> Distillery Road >> The Quays >> Redmond Square

WX2

STOP	LOCATION	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F	M-F
1	Redmond Square	7:45	8:20	9:00	9:40	10:20	11:00	11:40	12:20	13:00	13:40	14:20	15:00	15:40	16:20	17:00	17:40	18:20
30	Hill Street	7:46	8:21	9:01	9:41	10:21	11:01	11:41	12:21	13:01	13:41	14:21	15:01	15:41	16:21	17:01	17:41	18:21
33 to 35	Newtown Rd: Boyview Dr, Brendan Corish Gdns & Hospital	7:47	8:22	9:02	9:42	10:22	11:02	11:42	12:22	13:02	13:42	14:22	15:02	15:42	16:22	17:02	17:42	18:22
36 to 39	Coalcoats: Newlands, Carricklow, Mansfield Dr, Belvedere Grove	7:51	8:26	9:06	9:46	10:26	11:06	11:46	12:26	13:06	13:46	14:26	15:06	15:46	16:26	17:06	17:46	18:26
40 to 41	Clonard Road	7:57	8:32	9:12	9:52	10:32	11:12	11:52	12:32	13:12	13:52	14:32	15:12	15:52	16:32	17:12	17:52	18:32
19	Clonard Village	8:00	8:35	9:15	9:55	10:35	11:15	11:55	12:35	13:15	13:55	14:35	15:15	15:55	16:35	17:15	17:55	18:35
42 to 43	White Mill Road: Kilness, Pinewood, Alban's & Corish Park	8:02	8:37	9:17	9:57	10:37	11:17	11:57	12:37	13:17	13:57	14:37	15:17	15:57	16:37	17:17	17:57	-
46 to 48	Summerhill: St Aidan's Rd	8:06	-	9:21	10:01	10:41	11:21	12:01	12:41	13:21	14:01	14:41	-	16:01	16:41	17:21	18:01	-
49 to 51	Distillery Rd: Browns Corner, Bishopswater, Tesco	8:09	-	9:24	10:04	10:44	11:24	12:04	12:44	13:24	14:04	14:44	-	16:04	16:44	17:24	18:04	-
52 to 54	The Faythes: The Swan, School, Upp William St	8:11	8:46	9:26	10:06	10:46	11:26	12:06	12:46	13:26	14:06	14:46	15:26	16:06	16:46	17:26	18:06	-
55 to 56	Trinity St: Fishers Row, Trinity St	8:14	8:49	9:29	10:09	10:49	11:29	12:09	12:49	13:29	14:09	14:49	15:29	16:09	16:49	17:29	18:09	-
57 to 58	The Quays: Commercial Quay, Common Quay	8:16	8:51	9:31	10:11	10:51	11:31	12:11	12:51	13:31	14:11	14:51	15:31	16:11	16:51	17:31	18:11	-
1	Redmond Square	8:18	8:53	9:33	10:13	10:53	11:33	12:13	12:53	13:33	14:13	14:53	15:33	16:13	16:53	17:33	18:13	-

M-F: service operates Monday to Friday excluding public holidays. M-Sa: service operates Monday to Saturday excluding public holidays. Bus is scheduled to depart from Redmond Square, Clonard and Drinagh as outlined above. All times at other intermediary bus stops are estimates. Times are dependent on traffic and road conditions at the time of travel.



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Welcome to Ireland

Ireland's culture is rich in its diversity and reflects the influence of the Celts, Vikings, Normans, and others, who have come to Ireland over the centuries.



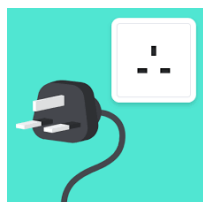
The old Irish language is still spoken in parts of Ireland known as the 'Gaeltacht' and is visible on road signs and heard on some television and radio channels.

Traditional Gaelic sports in Ireland (GAA) include hurling, football, camogie, and handball.

Irish traditional and folk music are part of a tradition that stretches back over many centuries. The traditional instruments are the Harp, Uilleann Pipes, Bodhran, Flute and Fiddle. The Harp became the symbol of Ireland. Traditional Irish music is closely associated with pubs where it is often performed. Traditional Irish dance is also still popular, particularly amongst children, and has become famous worldwide through the show 'Riverdance'.

Irish people are generally very polite and often use phrases such as 'please' and 'thank you', 'if you wouldn't mind', or 'sorry'. They don't like to say 'No' directly. Generally, they will be polite and friendly and soften negativity by saying things like 'I am afraid not', 'Unfortunately', 'I'm sorry', or just 'sorry'.

You will be made to feel very welcome when visiting Ireland. If you are staying a bit longer, you will gradually develop an understanding of Irish culture, general history, and the Irish way of living.



Being away from home

When you arrive in Ireland, you might feel homesick, tired, and confused and you will find it difficult at first to understand people speaking English.

Don't worry. This is a natural reaction. You are away from home, and everything seems different. Be patient and give yourself a chance to get used to your new lifestyle.

Things are different in Ireland. Don't look for things that are the same as in your home country. Enjoy everything that's different. You will be back home soon.

Take part in Wexford's clubs and events of interest to you.

Chat to your host family, teacher, and fellow students. This is a good way to practice your English and make new friends.

Get enough rest. A good night's sleep helps you to concentrate and get used to a new culture.

If you have any health problems, please talk to Lisa in the office. We will treat your problem with sympathy and in confidence, and we will try to help with whatever we can.

Don't forget to bring:

- An adaptor (plugs in Ireland are different)
- A water and wind proof jacket
- Comfortable walking boots
- Warm clothes
- A big smile (to win the hearts of Irish people)



Some facts about Ireland

Population:	Approx. 4.5 million
Capital:	Dublin
First language spoken:	English
Gaeltacht areas:	These are some parts of Ireland where the Irish Language (Gaelic) is still spoken on a daily basis
Climate:	Around 15 to 20 degrees in summer, around 10 degrees in spring and around 4 to 7 degrees in winter.
The weather:	Irish weather is unpredictable - you can have all four seasons in one day!
Electrical supply:	222 volts AC (50 cycles). Plugs are flat with three pins. You can buy adapters in most hardware shops and even in some pharmacies.
Shop opening hours:	Generally from 9.00 to 17.30 with most supermarkets open from 9.00 to 20.00/21.00 except Tesco which is usually open until 23.00.
Irish culture:	Music, art and sports are an important part of Irish life. Try to listen to traditional music or storytelling in a local pub or attend a hurling or Gaelic football match. Ireland is a relaxed and informal country. Most people address each other by their first names. Traditional pubs are important for Irish people of all ages to meet there to chat, sing and have fun.
Irish sayings:	There are many Irish proverbs and sayings. Two of the most famous ones are: <i>'Céad Mile Fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes) or 'A stranger is a friend you haven't yet met'.</i>



Why the Slaney Language Centre?

- Established in 1999 – **over 20 years of experience** in teaching English as a foreign language.
- As a **recognised ELT provider**, we operate within the agreed standards and conditions to ensure a high level of provision and care for international learners.
- **Located in the very heart of Wexford Town.**
- We welcome students from **all parts of the world.**
- We are a place where **young and old meet.**
- We strive to make you **enjoy speaking and learning English.**
- **We are proud to offer quality tuition in small classes:**



Adult Classes:

Off season: Average number of students per class: 6
 High season: Average number of students per class: 11
 Maximum number per class at any time: 15

Keen Teens and Cool Kids Classes:

Off season: Average number of students per class: 6
 High season: Average number of students per class: 14
 Maximum number per class at any time: 16

The Slaney Language Centre was established in 1999 and has been growing ever since as people keep coming back and recommend us to their friends.

We are recognised by ACELS, as service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English Language Education (ELE). We are also a member school of the language school association MEI.



Our Academic Year Programme is a visa eligible course and is listed in the new ILEP list (Interim List of Eligible Programmes). Booking of this course entitles non-EU students to a visa for eight months.

Class times

Daily Timetable (Mondays to Fridays)

9.30 to 10.15	All Full Time Courses	
10.15 to 11.00		
11.00 to 11.15	Coffee Break – time to chat	
11.15 to 12.00	All Full Time Courses	
12.00 to 12.45		
13.00 to 14.00	Lunch Break – time to chat	
14.00 to 14.45	Only for: One-to-one lessons	Most of the optional afternoon activities start at 14.00 from the Presentation Secondary School / Old Garda Station
14.45 to 15.30	Intensive Plus 4 (2 afternoons/wk) Intensive Plus 10 (5 afternoons/wk) Executive Course	
15.30 to 16.00	Coffee Break – time to chat	
16.00 to 16.45	Only for:	
16.45 to 17.30	Executive Course	
Two evenings per week from 18.30 to 20.30	General English Evening Classes	(When Monday is a national holiday, classes take place on Friday)

* Please note that timetables for closed groups may differ

Our Main Centre

Our Main Centre is located at Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford Town, Y35 TH2A. Please enter the building from the back (Mary Street, opposite the Southeast Learning Centre).

Facilities include:

- 3 Bright spacious classrooms
- A comfortable and welcoming common room, balcony, and garden area for our students to relax at breaktime.
- Free WIFI



Our Junior Summer Centre

In July and August language classes for students under the age of 18 take place in the Presentation Secondary School, which is located just around the corner from our Main Centre

The address of our Summer Centre is: Grogan's Road, Slippery Green, Wexford Town, Y35 XV70

Facilities include:

- 6 Bright and spacious classrooms
- Outdoor areas
- Common grounds for rainy days



Please keep the surroundings of The Slaney Language Centre free from litter. Please use the bins provided. Smoking is not permitted on The Slaney Language Centre Premises and surroundings.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Your feedback is important to us.

We constantly endeavour to improve our services. Each Friday we will ask you to complete two short feedback forms, one for each class you have attended during the week.

We regularly meet Student Focus Groups to listen to our students' feedback, and to learn about their needs and suggestions. At the end of your stay, we will ask you to complete a more comprehensive feedback form including all aspects of your stay. Meanwhile, always talk to us if you are unhappy about anything and we will do our best to solve your problems.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Slaney Language Centre office is open Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 to 15.30.

Who's who at the Slaney Language Centre?



Lisa Bartsch
 Managing Director
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 Summer Teen Center Manager
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Deputy Child Protection Officer
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Susan Doyle
 Teacher Trainig CLIL Specialist
 Senior ELT Teacher



Kristina Arthurs
 Assistant Director of Studies
 (Assistant DOS)



Greg Doyle
 Senior ELT Teacher



Jim Shannon
 Bus Driver and Tour Guide
Qualified First Aider

During busier weeks you will meet other English language teachers.
 Many of these teachers teach with us every year.

Other Languages

If you have a serious or delicate problem, you may need to speak in your own language. The following staff members speak second languages and will assist you.

Lisa Bartsch :	German
Esteban Martinez :	Spanish
Emma Misiti :	French, Spanish, Italian
Kristina Arthurs :	Hindi

The Slaney Language Centre Course Certificate

A Certificate of Attendance is issued to all students who successfully complete their course. The Certificate states the dates the student attended a course with us and the estimated level the student attained, based on the Common European Framework of References (CEFR). The teachers will decide on your language level based on your weekly test results and oral expression in the classroom.

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High Quality Teaching and Learning

Professional Learning Experience



At the Slaney Language Centre, we have built a great team of teachers who provide a professional language learning experience in a warm, personal, and motivating environment.

Our courses

General English Group Course (Year-round course for adults)

We use the course book English File Fourth Edition for our adult classes. While adult courses are based on a textbook our teachers try to connect to your life and interests. The focus is on language use, rather than memorizing (grammar). We believe that learning a language means developing active, engaged learners who can take control of their learning and link their classroom learning experience to life outside the class. Each day you have two course parts taught by two different teachers to give you exposure to a variety of accents and teaching styles:

We also use a variety of supplementary materials such as newspapers, magazines, audio and video files, songs, podcasts, YouTube videos, etc. In linking your classroom learning experience to life outside the class, a lot of the material will be based around themes of Irish life and culture.

Friday's classes focus on exam preparation (IELTS for higher level classes and TIE for lower-level classes) which is beneficial also for students who do not wish to prepare for an exam.

Keen Teens Course

(seasonal course for young students aged 11 to 17)

25 to 29 March - 24 June to 26 July – 19 to 30 August

Our Keen Teens Language Classes have been developed with the interest of teenagers in mind, resulting from many years of experience in teaching English to teenagers, from student feedback and research on progress development.

We believe that the motivation for learning a language must come from the students' own interest.

Our new syllabus differs from traditional English language lessons, its aim is to engage and motivate each student so that they will gain confidence and enjoy communicating in English.

We want our young students to develop their relationship with English through us.

Our English Courses for teenagers are task-based programmes where students learn English through fun and interactive activities and challenging projects. Students will be asked to research and give presentations in class.

Our classes are student-led.

Teachers will choose activities from our huge resource bank based on what their students care about.

Our resource bank includes authentic, engaging, and timely materials via modern technology.

Students will be active members of the group and will use team games, debates, projects, quizzes, digital tools, and more. For some activities students use their mobile phones. Grammar will be integrated and there will be opportunities for reading and writing embedded in the activities.

The aim is for our students to make great progress while having a fantastic time!

Cool Kids Course

(seasonal course for young students aged 6 to 10)

25 to 29 March - 24 June to 26 July – 19 to 30 August

Our youngest students learn English through a variety of child-centred, fun-filled activities under the expert supervision of fully qualified teachers. Activities include songs, roleplays, board games, arts, and drama. Most activities take place in the classroom, but teachers may also bring the children to the town centre for street lessons or to a nearby park for activities that require more space.

Courses are designed to keep children interested and focused while having fun at the same time. It is important that our young learners gain confidence in understanding and using the English language, and that they enjoy it.

Erasmus Plus Teacher Training (Refresher and CLIL)

Both, the 2-week Teacher Refresher and the 2-week Teacher CLIL courses, combine the General English Group Course in the mornings with 3 afternoons of Teacher Training and 2 afternoon cultural experience and a Saturday daytrip. Teachers will be required to do some pre-course reading and tasks in preparation for the teacher training programme. They will also be required to do a pre-course reflection of their own teaching experience. These courses are Erasmus funded.

English Language Levels

Based on the **results of your online test**, we will place you into an appropriate class for your first day.

Your teacher will need one or two days to confirm you are in the right level class. As we are a small language school, we have **mixed level classes** (e.g. A1 and A2 students could be mixed, or A2 and B1 students, B1 and B2 students, B2

and C1 students or C1 and C2 students) and you may be the strongest or weakest student in your group.

Our language teachers meet every Monday and Thursday to discuss student levels. If they feel that a student is not in the correct class or has progressed enough to be moved into the next level, they will be.

Attendance and Punctuality

At the Slaney Language Centre, we are committed to maximizing learning opportunities and following principles of good practice.

We expect students to take a responsible attitude to learning and to commit to a very high level of attendance and punctuality. Poor attendance often impedes learning. Poor attendance and lateness are also considered disrespectful to classmates and teaching staff. We follow up on any incidence of repeated absence or lateness. **Any students arriving for class 5 to 9 minutes late, will be marked as late.** **Any students arriving 10 minutes late after scheduled start time will not be admitted to class until the next class break and will be marked as absent.**

Many official bodies require us to report accurate details of student attendance and punctuality on a regular basis. All Non-EU students are required to keep a minimum of 85% attendance rate by immigration laws.

The Slaney Language Centre records attendance and punctuality and reports this information to the relevant official bodies if required.

Non-EU students on the Academic Year Programme (25 weeks duration 8 weeks holidays) must request holidays on the initial booking. If the holiday is not requested in advance the student will be marked as absent. If a student is unavoidably absent / late for valid reasons (e.g., sickness or appointment with immigration) the students should contact the school as soon as possible to discuss further. A medical certificate should be submitted on their return.

Also available

Print outs and photocopies black and white: 10 cents per page.

Print outs and photocopies colour: 50 cents per page.

The Learner Journal

On your first day you will receive a notebook. We encourage you to record your progress, reflect on what you have studied in class each week and think about what you need to do to achieve the goals to improve your English. The Learner Journal encourages you as a student to be reflective and autonomous in your learning.

English Language Exams

TIE (Test of Interactive English) Exam



The Test of Interactive English (TIE) is a task-based oral and written test graded according to the Council of Europe Framework. The Test of Interactive English (TIE) is an international EFL exam developed by a group of Irish English language professionals under the umbrella of ACELS, a government agency responsible at that time for quality assurance in English Language Teaching. It is designed specifically to meet the needs of students coming to Ireland to learn and improve their English.

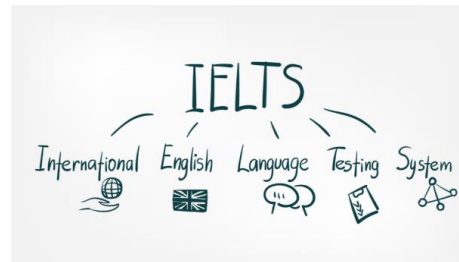
The TIE has been designed for students of any ability, over the age of 18 as a follow-on to both long and short courses in language schools. It is a flexible, learner-centred exam that can accommodate the needs and interests of learners whatever their level of English, age, cultural or educational background. The test is task-based with the content chosen by each individual learner. There is no specific preparation course required – the exam can tie in with the students' existing curriculum. TIE exam preparation take place on Fridays as part of the General English Group Course Intensive (lower-level classes)

IELTS Exam

The IELTS Exam is designed to help you work, study, or migrate to a country where English is the native language. Your ability to listen, read, write, and speak in English will be assessed during the test. IELTS is graded on a scale of 1-9. Each immigration body, university, workplace, or institution will have specific IELTS score requirements. Other English Language Exams. IELTS exam preparation takes place on Fridays as part of the General English Group Course Intensive (higher-level classes).

Other Exams

Our English Language Teachers are experienced in preparing students for other international exams such as Cambridge English: Preliminary First (FCE), Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) and Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE). If you wish to prepare for any of these exams, we advise you to book the General English Group Course Intensive Plus 4, the General English Group Course Intensive Plus 10 or a One-to-One Course.



ONLINE LESSONS

We offer online one-to-one lessons over Skype or Zoom

Each lesson is tailor-made to your English language learning needs and requirements. You can choose to work with your favorite teacher from the comfort of your home. For more information, please contact Lisa in the office.



Common European Framework of References

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages abbreviated as CEFR, is a guideline used to describe achievements of learners and foreign languages across Europe and

other countries. The six reference levels (see below) are becoming widely accepted as the European standard for grading an individual's language proficiency.

Global Scale

Proficient User	C2	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.
	C1	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
Independent User	B2	Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
	B1	Can understand the main points of clear, standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst traveling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple, connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
Basic User	A2	Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to area of most immediate relevance (eg. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate use.
	A1	Can understand and use familiar, everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.



Common European framework

On this level you can...

A1

- understand simple conversations.
- introduce yourself and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details.
- interact in a simple way.

Breakthrough!

A2

- understand sentences related to areas of most immediate relevance.
- communicate in simple and routine tasks.
- describe in simple terms aspects of your background.

Waystage

B1

- understand the main points of regular situations.
- produce simple texts on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.
- describe experiences, events, dreams, and ambitions and briefly give explanations.

Threshold

B2

- understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics.
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers.
- produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue.

Vantage

C1

- understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- express yourself fluently and spontaneously.
- use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects.

Effective operational proficiency

C2

- understand with ease virtually everything heard or read.
- summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation.
- express yourself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

Mastery!

Useful Classroom Language

- A What does "ecstatic" mean?
B *It means "very, very happy".*
- A How do you spell "ecstatic".
B *"E, C, S, T, A, T, I, C"*
- A Can you repeat that, please?
Could you say that again, please?
B *sure, "E, C, S, T, A, T, I, C"*
- A Thanks, (I've got it.)
Can you give me an example?
B *Mary won €1,000,000; she is ecstatic.*
- A What is the opposite of "long"?
B *Short. (long - short)*
- A What is another word for "sad"?
B *Unhappy. (sad = unhappy)*
- A What is the past tense of "see"?
B *Saw. (see, saw, seen)*
- A What is the past participle of "see"?
B *Seen.*
- A Can you write/put it on the board, please?
- A Can you say it again more slowly, please.
I didn't catch that.
- A How do you say "Hola" in English?



B "Hello". Understanding local

people

An in most countries there are a huge variety of accents depending on which part of Ireland the person comes from. If you don't understand the accent, ask the person politely to speak more slowly or change the word you are not understanding.

Some commonly used words and phrases are:

'*Craic*' (pronounced 'crack'): This means fun, enjoyment and laughter and often refers to a good night out.

'*Grand*': In Ireland it means fine, good or OK. For example, if you ask how someone is, there might reply 'Grand'. It can also be used to say thousands, as in '50 grand' meaning 50,000.


'*Sorry*': Literally an apology but in most cases means 'Excuse me' and also takes place of an outright 'No' in order to be more polite.



'*Hun*' or '*Honey*': This is a form of informal greeting used mostly in County Wexford.



HOW TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE PROGRESS



- DO **speak English** at all times even with friends from your own country.
- You can learn a lot from your classmates as well as your teacher, so do your best to **take part in class activities**.
- **Do not be afraid to make mistakes**. Be an active student and remember that every student in class is important.
- When your teacher gives you homework, it is important that you **allocate time** to do it. Homework helps you to revise class work and it helps the teacher to see the difficulties you might have. Remember homework is not always written work. It might be studying vocabulary, reading an article, preparing to make a presentation.
- **Be patient**. Learning a language takes time. Don't put yourself under pressure. The more relaxed you are learning a language, the more you will progress.




If you are not satisfied with the progress you are making, speak first to your class teacher and ask for advice. If you need additional advice, make an appointment to speak to Emma, our Academic Director.



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LIST OF IRREGULAR VERBS

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
be	was/were	been
beat	beat	beaten
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
bend	bent	bent
bet	bet	bet
bite	bit	bitten
blow	blew	blown
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
broadcast	broadcast	broadcast
build	built	built
burst	burst	burst
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
creep	crept	crept
cut	cut	cut
deal	dealt	dealt
dig	dug	dug
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
flee	fled	fled
fly	flew	flown
forbid	forbade	forbidden
forget	forgot	forgotten
forgive	forgave	forgiven
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	gotten
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
hang	hung	hung
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hide	hid	hidden
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
kneel	knelt	knelt
know	knew	known
lay	laid	laid
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent
let	let	let
lie	lay	lain

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
light	lit	lit
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
read	read *red	read *red
ride	rode	ridden
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
seek	sought	sought
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
set	set	set
sew	sewed	sewn / sewed
shake	shook	shaken
shine	shone	shone
shoot	shot	shot
show	showed	shown / showed
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
slide	slid	slit
speak	spoke	spoken
spend	spent	spent
spit	spat	spat
split	split	split
spread	spread	spread
spring	sprang	sprung
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
sting	stung	stung
stink	stank	stunk
strike	struck	struck
swear	swore	sworn
sweep	swept	swept
swim	swam	swum
swing	swung	swung
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tear	tore	torn
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
weep	wept	wept
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

* pronunciation

Important Information

Insurance

The Slaney Language Centre insurance provides cover for accident/injury on the school’s premises only. Students are not insured by the Slaney Language Centre against illness, theft, damages or loss and The Slaney Language Centre accepts no responsibility in the event of such an occurrence.



EU Nationals should obtain form EHIC from their local social welfare or insurance office before departing. This entitles you to free emergency hospital car and attendance at certain doctors. It does not cover elective, medical, or dental medicine to cover their stay. We strongly advise you to insure against loss of fees, personal effects etc. that you may incur due to cancellation, late arrival, or early departure. All non-EU students must have private medical and Learner Protection insurance in order to obtain permission to stay in Ireland on a visa. The insurance policy must provide private medical insurance suitable for Irish hospitals with a minimum of €2,500,000 cover. Medcover Private Medical Insurance as well as Learner Protection insurance can be arranged with The Slaney Language Centre.

Further information:

www.slaneylanguage.com/insurance



Safety and Security

Fire exits are clearly marked and will be pointed out to you on your first day. On discovering a fire, break an alarm ‘Break Class’ unit, leave the building and proceed to the assembly point.



We have regular fire practices called fire drills.



When the alarm rings:

- Follow your teacher’s instructions.
- Leave the school in a calm and orderly manner.
- Do not run.
- Do not go back to collect your belongings.
- Stand outside at the fire assembly point sign together with your classmates and teacher.

Do not return to your classroom until you are given permission.

Welfare of Underage Students

If you have any concerns about the welfare of underage students, please contact our Child Protection Officers:

Lisa Bartsch (Child Protection Officers – DLP):
00353 (0)87 231 7270

Emma Misiti (Child Protection Officer – Deputy DLP):
00353 (0)87 770 9387

Emergency Contact

If you experience a serious problem outside of school hours phone our 24-hour emergency number at 00353 87 231 7270

We would ask you to use this number for emergencies only.

Emergency number: 112 or 999. This will get you the assistance of the Gardai (Police), Fire Brigade or Ambulance. You should **say which service you require** when you phone.

Care doc (This is a doctor on call from 6PM to 9 AM):
1850 334 999

Wexford Garda Station: 00353 53 916 5200

Wexford General Hospital: 00353 53 914 2233

General Health & Safety Advice Extracurricular Activities

- Always carry emergency contact details with you (they are included in this booklet).
- Always tell someone where you are going (e.g. your host family, your friends, your teachers).
- Mind your money and personal belongings.
- Don't leave expensive items or money on view.
- Be careful when withdrawing money from cash machines.
- Come and talk to us if you have a problem.
We are here to help.

Irish Tourist Assistant Service

The Irish Tourist Assistance offers free nationwide service, offering support and assistance to visitors of Ireland who became victims of crime.

Phone numbers:

00353 1890 365 700 (general)

00353 1850 211 407 (crime victims help line)

For more information please read

www.itas.ie

ENAR Ireland Network

If you witness any racist incidents, please report to 00353 01 889 7110

www.enarireland.org

At the Main Centre the First Aid Kits are located in the office, student common room, and the staff room.

At the Summer Centre the First Aid Kit is located in the staff room.

The following Slaney Language Centre staff members are qualified First Aiders:

Lisa Bartsch : 00353 (0)87 231 7270

Emma Misiti : 00353 (0)87 770 9387

Esteban Martinez : 0034 (0)68 696 0788

From 25 to 30 March, from 24 June to 27 July and from 19 to 31 August we offer optional afternoon activities, excursions, and weekend daytrips:

4 afternoon activities per week. Daytrips on Saturdays.

These activities can be pre-booked for €130 per week (Easter) or €150 per week in Summer. Depending on availability, individual activities for the week may be booked and paid for also with us on Mondays at our Activity Booking Desk on Mondays between 12.45pm and 1.30pm.

During other weeks we organise activities / excursions on request. A minimum of 10 student bookings is required for activities to take place.

All Slaney Language Centre **Afternoon Activities** start near the Band Stand in St Peter's square at 14.00 Please be there at 13.50.

All Saturday daytrips start from **Clonard Church, Tesco Supermarket, Browne's Pub, and Wexford Hospital**. Please read the activity schedule for departure times. *The 4 Meeting points are marked on the map in page 5 and on the below QR codes.

TESCO SUPERMARKET



CLONARD CHURCH



WEXFORD HOSPITAL



BROWNE'S PUB



Public Holidays

The Slaney Language Centre is closed on public holidays and from 23 December 2024 to 10 January 2025.

Public Holidays

- The first Monday in February (NEW)
- 17 March (Saint Patrick's Day)
- Easter Monday
- The first Monday in May
- The first Monday in June
- The first Monday in August
- The last Monday in October

Staying with a Host Family

Staying with a local family offers you a great opportunity for practising English in everyday situations.

To be included in a family's day to day life is different from staying in a hotel or guesthouse. You are a guest but at the same time treated as a member of the family. You are encouraged to spend time with the family but must also appreciate that there are occasions when the family needs time on their own.

Staying with a family means respecting cultural differences e.g., food, routine, decor and showing consideration for the family's own attitudes and values, please try to observe the following:

- ALWAYS speak English when family members are around, even with your own friends.
- Don't smoke in the house if the family members are non-smokers.
- Don't use the family phone.
- You are expected to keep your room tidy and make your bed every day. You could also help the family with small jobs such as clearing the table after meals etc.
- Please check with the family about the best time to use the bathroom, particularly in the mornings.
- You might find the house is not as warm as you would expect it to be. This is because your Irish host is accustomed to the low temperatures and their home doesn't need much heating. It may take a while to get used to this. However, you should have adequate heating in your bedroom when you get up in the morning and at night if you are studying in your room. Please ask your family for an extra blanket, duvet, or heater if you feel cold.

PHOTOGRAPHY

From time to time we take photographs and record videos of the school and of students. We may use the images and audio/video for publicity purposes in print, online or through other digital forms of distribution. **If this is OK for you please tick the appropriate box on our First Day Registration Form.**


You will receive the First Day Registration Form on your first course day. If you prefer you can copy and complete the Form on the following page and bring it to The Slaney Language Centre reception on your first day.


Host Families are normal families. Each family is different:


- Some families live close to town, others further away.
- Some have big houses, others have small houses.
- Some have big student bedrooms, others have small student bedrooms.
- Some are talkative, others are more reserved.
- Some have many children, others are retired and live on their own.
- Some have pets, others don't.
- Some work full time, some work part time and some don't work.
- Some are fantastic cooks, others are not.


Enjoy your family the way they are. Don't compare with hosts of other students. These are normal families, no professional accommodation providers.





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
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Finding the information you need

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Doyles Kia
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Wexford Y35 XR9P
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Renting a bicycle

Bolt e-bikes (Download the App)
<https://bolt.eu/en/cities/wexford/>

A room in a house shared with others.

www.daft.ie
www.rent.ie/rooms-to-rent/wexford/wexford-town
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www.relaxireland.com
www.tridentholidayhomes.ie
www.hogansirishcottages.com
www.dreamireland.com
www.talbotsuites.ie
www.airbnb.es
www.booking.com

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Mallin Street
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Free internet use, booking essential.
00353 53 919 6760
www.wexfordcoco.ie

Information on activities, accommodation and more around Wexford

Wexford Tourist Information Centre is at the:
Wexford Arts Centre
Cornmarket Townparks.
Y35 X5HF Wexford
00353 1800 230 330

Activities in Wexford
<https://www.visitwexford.ie/>

Bus and train timetables

www.wexfordbus.com
www.buseireann.ie
www.irishrail.ie

Flights and Ferries

www.aerlingus.com
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www.irishferries.com
www.stenaline.ie
www.aferry.ie
www.directferries.ie

Study visa information

www.inis.gov.ie

Irish weather

www.met.ie

ILEP Students

Academic Year (ILEP) Students

As part of their introduction, non-EEA ILEP Students studying the English Language Academic Year 25 Week Course are required to sign a Holiday, Absence and End of Course Exam Policy. Once this agreement is signed, our Academic Director registers the ILEP Students for their End of Course Exam.

Study Visa Requirements

To apply for a study visa:

- You will have to be enrolled as a full-time student (min 15 hours per week = 20 lessons at the Slaney Language Centre)
- You will have to pay your full tuition fees in advance and through an escrow account (Pay to study)
- We will then send you a letter of registration which states that you are registered with our language centre and that we have received fees in full.
- You will have to attend at least 85% of the course enrolled to ensure satisfactory progression through the course.
- You are required to have a valid health insurance and learner protection insurance.
- You will have to open a bank account showing that you have approximately €3,000 to support yourself.


For more detailed information please read: www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study


Showing Proof of Funds


As of 1 September 2016, students have the following options to show proof of funds:


- A statement in respect of an Irish bank account showing sufficient funds, where the student can open an Irish bank account.
- A current foreign bank statement not less than one month old, together with a past statement, for an account in the student's name (as in his or her passport) accompanied by a debit card in the same name and the same bank account.
- Documentary evidence that money is held in trust for a student by a financial service body regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland
- A pre-paid credit or debit card(s) with a verification of the amount(s) in credit.





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Opening a Bank Account

Accounts for language students can be opened only for those who:

- We have met on a face to face basis,
- Are over 18 years old,
- Are enrolled in a study course lasting at least 25 weeks and is full time (minimum 15 hours per week),
- Attend a school that is an AIB Customer and is recognized by the Accreditation and Co-ordination of English Language Services (ACELS) or ILEP (Interim List of Eligible Programmes). **This applies to The Slaney Language Centre.**

Students must provide the following information:

- Passport as Photo ID
Additionally, non-EEA Nationals must have a valid immigration stamp showing the date of entry into Ireland. This must be in date and valid at the time of opening an account.
- Proof of Address Item

Required for non-EEA nationals:

Evidence of Medical insurance*, which is a mandatory requirement of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service. The student must be either insured:

- under a Group Insurance Scheme which must be operated by the college they are attending in Ireland.
- on an individual basis, i.e. the student is required to have an individual private medical insurance.

** Medical insurance can only be accepted from an Insurance company that is regulated and established in a country that is on the EU & Prescribed Countries List. Travel insurance which provides additional cover, e.g. accident and/or disease cover, is considered acceptable provided the Insurance Company Prescribed Countries list.*

The insurance document must detail: student's full name, student's Irish residential address and period of cover.



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Important Places in Wexford

Immigration Office

located at Wexford Garda Station
Mulgannon, Wexford

Phone: 00353 (0)53 916 5200



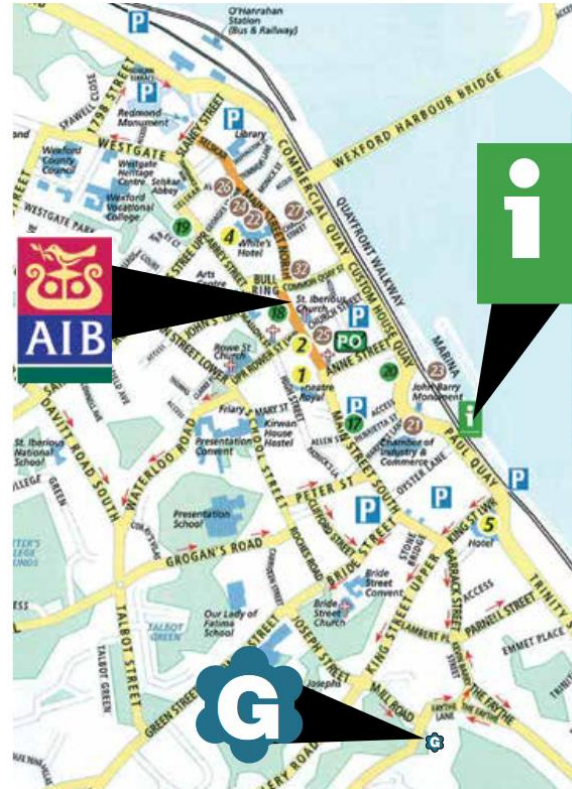
If you are a **Non-Eu student**, you will have to register with the local immigration office which is located at the Garda Station (Police). You will have to provide proof that you have sufficient funds (please see page 21). As the Slaney Language Centre is a customer of the AIB Bank, it will



be possible for you to open an account with the AIB Bank, Wexford (more details on page 22).

You will then have to make an appointment with the immigration office and bring the following:

- A bank statement from your Irish Account showing that you have €3,000 of savings.
- Proof of health insurance
- Letter of registration from the Slaney Language Centre
- €300 Registration Fee



Please don't forget to close the bank account before you return home. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa in the office.

Wexford Arts Centre / Tourist Office

We would advise that you contact Wexford Tourist Office on your first free afternoon to find out if there are any events, clubs,... that you are interested in. The staff at the Wexford Arts Centre will help you to book B&Bs, guesthouses and hotels if you are Planning to go away for a weekend.



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Looking for a Part Time Job

Many long-term students seek part time employment while studying in Ireland.

Positions are advertised in the local newspaper:
Wexford People Paper.

Download the 'indeed jobs' App on your phone and check regularly.

You may also like to browse through the following websites:

www.wexfordjobs.ie
www.jobs.ie/wexford_jobs.aspx
www.recruitireland.com
www.irishjobs.com
www.skillsbase.ie
www.jobshipireland.com
www.monster.ie
www.grabjobs.co
www.publicjobs.ie
www.careerjet.ie

Many students prepare a number of CVs (Curriculum Vitae, Resumes) and leave them in person to shops, garages, restaurants, fast food restaurants, hotels, etc. Please note that you may be required to attend an interview for a position. If so, dress well and arrive early. To work in Ireland you will need a PPS number.

What is a PPS number?

A PPS number is a unique number that government bodies will use to identify you. To start employment, you will need a PPS number to register with the Revenue commissioners.

You cannot apply for a PPS number before you arrive in Ireland. You must be living in Ireland to apply for a PPS number.

Where can I apply for a PPS number?

Revenue Regional Office
Government Office
Anne Street
Wexford
00353 53 914 9300

Links to Policies and Terms & Conditions

*Please make sure to familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures.

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