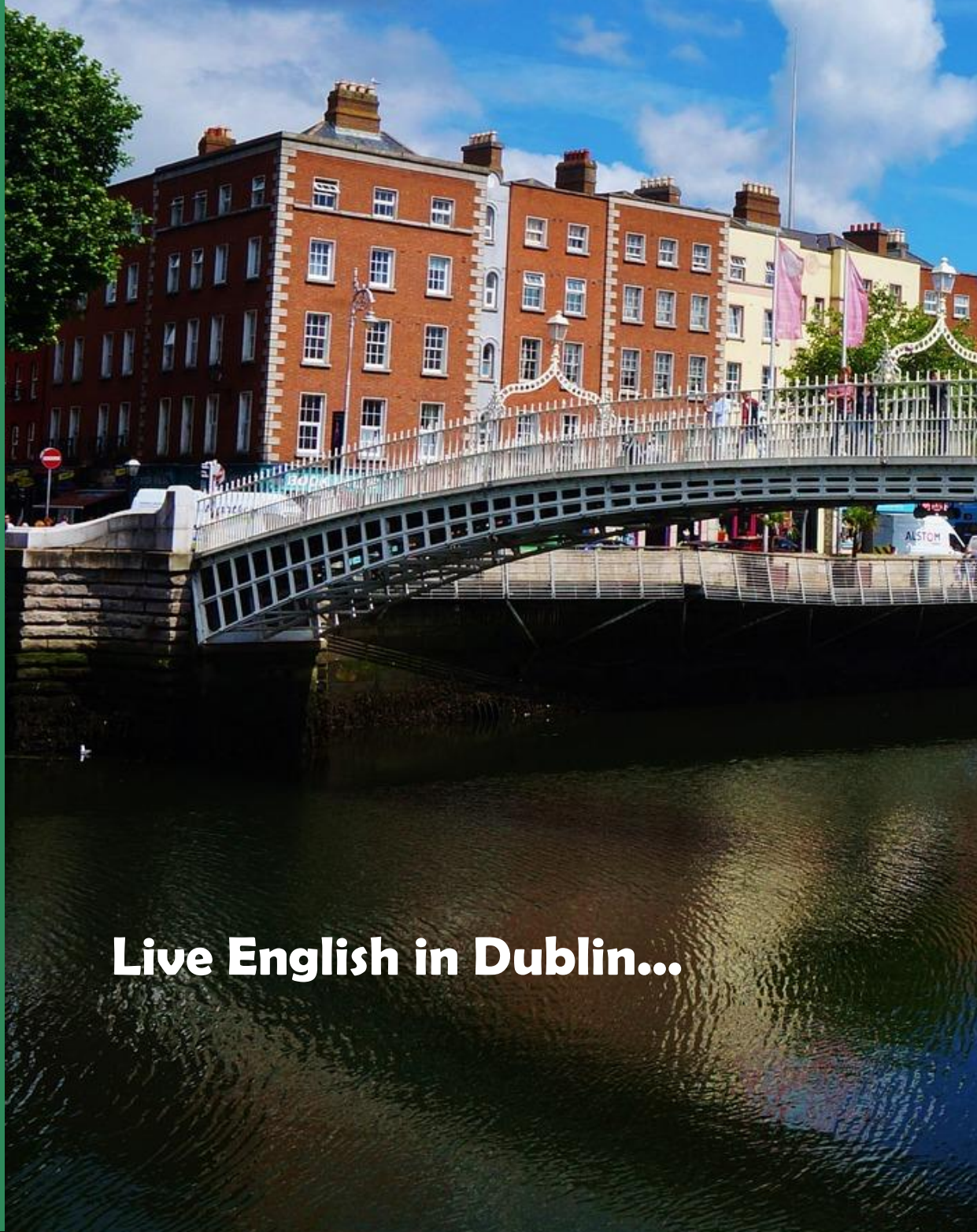




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Live English in Dublin...



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“ I cannot recommend enough the Babel Academy of English. I took the First Certificate Exam Course. At the beginning I was shy but my teacher was very kind and made me feel calm. He helped me with any problems I had. I really improved my listening and my speaking and everything I need for my certificate exam. Without Babel Academy I would not have passed.



Daniela Nucci, Italy



“ I would recommend this course to my friends! The staff were very friendly with me. I really enjoyed my time with Babel.

Bruno Mariani, Argentina

“ My English has improved for sure. The lessons were planned very well. I would recommend this course because it's a great chance to feel the reality of the language. I really enjoyed the social programme, especially the trip to Belfast. Everything was organised very well. Thank you for everything.



Natalia Zakharova, Russia

Babel Academy of English

Babel Academy of English, located in the heart of Dublin City Centre, runs full and part time adult English language courses all year round for adults from all over the world. We provide high quality General English, Academic Year, Exam Preparation, Business English and Specialised programmes.

From June to August we run a Summer School for teenage learners in the Dublin suburb of Raheny. We also provide individually designed packages for school groups in the city centre throughout the year. Our high school placement programme gives high school students the opportunity to experience an academic semester in an Irish secondary school.

Our **promise** is to give all Babel Academy students the best possible experience in Ireland. Our **classes are engaging and focussed**, specifically designed for students to **improve English quickly and sustainably**. We run classes at all levels and also specialise in IELTS, Cambridge, Trinity College London and TIE exams.

All our courses are supplemented with a **fun and exciting social programme**. Whether climbing the Wicklow mountains, learning about Dublin's historical heritage or enjoying a pint of Guinness in one of our world-famous pubs, our programme offers you the chance to **experience the best of what Ireland has to offer**. And all the time you will be practicing and improving your English.

At Babel Academy we want you to **feel welcome** and part of the community. Our **experienced and dedicated team** are there to give you an experience that is both fun and educational, a home away from home. **Make new friends, have the experience of a lifetime** and improve your English.

Live English in Dublin with Babel Academy!

Dublin, Ireland

Ireland's capital, Dublin, is known as the city of a thousand welcomes!

With its warm, friendly people, historic city centre and thriving cultural scene, Dublin is an exciting and safe place for students from abroad to study in. It is a capital city with everything a modern European city has to offer. Despite the 1.8 million inhabitants, it retains the atmosphere of a small town that is easy to get around.

Dublin... cosmopolitan, international, cultural and historic



The Convention Centre which hosts many international conferences including the Dublin Tech Summit

The River Liffey flows into Dublin bay. Vikings established a port in Dublin in 841AD. Dublinia Museum celebrates the Viking legacy in Ireland

Jeanie Johnson Tall Ship & Famine Museum. Nearby, EPIC Ireland houses interactive displays on Irish immigration & famous Irish immigrants

Samuel Beckett Bridge named after the avant-garde novelist, poet, playwright, director and literary translator

Did you know?

- Ireland is an increasingly popular English language learning destination. 130,000 students came to learn English here in 2017.
- Dublin has the youngest population in all of Europe. Approximately 50% of the population is less than 25-years of age.
- We have a great literary heritage. Some of our famous writers include James Joyce (Ulysses), Bram Stoker (Dracula) and Johnathan Swift (Gulliver's Travels).
- The Irish software and technology sector is thriving. Among the many well-known multi-national companies with bases in Ireland are Apple, Microsoft, Google, Oracle, PayPal, Facebook and Dell.
- Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle due to its luscious green countryside but even in the capital city, you are never far from nature. The Phoenix Park in Dublin is one of the largest walled city parks in Europe.

Our Location



Merrion Square, Dublin City Centre

Our Adult Campus is located in Merrion Square in an area of Dublin well known for its historical attractions and peaceful city park despite its close proximity to the lively city centre.

We are in one of the many beautiful Georgian style buildings in the area. The tranquil Merrion Square Park is across the street.

Many city centre hotels and hostels are within walking distance. The historic Trinity College and the famous shopping street, Grafton Street, are less than 10 minutes away. The school is close by the National Gallery, the Parliament of Ireland, the Natural History Museum, the National Archaeology Museum and a huge choice of cafes and restaurants.

Our central location means the building is easily accessed by several public transport options including bus and train.



Babel Academy of English Building



Merrion Square Park

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The Babel Experience

At Babel Academy we take care of your needs from arrival to departure.

Before you arrive, Maria will organise your accommodation. At the airport, one of our reps will meet you and take you to your accommodation.

On your first day, we will give you the Babel welcome pack and an orientation session telling you about our school and a little bit about Dublin city. Roisin, our Academic Manager, will give you a placement test to check your level and place you in the class that matches your needs.

Filippo, our Social Programme Manager, will tell you all about our programme and where you are going to visit that afternoon or evening. We will then bring you to your class so you can start progressing straight away – **Meet your classmates, improve your English and enjoy the experience!**

Don't forget - **If you need anything from us we are there to help.** Reception is open from 08.30 until 17.00 to answer your questions, give advice and offer recommendations. Our emergency mobile means we are contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our Classes

Fluency and competence in English is now essential in many professions throughout the world and so we focus on exactly this.



You and your classmates will **experience English** in **real-life contexts**. Our core curriculum is supplemented with a variety of **authentic materials** such as newspapers, web pages, extracts from literature and a range of other teaching materials.



Before you arrive, we will be in contact with useful information for your trip. You have the opportunity to ask questions and get advice about **what to expect** and how best to **prepare for your trip**. This communication gives us the opportunity to assess your needs and specific requirements before you arrive.



After you leave, we invite our alumni to stay in touch either through social media or to join school social events and information sessions on job seeker support, further study options and strategies to **keep up your language skills**.



Academic Support

Extra study support is available through our online learning support service:

- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Request self-study materials
- ✓ Get advice on exam preparation

At the beginning of your course, you may need a little support with grammar or vocabulary. We offer additional exercises and activities to supplement your class work and help you improve your knowledge quickly.

Academic Year students preparing for the TIE exam can join our additional TIE preparation sessions to ensure that you are fully prepared for the exam.

It is important that you can sustain your language learning when you leave. We give you activities to develop the study skills and strategies that will help you to continue maintaining and improving your English even when you have completed your course.

To discuss any of our academic programmes or academic support service contact roisin@babelacademy.ie



“ This was my first experience as a foreign student. I enjoyed it so much. People were very kind to me. After only two weeks I feel like my English skill has improved, thanks to all the people in the school, and thanks to my teacher. I would recommend Babel Academy to all the people who want to improve their English skill.

Jacopo Vanin, Italy

“ The teachers are very friendly and supportive. They always try to get the best out of us. It's a very satisfying experience.

Sebastian Kis, Austria

“ I like Babel because the teachers and the methods are very good. The activities, the trip to Howth, are very beautiful.

Lucelia Alves, Brazil

“ Babel staff were always very nice. They helped me with my CV and presentation letters. I got a job! Thank you for all the information and the great classes!

Víctor Marfín-Caro, Spain





Social Programme

You will **get to know other students** from all over the world, **experience the best of what Dublin has to offer** and above all **have fun** and **improve your English in a social setting**. After all, the best way to learn a language is to speak it!

This is your trip of a lifetime, your opportunity to **broaden your horizons, meet new people and experience new cultures**.

We have a wide-ranging social programme including:

- At least one free afternoon activity each week
- Evening activities include fun social events like our pub sing-along and themed parties
- Discounts on Dublin attractions and sights including our paid social programme activities
- Saturday or Sunday Full day trip at the weekend to explore Ireland outside of Dublin

Examples of afternoon activities include the Guinness Storehouse, Historical Walking Tour, Jameson Distillery, National Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Gaol, Dublinia Museum, The Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship and the Liffey Cruise.

Popular destinations for weekend day trips include Glendalough Monastic Site and mountain trail, Galway City, UNESCO World Heritage Site the Giant's Causeway and the World Famous Cliffs of Moher.

To find out more about our social programme contact **admin@babelacademy.ie**



Visit our Facebook page to see photos and updates on our latest events

facebook.com/babeldublin/



Accommodation

We have **accommodation options to suit all budgets** and individual requirements.

Host Family Accommodation

We believe the best way to improve your spoken English is to spend time with the locals. With our host families you can **experience Irish family life, practice English with native speakers** and **fully immerse** yourself in the language.

Our families give you **the famous Irish welcome** and some added **local knowledge** to make the most of your stay.

We carefully select our families and assess them during the house visit. All families must provide comfortable accommodation and make their students feel at home. We constantly monitor host families and collect written feedback from our students.



Included in your host family accommodation:

- ✓ Full-board - breakfast, a packed lunch and evening meals
- ✓ Towels and bed linen
- ✓ Bathroom and shower facilities
- ✓ Light laundry facilities each week
- ✓ An area for study (for longer term students)
- ✓ Easy access to city centre by public transport



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I haven't found a host family but a real family here in Ireland, forever in my heart.

Filippo, 25, Italy

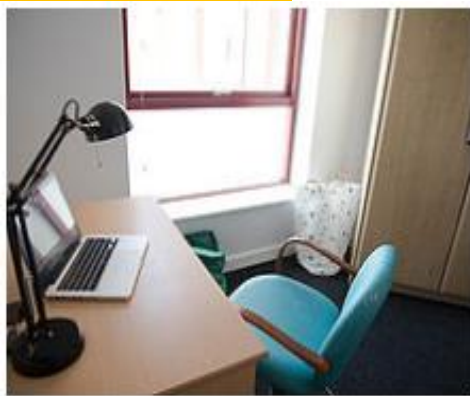
Student Apartments



We offer our students apartment accommodation options at Hazelwood Student village in Dublin 9. It is a short travel distance to Dublin city centre and to our Summer School in Raheny. Apartments come with **a private ensuite room and study area, and shared kitchen and living room facilities.**



The apartments have on-site maintenance - What if your microwave breaks, or your washing machine doesn't work or you have difficulty with the Wi-Fi? You don't have to worry about any of these things because Hazelwood Student Village offers **property maintenance, 24/7 security on campus, study areas, gym, and restaurants/cafes close by to allow you to enjoy student life.**



All students coming to study with Babel and staying at Hazelwood are offered **free airport transfers to the village on arrival.** We will have everything organised prior to your arrival **to make life as easy as possible.**

On request, we can organise mixed nationality sharing options to optimise your chance to improve your English.

If you prefer alternative accommodation such as hotel or hostel options, we can also offer you advice and support with these options in advance of your stay.

To ask about accommodation options contact **Maria or Barbara** at **accommodationsbabel@gmail.com**

Adult Courses

Course start date: Every Monday (except Public Holidays)

Course duration: 1- 25 weeks (additional weeks may be added)

Entry requirements: age 16 years and over. Students are placed in a class appropriate for their level

Assessment:

Entry test - before you begin the course, you do our English level test and a short speaking test.

Weekly assessment - Teachers assess students at the end of every week to see how they are improving.

Every six weeks - There is a progress test. Teachers provide feedback and advice about areas in need of improvement and how to work on them.

End of course - You will receive a certificate of attendance including your exit level. Academic year students will complete an end of course external exam.

Online Study Support: Free throughout your course

Attendance:

Our courses are for people who are committed to improving their English. Therefore, we have a strict policy on attendance to ensure the smooth running of our classes for the benefit of all.

Babel Academy of English students can join at least one **free afternoon excursion each week** from our social and cultural programme. We encourage students to socialise and speak English outside the classroom as much as possible.

Course Schedule Options

Course Type	Course Days	Course Times	Course Content
Academic Year 25 weeks (15 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri	09:00-12:25 or 13:35-17:00	General English + TIE Exam Preparation
Academic Year (Morn or Aft) + Specialised Module (20 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri	09:00-13:30 or 12:30-17:00	Add one of the following to your Academic Year Programme: - IELTS, FCE or CAE Preparation - Business English - Speaking Skills
Essential Mornings (15 hrs/wk)	Mon - Fri	09:00-12:25 or 13:35-17:00	General English
Exam Prep (20 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri	09:00-13:30 or 12:30-17:00	Exam Preparation: IELTS, FCE, CAE
Business English (20 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri	09:00-13:30 or 12:30-17:00	Business English
Intensive (24 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri (Morn) plus Tue-Thu (Aft)	09:00-12:25 plus 13:35-17:00	Add 3 afternoons to your morning classes for a more intense programme
Essential Plus (19.5 hrs/wk)	Mon-Fri	09:00-12:25 plus 6 x one-to-one	Combination Course: General English Plus Specific focus
Executive One-to-One	Mon-Fri	09:00-12:25	Content developed specifically for client

Academic Year Programmes

We offer long-term programmes (25 weeks) for non-EU students who wish to progress significantly in their English level and experience student life in Ireland over an academic year.

Students can choose from morning or afternoon programmes.

Academic Year students join General English students to maximise nationality mix and provide more opportunities for cultural exchange.

The end of programme exam for Academic Year students is TIE (Test of Interactive English). Our courses prepare students thoroughly for the exam and focus on communicative skills in everyday life.



Specialized Module

You have the option of adding an additional specialized module to focus more intensely on Business English, Speaking Skills, IELTS or Cambridge Exam Preparation.

Who is this course suitable for?

Students who are 18 years or older. All students are tested before they join classes to ensure they are placed at the appropriate level.



“I just want to say thank you because my experience in Dublin is something to remember because of Babel Academy. I improved my English and I feel an amazing sense of confidence after being here. Thanks guys.”

Renata Solleiro Muñoz, Mexico

General English

This course will help you to gain confidence in speaking, perfect your grammar, and expand your vocabulary.

We base our courses on interactive and interpersonal activities to improve accuracy and fluency.

We combine a good foundation in grammar with learning tasks which challenge students to creatively produce language.

Who is this course suitable for?

This course is for you if you who wish to enhance your English all-round. You might want to improve your English for travel, work, university or for the enjoyment of social interaction.



Exam Preparation

We offer courses in IELTS, Cambridge First (FCE) and Advanced (CAE) preparation. We know that exam preparation can be stressful so we help you to develop effective study and exam strategies. Our focus is on helping you to achieve the highest possible score in the exam.

Our teachers supplement the core curriculum with study materials which target the specific difficulties that you and your classmates have. We encourage group work and peer discussion so that students feel as supported as possible.

- ✓ Course materials included
- ✓ Practice exam

Who is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for you if you need a certificate to prove your level of English for a university course, to improve career opportunities or for a personal challenge.

We offer an exam booking service if you would like us to book an exam for you in Ireland.



Business English

We offer courses specifically focussed on improving language skills for Business.

We know that the best Business English course needs to be practical, help to develop your language skills and enhance your confidence. Our courses focus on the functional language and vocabulary that you need in business communications: phone conversations, face-to-face meetings, interviews, emails and business correspondence.

Your teacher will work with you to overcome your difficulties and challenge you to develop your strengths based on real-life situations in an English speaking workplace.

- ✓ Make contacts with other professionals
- ✓ Improve English quickly
- ✓ Preparation for Cambridge Business English Certificate (BEC)

Who is this course suitable for?

If you are a professional or a student on a business course, this course is a great opportunity to enhance your career prospects.

We can provide you with support if you are looking for an internship in Dublin.

English & Work Experience

Our programme offers you the opportunity to improve your English in the classroom and in a working environment. You will have hands-on work experience in which you will be required to practice your English language skills.

This is an integrated programme where the language skills learned in the classroom environment are linked to the learning done in the workplace. The focus of the lessons will be communication and functional language for real-life workplace situations.

Who is this course suitable for?

This course is for students aged 16 years or older and with a minimum B1 level of English who wish to practice and improve their skills and obtain work experience in an English language setting.

Combined Course

With this option you can study General English in the morning and have the opportunity to focus more specifically on Exam Preparation or Business English in the afternoon.

This is a great option if you want some extra support for an important exam or if you require English for business, but you don't want to focus on this exclusively.



English for Specific Purposes

We provide one-to-one lessons in a number of specialised areas including:

- Aviation and air traffic control
- Banking and Finance
- Law
- Military Organisation
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Sales and Marketing
- Travel and Tourism

We offer a full-time English for Specific Purposes programme (5 mornings per week) or alternatively we offer you the option of joining our General English classes in the morning and pursuing one-to-one specialised English in the afternoon.

To maximise the benefit of this intensive course, we will work with you in advance and undertake a full analysis of your needs. We will then prepare a complete programme for you before your arrival in Dublin.

Who is this course suitable for?

Professionals who wish to improve their level of English in their chosen fields as rapidly as possible.

Teacher Training - Cambridge TKT Preparation

If you are a non-first language English speaker and teacher of junior or adult learners and would like to refresh your language skills, then this is the course for you. We offer a fully immersive, highly targeted course to maximise language learning and prepare teachers for the Cambridge TKT (Teaching Knowledge Test). Our collaborative approach encourages peer-teaching and gives teachers the opportunity to explore creative teaching methods and innovative ideas.

Group Package includes:

- ✓ Classes (morning only or intensive options)
- ✓ All course materials
- ✓ Practice TKT exam
- ✓ Babel Academy bag and welcome pack
- ✓ Certificate of Completion
- ✓ Social Programme including afternoon, weekend and evening activities
- ✓ Host Family Accommodation (including meals)
- ✓ Airport Transfers

We can arrange for you to take the Cambridge TKT Exam in Ireland – Advance booking required

Who is this course suitable for?

This course is for non-native speaking English teachers who would like to gain formal recognition of their experience, keep teaching skills up-to-date and develop career opportunities.



Student Services

We offer our students all of the following:

- Friendly and accessible staff available to give advice and offer recommendations
- Exciting social programme with lots of opportunities to speak English outside the classroom
- Orientation talk and access to the best of what's on in Dublin
- Internship support service
- Library service with books available for students to borrow
- Online self-study materials
- Support with exam registration and preparation
- Accommodation booking and support service
- Airport transfers
- Travel passes for bus, train and tram services
- Emergency telephone service for outside of office hours



Our students get the Babel Academy Student Handbook with useful information for your trip and living in Ireland such as opening a bank account, finding an apartment to rent, and accessing medical services in Ireland.

We make sure our students feels supported and have all the necessary knowledge to make staying or living in Ireland an exciting, educational and memorable experience.

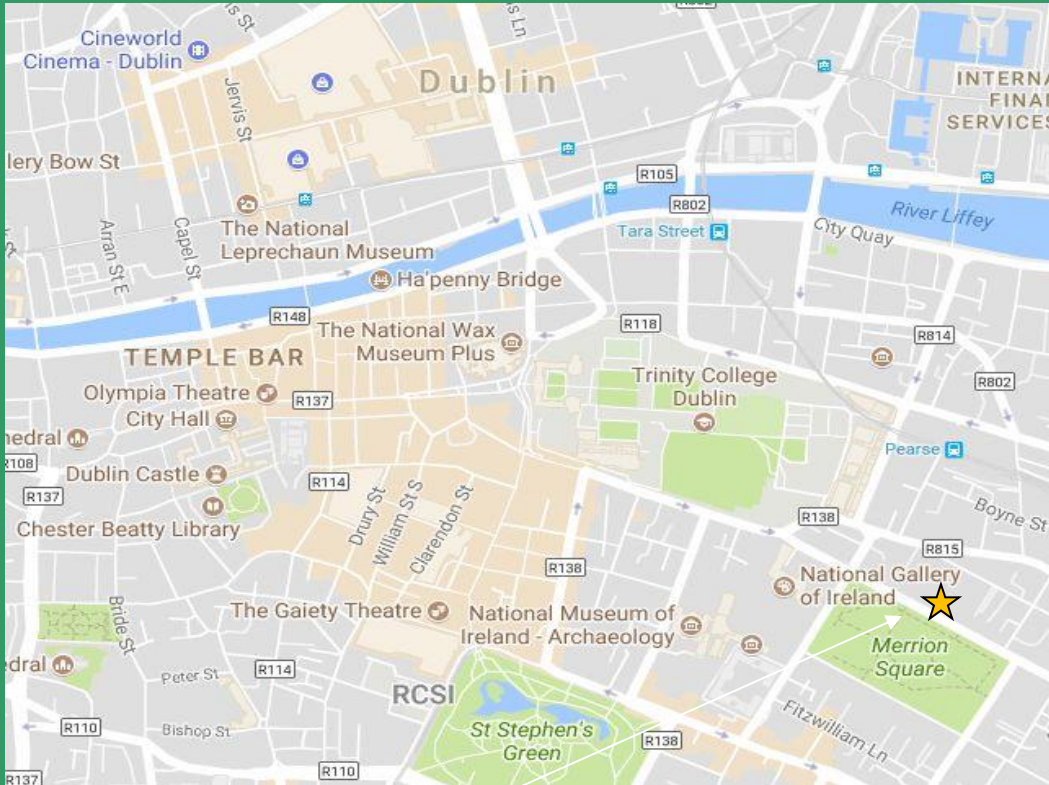
The most important measure of the success of our programmes is what our students say and how they feel they have progressed throughout their programme. We always value feedback from students and use it to improve our programmes and services even more. Check out more student testimonials and reviews online on our website and social media.

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