

### **IRELAND**



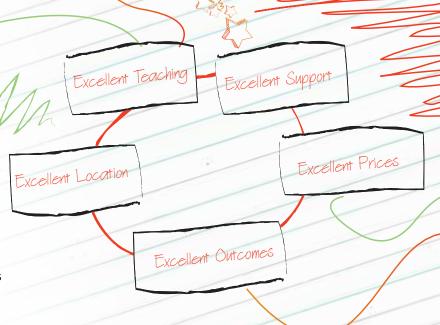




### **WELCOME TO DCI**

Dublin Cultural Institute (DCI) has been teaching English to international students since 2004. We are one of Dublin's leading English language schools and we're much more than just a school. Our aim is to establish an individual relationship with each of our students so that we can help provide a comfortable and stimulating environment to nurture your language skills.

We are strongly committed to learning outcomes and helping you produce results that will allow you to achieve what you need.



## WHY CHOOSING DCI IS THE C.L.E.A.R CHOICE

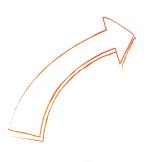
**Culture:** We offer a varied programme of exciting cross-cultural, social and extra-curricular activities.

**Location:** We boast an ideal location in the very heart of Dublin city that is connected to all of the city's public transport services and main cultural attractions.

Experience: We possess 12 years of specialised experience teaching English to students from every part of the world.

Accredited: DCI's courses are recognised by ACELS/QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), which is an Irish government body and is your guarantee of quality.

**Reputation:** We have created and established an international reputation for teaching excellence in quality modern facilities.









DCI is part of the High School International Group who specialise in high school placements and guardianship for international students. HSI is one of the only multi-destination providers of high school study abroad programmes in the world with operations in Ireland, UK, USA, and Canada.

### WELCOME TO DCI

We guarantee a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where students can truly achieve their academic potential. Studying at our school is a great opportunity to make new friends and mix with people from a variety of different cultures while experiencing the benefits of studying English in Dublin.

We offer quality English programmes in modern classrooms with excellent facilities. Our experienced qualified teachers and staff genuinely care for our students and are dedicated to their progress and welfare.

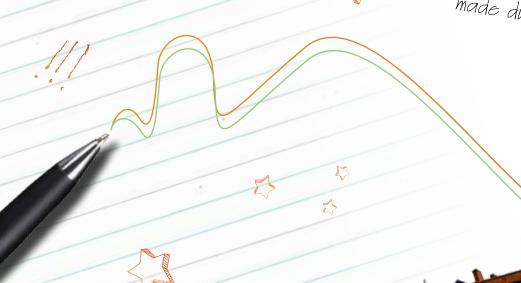
### **FACILITY FEATURES**

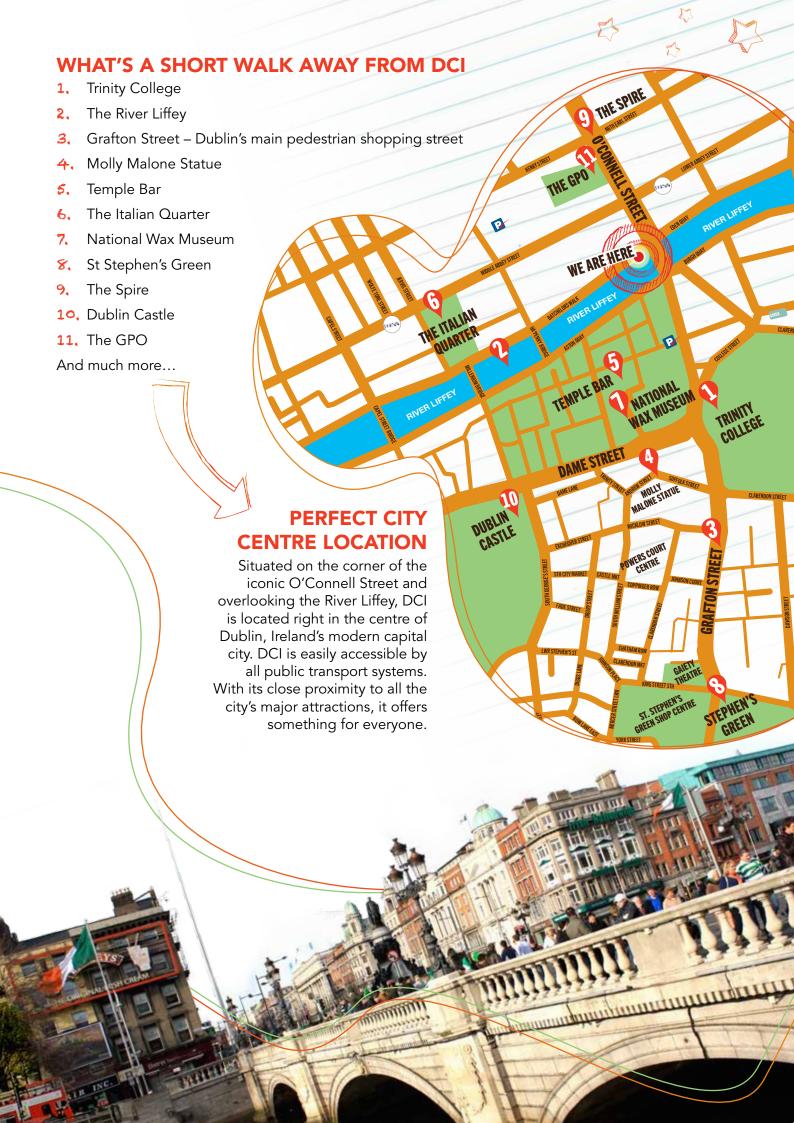
- \* 7 spacious classrooms
- \* High speed Wi-Fi available throughout the building
- \* A Student Resource Centre
  - equipped with self-access computers
  - a guided syllabus of CD-ROMS and online language learning resources
  - a range of supplementary materials, readers, dictionaries,
     DVDs and resources
- Study rooms available outside of class hours
- Student Common Room with free tea/coffee and biscuits
- A Cinema Room that's used throughout the week
- \* A 'What's On E-Notice Board' featuring all the latest happenings and upcoming events taking place within DCI and Dublin
- \* Administration facilities and services
- Maximum 15 students per class, average 10/11
- \* All levels from Beginners to Advanced (A1-C2)



## DCI IS A PROUD PART OF IRISH HISTORY

DCI is located within a Protected Building and is regarded as an important Look out for the historic bullet holes on the outer wall made during the 1916 Rising.







## ENGLISH PROGRAMMES AND EXAMS

Dublin Cultural Institute offers a wide range of General English programmes plus modules in Exam preparation, Business English and Fluency Development. Outside of class time, we provide integrated Social Programmes, language learning support and Secondary Syllabuses to further supplement student learning.

### DCI'S TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

The staff at DCI are interested in the students' whole experience of learning English while living in Dublin. Because of the level of personal attention given at DCI, the academic year can be structured to respond to the individual student's needs.

### **OUR COURSES**

- **\*** GE15 General English (15 Hours)
- \* GE20 General English (20 Hours)
- \* GE25 General English Intensive (25 Hours) (Gen Eng + Exam Preparation/Business English/ Conversation Classes)
- GE30 General English Super Intensive (30 Hours)

(Gen Eng + Exam Preparation/Business English/ Conversation Classes)

- \* One to One
- \* Evening Classes (Gen Eng & Exam Prep)
- \* Prep English Programme (Juniors)

Supplementary Course Materials

Free WiFi and Computer Room access

Access to Student Library and Resource Centre

Full Academic and Administrative Support

Social Programme Activities

Emergency Contact Support

End of Course Completion Certificate

Students will be awarded a school certificate on successful completion of the course.

Services Included in the General English Courses

### INDUCTION AND PROGRESSION

Meet and Greet: New students are welcomed and introduced to the school.

### **Entry Test**

Each student takes a level test on arrival and is also given a speaking assessment, which allows our academic staff to assess the student's level of English and place him/her in the appropriate class.

#### **Welcome Pack**

Every student receives a welcome pack, which includes:

- A DCI Student Handbook
- Maps
- \* Information about Dublin and Ireland
- ✗ Needs Analysis Test

### **Testing**

Students are tested at the end of every two-week period and teachers monitor progress on a daily basis. We conduct mid-course Needs Analysis Assessments to provide feedback and to allow any necessary changes to the syllabus. There is an Exit Test and all students will be awarded a school certificate on successful completion of the course.

### **MODULES**

### DCI's General English Programmes Modules Key

Module 1 Course Book

Module 2 Course Book + Practice

Module 3 Skills & Language in Context

Module 4: Elective Module A Exam Preparation

**Module 4:** Elective Module B Fluency Development / Conversation Classes

Module 4: Elective Module C Business English

**Module 1-** The first class tends to be book-work focused with emphasis on grammar, vocabulary and developing the four main skills – Speaking, Writing, Reading, and Listening.

Module 2- Provides students with the opportunity to improve their confidence and enthusiasm through participation in free-practice activities, projects, task-based learning and cultural discussions.

Module 3- These lessons focus on specific language skill areas such as: pronunciation, functional language, writing skills, register, cultural context, learning strategies and more.

**Module 4-** Elective Modules These specialist programmes allow students to focus on key areas of English.

- a. Exam Preparation: Students can prepare for major English exams including IELTS, Cambridge and TIE.
- b. Conversation Classes: These classes develop students' spoken fluency through debate, discussion and presentations.
- c. Business English: Business classes help students engage with the fundamentals of effective English business communication.

Exact availability of each of these Elective Classes may depend on availability.)

### **CLASSES AT DCI**

Classes generally start on a Monday and you will have different teachers for different modules. Teaching hours are tuition hours of 60 minutes in the morning and 55 minutes in the afternoon. The maximum number of students per class is 15 with an average of 11-12 students per lesson as this allows each student to get the attention they require.





### **GE15 - GENERAL ENGLISH**

This 15 hour course provides a solid foundation in grammar, vocabulary, communication and the main linguistic skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Lessons: 15 Hours per Week Location: Dublin, Ireland

**Duration:** 

**Group Size:** 

Minimum of 1 Week

Average of 11-12 Students per Lesson

Minimum Age: 17

**Commencement:** 

**Every Monday** 

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45
(Module 1)				
11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15
(Module 2)				

### **GE25 - GENERAL ENGLISH** INTENSIVE

The 25 hour programmes cover all the areas included in the GE15 & GE20 courses PLUS they allow students to have an afternoon Elective Module (Conversation & Fluency, Examination Preparation or Business English) class twice a week from Monday - Thursday.

Lessons:

Location:

25 Hours per Week

Dublin, Ireland

**Duration:** 

**Group Size:** 

Minimum of 1 Week

Average of 11-12 Students per Lesson

Minimum Age:

**Commencement:** 

Every Monday

	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
	9:00-10:45 (Module 1)	9:00-10:45 (Module 1)	9:00-10:45 (Module 1)	9:00-10:45 (Module 1)	9:00-10:45 (Module 1)
	11:00-12:15 (Module 2)	11:00-12:15 (Module 2)	11:00-12:15 (Module 2)	11:00-12:15 (Module 2)	11:00-12:15 (Module 2)
_	12:30-13:30 (Module 3)	12:30-13:30 (Module 3)	12:30-13:30 (Module 3)	12:30-13:30 (Module 3)	12:30-13:30 (Module 3)
	14:15-16:45* (Elective Module)	14:15-16:45* (Elective Module)	14:15-16:45* (Elective Module)	14:15-16:45* (Elective Module)	

<sup>\*</sup>Choice of Elective may depend on availability

### **GE20 - GENERAL ENGLISH**

The 20 hour programme covers all the areas included hour lessons each week covering Functional Language and Integrated skills (eg. Writing Skills / Pronunciation / Language in Context / Cultural Context etc.)

Lessons:

20 Hours per Week

Location:

Dublin, Ireland

**Duration:** 

Minimum of 1 Week

**Group Size:** 

Average of 11-12 Students per Lesson

Minimum Age:

Commencement:

**Every Monday** 

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45
(Module 1)				
11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15
(Module 2)				
12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30
(Module 3)				

### **GE30 – GENERAL ENGLISH** SUPER INTENSIVE

The 30 hour programme covers all the areas of the GE25 course allowing even more class time to expand and focus on specific areas. It is particularly suitable for students who want a full-immersion, intensive course covering as many areas of the English language as possible. A choice of an Elective Module runs four days a week, Monday - Thursday.

Lessons:

30 Hours per Week

Location:

**Duration:** 

Minimum of 1 Week

Minimum Age:

**Group Size:** 

Average of 11-12

Dublin, Ireland

Students per Lesson

Commencement:

**Every Monday** 

MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI
9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45	9:00-10:45
(Module 1)				
11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15	11:00-12:15
(Module 2)				
12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30	12:30-13:30
(Module 3)				
14:15-16:45	14:15-16:45	14:15-16:45	14:15-16:45	
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### **ONE-TO-ONE SESSIONS**

Many students choose to combine their General English courses with One-to-One sessions. Our experienced teachers will plan a course schedule based on a syllabus that's tailored specifically for you to suit your own individual needs.

## SECONDARY SYLLABUS – OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Our aim is to support students in improving their English inside and outside of class. Students keep

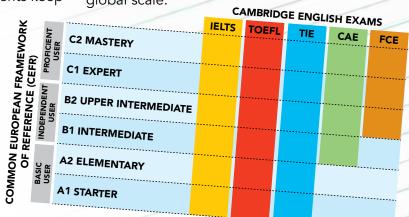
a Learner Diary to record their daily progress and are encouraged to borrow books and Student Readers from DCI's Learning Library. The Student Resource Centre and Study Rooms are available to students outside of regular class times.



Adult Evening English classes are suitable for all levels from Pre-Intermediate to Advanced and are available two to four evenings per week.

### **EXAM PREPARATION COURSES**

We offer preparation courses for a range of international English Exams, from Cambridge Exams and IELTS. These exams are recognised throughout the world and can open doors to higher education and improve job prospects on a global scale.



## THE DUBLIN CULTURAL INSTITUTION SOCIAL PROGRAMME

### EXPERIENCE DUBLIN AND IRELAND

DCI's Activities Programme will allow you to explore Dublin's rich history and culture right from the very centre of the city.

### **EXCURSIONS**

Our Social and Cultural Programme is really important to us. We organise many extra-curricular excursions and activities to museums, galleries, guided walks around the city, events and festivals and many more places and activities of interest.

We also organise occasional weekend excursions outside the city and evening activities during the academic year.

These activities allow our students to:

- Practice English outside of the classroom
- Explore the rich culture and breath-taking landscapes of the Emerald Isle
- Have lots of fun
- Make new friends
- Learn about the history of Ireland

### **DCI FILM & CULTURAL CLUB**

We have a state-of-the-art projection system in the school and every Friday afternoon we arrange a Cinema Afternoon featuring English movies and documentaries with free popcorn!

Our Cultural Clubs also allow you to learn about your classmates and where they're from as we host fun activities like International Food Days. The 'What's On' E-Notice Board makes sure you don't miss a thing.

### **DUBLIN HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER**

- Visiting Museums and Galleries
- Eating at Different Restaurants
- \* Relaxing in Hipster Cafes
- \* Shopping on the High Streets
- Sightseeing major landmarks such as Trinity College and the Guinness Factory
- Going on Organised Night Outs
- ★ Being Irish at Traditional Irish Pubs
- \* Living life in the Centre of the city





### STUDENT SERVICES

Our Student Services Team is available to help students deal with any difficulties they may have. This can range from providing practical advice about the city or simply spending time chatting in English. A 24-hour emergency telephone number is provided to all students for any serious issues.

## HOST FAMILIES ACCOMMODATION

DCI is able to offer its participating students Host Family accommodation in and around Dublin's city centre due to an established network of welcoming families. Our registered host families are carefully selected for the programme by our Accommodation Officer.

## HOTEL/HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

There are a range of hotels, hostels and Bed & Breakfasts available throughout the year in Dublin as an alternative to homestay accommodations.

### **AIRPORT TRANSFERS**

An airport transfer on arrival can be arranged for homestay accommodation. The cost is €90 (only available on arrival). Taxis are available outside the airport building.

### **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Medical Insurance: Medical Insurance can be arranged for approximately € 10 per annum. Citizens of European Union countries should bring their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with

### LEARNER PROTECTION

DCI provides students Learner Protection, through MEI, which is a collective arrangement where if an English language school was to close then another school would take in the affected students so they can complete their English language studies at no extra cost.

### STUDENT VISAS

Citizens of certain countries must apply for a visa to study in Ireland. To apply for a Student Visa, students need:

- \* A letter of confirmation from Dublin Cultural Institute as proof of acceptance
- A valid receipt showing that the course fees have been lodged to an approved student fees payment service
- Evidence that you have private medical insurance
- ★ Evidence that you have enough funds (€7,000) to maintain yourself for the initial part of your stay.

Additional Student Visa information is available at www.inis.gov.ie.



## JUNIOR PROGRAMMES

HSI has over 25 years' experience in providing programmes for teenagers. In addition to closed-groups, group high school integration, and regular high school programmes, we also offer Junior Summer Programmes.

 Waterford City, Residential Summer Camp, 2/3/4 weeks in July, Ages 11 to 17 years.

Dublin City Centre, Host Family Accommodation, 3/4/5
 Weeks in August, Ages 13 to 17 years.



### DCI DUBLIN CITY AUGUST JUNIOR PREP PROGRAMME

This programme is ideal for students who need to boost their English before starting a high school programme in September.

### COURSE DETAILS

Duration: 3/4/5 weeks

A Dublin travel pass

Host family accommodation

Full Board

Afternoon activities

Saturday shopping visits

20 hours (x 60 minutes) of morning classes per week

Airport transfers on arrival and departure

### COURSE SPLIT OPTIONS:

DCI's Junior Summer programme can be divided between Ireland's capital city, Dublin, and Newtown, the private high school located in Ireland's oldest city, Waterford. E.g. 2 weeks in Newtown and 1 week in Dublin.

## NEWTOWN SUMMER JUNIOR RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMP

Located within Waterford's medieval charm is Newtown, a private high school that offers international teens opportunities to improve their English in a summer camp environment. This is a small residential camp with a mix of nationalities that's focused on small groups and individuals, allowing personal attention to be given for each student. A video is available on the HSI Youtube Channel.

### **COURSE DETAILS**

Duration: 2/3/4 weeks in July

Multi-activity sports

On campus dormitory accommodation

Full Board

Options of golf and horse-riding (extra cost)

Full schedule of afternoon activities

Full schedule of evening activities

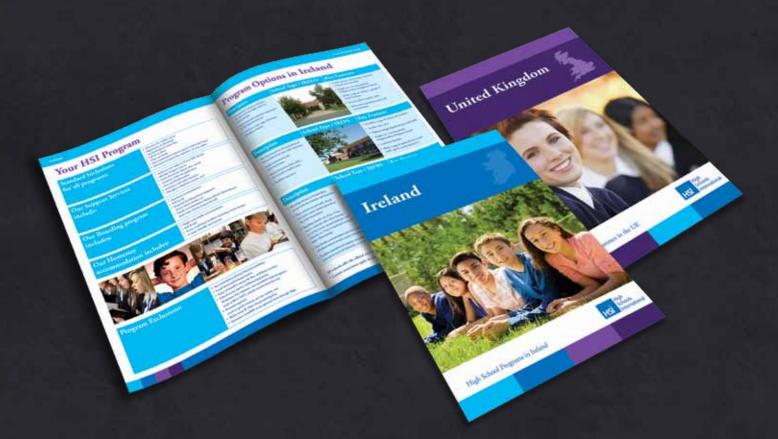
Focused on individuals and small groups

15 hours (x 60 minutes) of morning classes per week

One full day & one half day excursion each week



# HSI offers High School Programmes in the UK, Ireland, USA, and Canada.



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