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WELCOME MESSAGE

mackdonald language academy lies in the heart of Kilkenny city, just moments away from the historic Kilkenny Castle and along the banks of the picturesque river Nore.

We are proud to be an ACELS/QQI, AGPI and MEI accredited and independent English language school. We specialize in 'all inclusive' holiday programmes for international teenagers.

All our host families are carefully selected and continuously checked - we know that a successful experience in Ireland is only worthwhile with excellent host families. This is why we put utmost emphasis on the selection of our host families.

At mackdonald language academy, students do not only improve their English, they also get a very good impression of the cultural and natural beauty of Ireland: "Learning English & Experiencing Ireland"




Isha McDonald
Co-Director


At mackdonald language academy, we strive to deliver only the highest quality experiences for our students.


Since opening our doors in 2006, we've worked day and night to grow our academy into the successful enterprise it is now. That's why we take pride in the programmes we offer.


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OUR HISTORY

2006

mackdonald language academy was formed in 2006, originally starting off as a summer camp provider for 4 weeks in July.

Over the years, we brought together a strong team of ESL professionals to introduce students from around the world to the charm and culture of Kilkenny city.

By establishing our headquarters in the city centre, mackdonald language academy began its journey in delivering high quality education to students from around the world.



TODAY

mackdonald language academy has become one of the largest ESL academies in the region, bringing hundreds of students to Ireland each year.

With visiting private groups, summer camps, and high school students, our academy is busy all year round.

We have high quality host families all over the city and its surrounds and we have established activities throughout the region.



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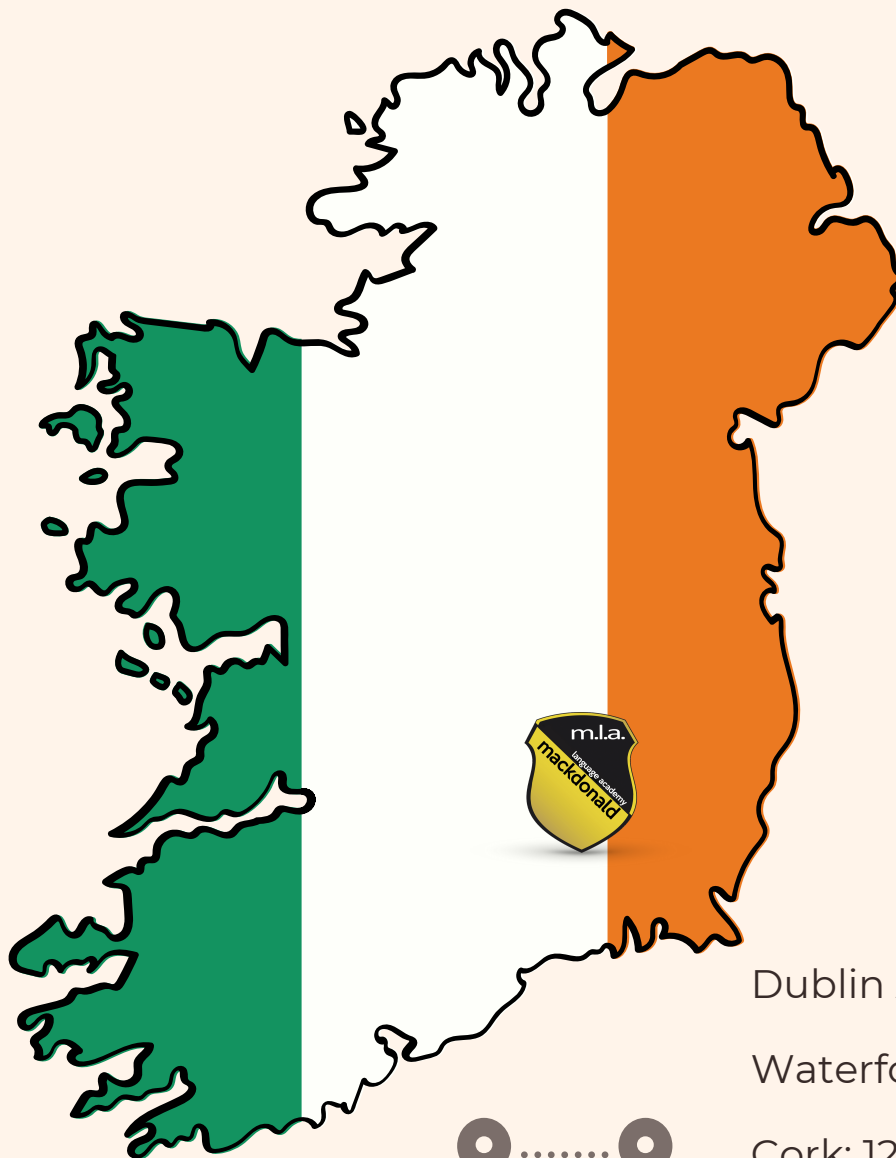
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WE ARE HERE: KILKENNY



Dublin Airport: 90 min

Waterford: 30 min

Cork: 120 min

Galway: 180 min

Belfast: 220 min

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WELCOME TO KILKENNY

Nestled in the medieval capital of Ireland, Kilkenny City invites students to explore its rich tapestry of history, culture, and education.

With its charming medieval streets, iconic landmarks, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere, Kilkenny offers the perfect backdrop for students eager to immerse themselves in the English language and Irish heritage.



As a thriving hub of academia and arts, Kilkenny boasts a rich history, a vibrant arts scene, and a strong sense of community. Kilkenny is one of Ireland's most-visited cities welcoming visitors from all over the world.



Come experience the magic of Kilkenny, where learning English becomes an unforgettable adventure in a city that celebrates both tradition and progress!






In the heart of Ireland



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OUR LOCATIONS

Prior's Orchard

(September - June)

Our language academy sits on the banks of the river Nore, in the heart of Kilkenny city.

The building was created in 1835, but our modern classrooms are state-of-the-art, with interactive smart boards and wifi in every room.

Comfortable and bright classrooms over three stories ensure that there's plenty of space for our engaging lessons.



Gaelscoil Osrai

(June - September)

Our summer centre makes use of the excellent facilities in this beautiful school in Kilkenny.

Each classroom is equipped with interactive smart boards and modern facilities incl. wifi.



The school is very well-equipped with 12 modern and bright classrooms, a brand-new hurling wall, astroturf pitches, basketball courts, and a spacious indoor sports hall.








Year-round school & summer camp centre




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WHAT OUR **STUDENTS** CAN EXPECT FROM US:



ENGLISH LESSONS

High quality English lessons with qualified, professional ESL teachers. With a standard 20 hour course, students use our mackdonald language academy bespoke course books to develop their language through engaging and exciting classroom activities and lessons.



HOST FAMILIES

Expertly selected and reviewed host families, based in and around Kilkenny city. Regularly inspected to ensure our high quality standards. Students will become a part of an Irish family for the duration of their stay, creating language and cultural immersion in a safe and friendly environment. Daily transfers provided by the host family (if not within walking distance).



ACTIVITIES

Our activities provide ample opportunity for students to use their English outside of the classroom. Utilising Kilkenny's rich history and culture, our students engage in a range of activities from visiting the historic Kilkenny Castle to our competitive Treasure Hunt and different types of sport activities like hurling and Irish dancing.



DAY TRIPS

With our academy based in the heart of Ireland, students can expect to visit spectacular locations such as Dublin, Cork, Cobh, Waterford and so much more. All full day excursions are arranged and delivered by mackdonald staff.

'Learn English & Experience Ireland'

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WHAT OUR **PARTNERS** CAN EXPECT FROM US:



TOP QUALITY PROGRAMMES

Our courses and programmes are accredited and certified by ACELS/QQI, AGPI and MEI. We love what we do and our services have been developing over 18 years. We're always ready to adjust to feedback. That's why we have total confidence in all of the services we offer.



VALUE FOR MONEY

All of our programmes offer incredible value for money. This is what draws so many students to our academy every year and ensures that our partners are satisfied. We offer courses year round, adapting to the needs of schools and partners to ensure we deliver a high quality of service.



PROFESSIONALISM


Our team of professional ESL teachers, dedicated administrative staff and activity leaders are all working together in tandem to provide only the best experience for all participants. Our team work hard to meet the needs of all partners, visiting groups, and students.







24/7 SUPPORT




Our team of professionals ensure that support is offered to all participants and partners, and that all issues can be rapidly addressed. Additionally, our 24/7 emergency phone is available for our partners and participants whenever they may need it.




Promise of excellence




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ENGLISH SUMMER CAMPS

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGES

Engaging Classes

Our professional ESL teachers deliver high quality lessons, catering to the level of our students. Challenging lessons and engaging content brings out the best in our students, with a fantastic mix of nationalities to ensure our English Only policy is followed throughout.



School Facilities

Our summer centre has state of the art facilities to ensure that our students make the most of their 'Irish Experience'. Our classrooms all have smart boards and the sports facilities in the school allow for activities in any weather, like our astroturf pitches for soccer tournaments!





Activities & Excursions



Over the summer we have exciting activities each afternoon (except Sundays). These range from cookery classes, pottery classes, cultural activities, sports, Irish dancing. Each week our students go on a full-day excursion to a major tourist destination in Ireland.









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
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ENGLISH SUMMER CAMPS FOR INTERNATIONAL TEENAGERS IN KILKENNY







Great staff of teachers engaged with their work. Their strength is dealing with teenagers. People attending come from Spain, France, Germany, Russia, Ukraine... Plenty of activities in the afternoon related with history, art, irish dance... Great experience. Highly advisable.









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MINISTAY PROGRAMME FOR GROUPS OF STUDENTS



Language Course

Our English language courses use custom curriculum to ensure that all students get the very most during their time with us.

Our courses cater to every level, with online placement tests provided in advance to match students with a level appropriate for them.



Amazing Location

Our city campus is located in the heart of Kilkenny city, only a few metres away from Kilkenny castle and a short walk from all of Kilkenny's major tourist attractions. Students can spend time playing sports in Castle Park or exploring the medieval streets of Kilkenny!





Best of Kilkenny



Join our mini-stay programmes for groups: a personalised learning experience, with tailor-made content and enriching activities. Immerse yourself in Kilkenny's culture, from medieval charm to contemporary arts. Discover the magic of language learning in this vibrant city!




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
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MINISTAY PROGRAMME FOR CLOSED GROUPS IN KILKENNY







My daughter was very satisfied with the experience. Both at school and in the family she had a great time. Excellent organization and very serious staff, even during the booking phase, always exhaustive and punctual in their answers. Nothing to complain, highly recommended.









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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME

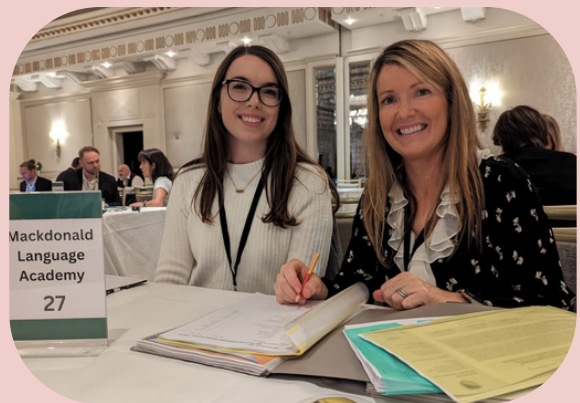
'Irish Experience'

Students will join our Irish partner high schools and experience Irish student life. Schools cater to the needs of international students while making great effort to integrate them with their Irish peers. Students return home with memories and friends that will last a lifetime.



24/7 Support

At mackdonald language academy, we specifically partner with local schools to ensure that we are always available to support our students. Through the use of our mobile app, our centrally located offices, and our emergency phone, students will always be able to reach out for support when needed.




















Culture & Festivals

Kilkenny is the medieval capital of Ireland, and its rich history and culture are a reflection of that! There are festivals all year round, themes range from food, animation, comedy and numerous festivals. There's always something happening here, the heart of Ireland's South-East.



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HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN SOUTH-EAST IRELAND



After 4 months at an Irish high school, our daughter comes back very happy - mackdonald was always there to accompany her on the student exchange.



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GET A TASTE OF IRELAND

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Kilkenny City

We offer fun and engaging activities throughout Kilkenny city, bringing Irish history and culture to life each afternoon. Including visits to the beautiful Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice's Cathedral, exciting Irish dancing workshops and a competitive Treasure Hunt!



Dublin City

Our students can travel to Ireland's vibrant capital, Dublin, to experience all the city has to offer.

Students start with a guided tour through the city before exploring museums, galleries, shopping centres and so much more!



Cork, Waterford, & more!



Our summer camps and high school programmes offer trips to major tourist sites across Ireland, including the Titanic's last stop in Cobh, Ireland's Ancient East in Cashel, beautiful beaches in Tramore and the stunning views of Glendalough in the Wicklow mountains.








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
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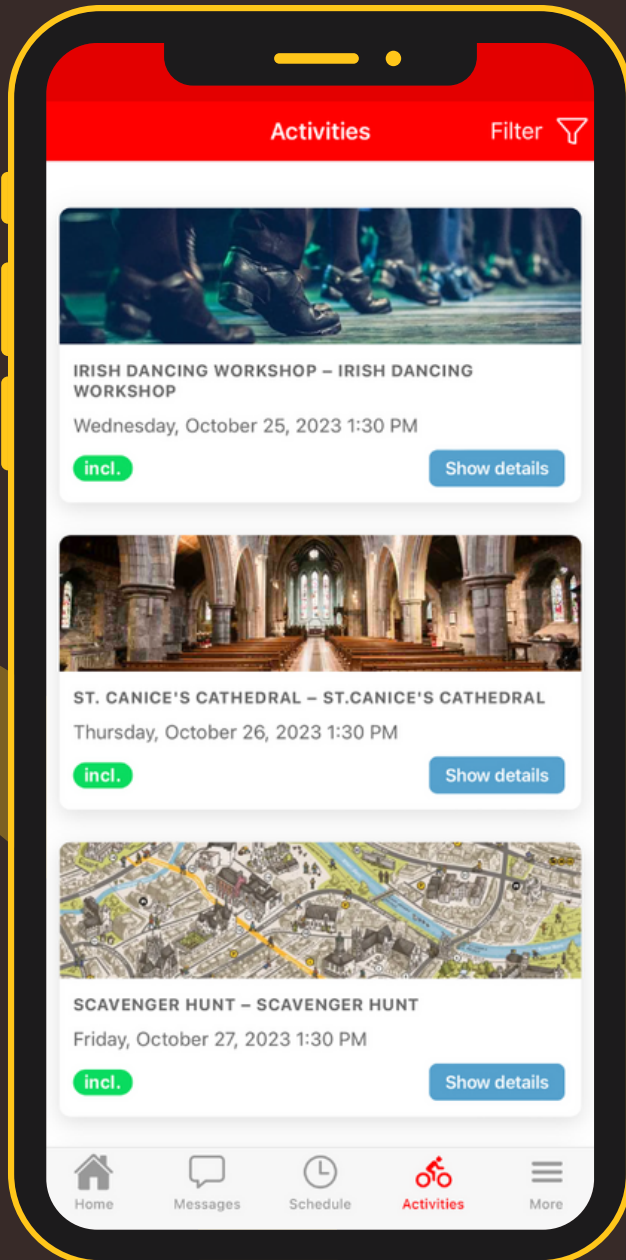
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CHECK OUT OUR STUDENT MOBILE APP



All you need... ...in one app!



Personalized and up-to-date information about your stay in Ireland.



Students can check out upcoming activities, access our FAQ section with essential pre-arrival information, contact us directly through the messaging function of the app and see their class schedule and daily itinerary.




Our mobile app for students is a fantastic tool for everyone participating in our programmes, ensuring they can always contact us and keeping them up to date on their course.




Mobile app for students




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
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