



June 29th to July 30th 2024

Residential & Host Family Accommodation

Groups Only

Age: 11-15 years

Learn English and experience Kilkenny's heritage as you walk through the narrow streets, visit the medieval castle and experience the friendly, welcoming atmosphere of this cultural city. ATC's dynamic summer camp is the perfect location for young learners to develop their language skills this summer.

Two Week Programme Includes

- **Residential:** Full board accommodation in up to 6 bedded rooms with shared bathrooms.
- **Host Family:** Full board accommodation with a carefully selected family (packed lunch provided by host family).
- Two / three / four students of the same group per family.
- 15 hours of English language tuition per week
- 3 hours per week of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths).
- Students will receive a graded certificate and end of course report on their last day of lessons.
- ATC Junior Online platform and app (Gelly) throughout stay and for 12 weeks after departure.

- Social programme including:
 - The ABC's of Vlogging & Through the Lens: Photography Workshop
 - Sports on campus
 - Comprehensive evening activity programme
- 2 full day trips by private coach with entrance and ATC staff.
- 2 half day trips by private coach with entrance and ATC staff.
- 2 half day walking activities off campus with ATC staff, without entrance.
- 1 shuttle with 1 ATC staff for a free day in Dublin.

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LOCATION:

Kilkenny College is one of Ireland's well established boarding schools, offering a full range of modern indoor and outdoor sports facilities. Kilkenny, with its population of over 20,000, is known as Ireland's medieval capital. This historical city offers a selection of sites and buildings dating from the 7th century including the famous Kilkenny Castle.

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT:

Kilkenny College is located 135kms from Dublin Airport. Journey time to the college (depending on traffic) is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes.

AIRPORT TRANSFER:

If you booked an airport transfer, you will see an ATC representative waiting with an ATC Language Schools sign in the arrivals hall, where you will see your first and last name or your agency's name. If you are unable to locate an ATC representative or are delayed in baggage claim, please call the number provided in your airport transfer confirmation document.

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS:

LIVING ON CAMPUS: When you arrive at Kilkenny College, you will be required to check in. An ATC member of staff will be there to assist you. You will be required to complete some paperwork and provide the security deposit before you receive your room key.

LIVING WITH A HOST FAMILY: You will meet your host family at Kilkenny College. Host families are located on and close to the campus. All homes are located less than 30 minutes from the school.

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BOARD STATUS:

All students staying in the residence are on a full board basis. From Monday to Friday, students will have breakfast, lunch and dinner on campus and on Saturdays and Sundays they will receive a packed lunch.

TYPE OF ROOM:

Up to six bedded rooms with shared bathrooms. Shower and toilet facilities are located in each house beside the bedrooms.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION:

Kilkenny College provides standard accommodation in a number of student houses on campus. Male and female students will be accommodated in separate buildings. Each student house provides a combination of 2, 3, 4 and 6 bedded rooms. There is Wi-Fi access throughout the campus.

ROOMS INCLUDE:

- Bed linen
- Wardrobe
- Side locker
- Wi-Fi

LINEN & TOWELS:

Towels are NOT supplied by the college. Bed linen will be changed once a week.

CLEANING:

Bedrooms, kitchen and living rooms will be cleaned and rubbish removed by the onsite staff during the week. During occupancy, bed linen will be replaced once per week. Rooms will be fully serviced between residencies.

LAUNDRY:

Laundry for students staying in the college is included in the package once per week.

KEYS:

Keys will be provided to each student. Lost keys can be replaced by Kilkenny College staff at a cost of approximately €10 each.

ACCOMMODATION RULES:

- Students need to have supervised access to the accommodation areas at all times i.e. either the Group Leader or an appointed ATC staff member.
- Students must keep their room clean and tidy.
- Students are not allowed to invite guests into the residence.
- Students who are not staying in the accommodation are not allowed to stay in the rooms.
- Male and female students must remain within their designated accommodation areas/floors. Room sharing is not permitted between male and female students.
- Students are responsible for any damage/breakages caused to school/accommodation property.



SECURITY:

There are 24 hour security guards monitoring the campus, dealing with security related matters and responding to fire alarm activations. Students may be asked to identify themselves and respond to directions relating to safety and security.





HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:

All of our host families are inspected by our Accommodation Manager and are carefully selected and fully Garda vetted. Accommodation will be on a full board basis. This includes breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner Monday to Sunday. Host families will provide the students with shower facilities on a daily basis and laundering of clothes, bed-linen and towels on a weekly basis.

HOST FAMILY RULES:

- Accommodation will be in a twin, triple or quad rooms on a full board basis and will include breakfast, packed lunch and dinner.
- Dinner is usually eaten early between 18:00 and 19:00. Students should inform their host family before 15:00 if they will return late for dinner.
- Smoking, vaping and the consumption of alcohol and other drugs is strictly forbidden.
- Junior students are not allowed to have overnight guests.
- Host families are not obliged to give students a key.
- Students should discuss the laundry arrangements with the host family and shower facilities must be used at a reasonable hour.
- All junior students must respect the 'return-home time' which the host family sets. Latest 'return-home time' is at 22:30.

LOCATION:

Lessons will take place at Kilkenny College.

COURSE:

Students' first lesson will take place the day after arrival, unless the first full day is at the weekend or scheduled as a full day excursion.

Students will have 30 hours of General English over a standard two week programme, even in the case of mid-week arrivals.

PLACEMENT TEST:

Students will take a level test on their first day of classes. Students are classed according to their age and CEFR English language level.

EDUCATION FRAMEWORK:

Lessons are delivered using the communicative approach and provide an interactive and engaging learning experience for all students.

Lessons have been developed using the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, CEFR. Lessons are task based and ensure student centered learning. Classes are offered with levels from A1 (Elementary) to C1 (Advanced).

MAXIMUM PER CLASS:

There will be a maximum of 15 students per class, however, usually there are approximately 13 students per class. Classes are held in comfortable, modern and spacious classrooms in the college.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL:

Students should bring their own notebooks and pens. An ATC Learning Journal will be made available to students. Students will receive a graded certificate and end of course report on their last day of lessons

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A STANDARD TWO WEEK PROGRAMME:

The course is designed to develop students' English language skills by integrating the key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Lessons are designed specifically for different age groups. Teachers will design lessons based on the interests of the students and each lesson will have a particular focus on communication skills. Students take regular tests in order for teachers to monitor progress and ensure students are learning during lessons.



ATTENDANCE:

Attendance at Kilkenny College is compulsory; students are expected to attend all classes unless there is a justified reason for absence. Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to be presented with their end of course certificate.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND ACTIVITIES:

Students will also take part in a wide variety of workshops, seminars and activities after their General English lessons. Topics include Photography, Vlogging, Drama, Creative Writing, Movies and Animation, Music and Sound, Chemical Reactions and much more.



BOARD STATUS:

All students staying in the residence are on a full board basis. Students will have breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Friday on campus and on Saturdays and Sundays they will receive a packed lunch. Students staying in host families are on a full board basis with a packed lunch Monday to Sunday.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

If students have specific dietary requirements, ATC Language Schools must be informed at the time of booking in order to cater for these needs.

MEAL TIMES (APPROXIMATELY):

Breakfast: 07:00-09:00

Lunch: 12:00-14:00

Dinner: 17:30-19:30

SAMPLE MENU:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of cereals • Selection of 2 pastries • Piece of fresh fruit • Individual yoghurt • Selection of 2 fruit juices • Freshly brewed tea or coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of hot main courses • Daily hot vegetables • Mash potatoes, chips, pasta or rice • Side salad (choice of 3 different salads) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of hot main courses • Daily hot vegetables • Mash potatoes, chips, pasta or rice • Side salad (choice of 3 different salads) • Daily desserts

MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

In the case of a medical emergency, an ATC Language Schools member of staff will assist in seeking the appropriate treatment. Any visits to the doctor, dentist or hospital will be at the student's expense (including transport where necessary). Group Leaders are expected to accompany the student in such circumstances.

HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Students must have adequate health and travel insurance prior to arrival in Ireland. Any medical expenses incurred while in Ireland will be at the individual student's expense.



MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

ATC Language Schools must be advised upon booking of any pre-existing medical conditions, allergies and medications that need to be administered to students.

LOCAL FACILITIES:

LOCAL DOCTOR:

Dr Miriam Hogan, St. Anthony's, Newpark, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny
Phone: +353-568833445

LOCAL DENTIST:

Parliament Street Dental Surgery, 43
Parliament St, Gardens, Kilkenny, R95 TW27
Phone: +353-567752484

LOCAL HOSPITAL:

Saint Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny City
Phone: +353-567752484



ATC ONLINE - GELLY:

Get ready for an exciting perk with every ATC Summer Centre package – **access to ATC Online, also known as Gelly!**

This digital platform and app isn't just available upon arrival, but stays with you for up to 12 weeks after you've left.

With the Gelly platform and app, your journey doesn't end when you leave – it's a portal to relive and explore the amazing destinations you visited during your stay. Dive into Ireland's rich history, watch fascinating videos, and enjoy easy-to-follow video STEAM lessons.

But that's not all – you'll also have access to a treasure trove of materials from Oxford University Press for self-study. Even after you bid farewell to ATC, you'll have 12 sessions of weekly tasks to practice, review and continue learning.

Gelly: your key to unlocking endless learning and adventure, wherever you are!



ATC PROJECTS:

- **ATC Club - Gamezone**

Students will combine mental and physical skills in a relaxed and fun environment to participate in on-campus activities.

- **STEAM Programme**

ATC's STEAM programme is returning to Kilkenny this year!


STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths.

Students will have the opportunity to interact, learn and get creative through a variety of activities including experiments, projects, arts and robotics.

STEAM will be run by ATC Teachers as a way to make English lessons more fun!



Please see a sample programme, and further information below the programme:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast							
Arrival day 	Dublinia Viking Experience & Dublin City Centre -- By private coach -- With Activity Leader	Lessons 9.00-10.30	Lessons 9.00-10.30	Lessons 9.00-10.30	Lessons 9.00-10.30	Lessons 9.00-10.30	International Rugby Experience & Limerick City Centre -- By private coach -- With Activity Leader
		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
		Lessons 11.00 - 12.30	Lessons 11.00 - 12.30	Lessons 11.00 - 12.30	Lessons 11.00 - 12.30	Lessons 11.00 - 12.30	
		Lunch					
		Walking Tour Kilkenny Orientation & Kilkenny Castle -- With Activity Leader	STEAM Workshop -- With ATC Teacher	Sports On Campus -- With Activity Leader	St. Canice's Cathedral By private coach -- With Activity Leader	The ABC'S of vlogging Workshop -- With Activity Leader	
Dinner							
Evening Programme Onsite See notice board for details 20.00 - 22.00							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast						
Private Shuttle -- Full day off campus in Dublin, Dun Laoghaire or Bray -- With 1 Activity Leader per coach	Walking Tour -- With Activity Leader	STEAM Workshop -- With ATC Teacher	Sports On campus -- With Activity Leader	National Reptile Zoo By private coach -- With Activity Leader	Through the Lens Workshop -- With Activity Leader	Departure day 
Lunch						
Lessons 14.00-15.30	Lessons 14.00-15.30	Lessons 14.00-15.30	Lessons 14.00-15.30	Lessons 14.00-15.30	Lessons 14.00-15.30	
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	Lessons 16.00 - 17.30	
Dinner						
Evening Programme Onsite See notice board for details 20.00 - 22.00						

NOTES:

- Full Day Tours - destinations may include International Rugby Experience & Limerick City, Dublinia Viking Experience & Dublin City, Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park & Kildare Village.
- Half Day Tours - destinations may include St. Canice's Cathedral, National Reptile Zoo or Dunbrody Famine Ship.
- Shuttle Day Trip - will be to Greater Dublin area and will include 1 ATC Activity Leader per coach.
- STEAM Workshop - includes 3 hour workshops on topics such as chemistry, engineering, ecology, and others.
- Above programme to be used as a sample only.
- All programmes will be confirmed and signed off on at least 14 days prior to arrival.
- Changes will not be made to the programme once the group is onsite, unless due to circumstances out of ATC's control.
- Any changes that are requested by the group may incur a charge and additional fees must be paid prior to the excursion.

The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us and we offer a high standard of care and supervision to all our students. We provide nominated ATC staff members to act as guardians to our individual students that travel without Group Leaders. It is very important for us that our students remain happy and healthy throughout their stay. Our management team at Kilkenny College, along with our teachers and activity leaders, will ensure that all students receive the best possible care and attention so as to maximise their experience during their study holiday.



POCKET MONEY:

ATC Language Schools do not provide a pocket money service for students, so it is recommended that students arrive with adequate spending money based on the duration of their study holiday. We would recommend €100 per week as an average budget. This can be used in emergencies, and for buying souvenirs or for the little extras that students like to do with friends.



ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:

The programme at Kilkenny College offers a very comprehensive cultural, sports and evening programme. The programme incorporates one full day excursion per week both entrance fees and transport are included. The full day excursion is to cities and places of cultural importance around Ireland. The activity programme provides young students with an opportunity to absorb some of Ireland's rich heritage in a fun and relaxed way. Kilkenny College offers a wide range of onsite activities every afternoon and an evening programme.

SPORTS & RECREATION:

Kilkenny College offers excellent sports facilities including a large gymnasium where students play basketball, volleyball, indoor football and badminton. There are 16 tennis courts as well as numerous playing fields where students can participate in such as rounders, soccer, hockey and many other outdoor pursuits.

SAFE:

A safe is available for the security of students' belongings at Kilkenny College. Students are encouraged to store large sums of money or valuables here. Travel tickets and passports are normally kept in the safe for the duration of the students' stay.

STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS:

In order to cooperate with the security and safety standards at Kilkenny College, ATC Language Schools will supply all students with a student identity card. Students must carry their card with them at all times.



CURFEW:

Evening activities take place on campus between 20:00 and 22:00. Students are expected to be back in their apartments by 22:30. Students found outside after this time will receive disciplinary action. Host family students are expected to be home no later than 22:00.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION:

ATC Language Schools will not tolerate the consumption of alcohol by any of its students who are on a Junior Summer Programme. Students found in the possession of, or consuming, alcohol will be immediately expelled from the school and repatriated at their own cost. In Ireland the legal age to consume alcohol is 18.

SMOKING/VAPING:

Smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited on campus. In Ireland the legal age to purchase cigarettes is 18.

DRUGS:

Any student found in the possession of illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion and repatriation at their own expense.

DISCIPLINE:

For the safety of students and staff, ATC Language Schools will monitor students' behaviour. When deemed necessary, students may receive a written warning, parents will be notified or students will be refused participation in group activities.

FIRE SAFETY:

It is a criminal offence to tamper with fire safety equipment. All students and Group Leaders are to attend a mandatory fire briefing. Any breach of fire safety regulations may result in a fine and expulsion from the course.

DAMAGES:

There is a damage deposit of €50 for individual students and €250 for groups that will be collected upon arrival. This will be retained for the duration of the student/group's stay. The deposit will be returned in full prior to departure less the cost of any damage caused by the student/group.

PARENTAL CONSENT:

Students residing on campus are not allowed to leave the campus unsupervised. If students are to be exempt from any sports or recreational activities, ATC Language Schools must receive a signed consent form from the students' parents.

EXPULSION:

ATC Language Schools reserve the right to expel any student at their own expense should any of the following issues arise:

- Consumption of alcohol
- Possession of any illegal substances
- Student who endangers either themselves or another person
- Deliberate or malicious damage to college property
- Breaking Irish Law

Students will be briefed on the rules and regulations on their first day of school. If ATC Language Schools deems the behaviour of a student unsatisfactory or endangers other students or staff members their stay will be terminated - effective immediately. The students' agency/parents will be informed and the student will be booked on the next available flight. The student will be accompanied to the airport, escorted to check-in and to security, after such time ATC Language Schools will no longer be responsible for the student. There is no refund policy for students who have been expelled from the programme at Kilkenny College.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS:

ATC Language Schools offer the highest standard of student welfare to each student. However, if a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme it is essential that they report it immediately in order for it to be resolved without delay. A large percentage of issues can be resolved almost instantly by either our academic staff or activity staff as they usually attend to either their class, or leisure activities. If the problem cannot be resolved immediately, the staff at ATC Kilkenny College will endeavour to find a solution as quickly as possible. If the problem is of a more serious nature, the student will be required to complete a form and ATC Language Schools will also inform the agent of the ongoing issue and the progress in resolving the situation.

