



# Summer Programme

Learn English in the heart of Ireland

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of English



# Welcome

Located in Athlone, Co. Westmeath in the heart of Ireland, Shannon Academy of English offers a range of year round multicultural English language courses and programmes to students from a number of countries.

Our location in a vibrant Irish town along with our programme of structured classes and the exposure to Irish life and culture that we share with our students makes Shannon Academy one of the most invigorating language schools in Ireland.

As well as learning and improving language skills we aim to give our students a real feel for 'Irishness' and Irish culture while studying.

In addition, we strive to ensure that every student we teach is made to feel part of our Community during their stay in Athlone.

Athlone, located on the river Shannon Ireland's longest river, has all the amenities and conveniences of a city. There is much to see and do here including 2 large shopping centres with all the high street shops, a leisure centre with a swimming pool, bowling alley and cinema complex.



# Summer School Programme

- ✦ We offer a range of Summer courses in June, July and August.
- ✦ On arrival to Athlone students are welcomed with a welcome pack containing a map of the town, programme timetable, information about local attractions and places of interest, useful telephone numbers and the history of Athlone.
- ✦ Language classes run from 10.00-13.15 Monday to Friday
- ✦ Class sizes are small, with a maximum of 15 students in any class.
- ✦ Each student's level of English is assessed on day one and they are allocated to a class depending on their level.
- ✦ The class syllabus is designed under the European Common Framework with a strong focus on conversation. Students are given check lists for the Common European Framework to assess their progress throughout the course.
- ✦ Students are asked to complete a student's survey on day two, week one, week two and end of stay.
- ✦ All learning material is provided.
- ✦ Students record their progress in a daily learning log, provided to them by Shannon Academy.
- ✦ There are weekly prizes for "Best in Class" for the student who works the hardest.
- ✦ On completion of the course students are presented with a certificate.



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## Sample Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 1</b>
Creation Station Art	Bowling or quasar	Viking Cruise	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball	Shooting and archery	Full day trip: Galway City and Cliffs of Moher	Host family day
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 2</b>
Team building	Bush trials	Athenry Heritage Centre	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball	Water games	Full day trip: Dublin City and The Natural History Museum	Host family day
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 3</b>
Shooting and archery	Athlone Castle	Raft Building	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball	Golf	Full day trip: Causey Farm	Host family day
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 4</b>
Creation Station Art	Bowling or quasar	Clonmacnoise and fun sports day	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball	Shooting and archery	Full day trip: Kilkenny City and Dunmore Caves	Host family day
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 5</b>
Team building	Trip to the cinema	Viking cruise	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball	Water games	Full day trip: Galway City and Cliffs of Moher	Host family day
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Week 6</b>			
Shooting and archery	Bush trials	Athenry Heritage Centre	Sports: Football/Dance/Juggling/Gaelic Football and Hurling/Basketball			

Creation Station Art: Take some photos with your friends and decorate a photo frame. A fantastic keepsake to take home

Bowling and Quasar: [www.planetathlone.ie](http://www.planetathlone.ie)

Viking Cruise: [www.vikingtoursireland.ie](http://www.vikingtoursireland.ie)

Shooting and Archery: Practice your shooting and archery skills! Try to hit the targets and get the best score

Galway City: [www.galwaytourism.ie/pabout-galway-ireland.html](http://www.galwaytourism.ie/pabout-galway-ireland.html)

Cliffs of Moher: [www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://www.cliffsofmoher.ie)

Team Building: Learn how important working together is while having fun completing a number of activities

Bush Trials: Follow clues through the forest and be the first group to finish

Athenry Heritage Centre: [www.athenryheritagecentre.com](http://www.athenryheritagecentre.com)

Water Games: (Students MUST bring a change of clothes!) Try your skills dueling on the water pedestal and water bungee

Dublin: [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com)

Natural History Museum: [www.museum.ie/en/intro/natural-history.aspx](http://www.museum.ie/en/intro/natural-history.aspx)

Athlone Castle: [www.athloneartsandtourism.ie/athlone-castle](http://www.athloneartsandtourism.ie/athlone-castle)

Raft Building: Work in a team to build a raft from the materials provided. Bring your raft to the lake and see if it floats!!!

Mini Golf: Have fun trying to putt your golf balls. This activity take place at the school

Causey Farm: [www.causey.ie](http://www.causey.ie)

Clonmacnoise: [www.heritageireland.ie/en/clonmacnoise/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/clonmacnoise/)

Kilkenny City: [www.kilkennytourism.ie](http://www.kilkennytourism.ie)

Dunmore Caves: [www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/dunmorecave/)

Cinema: [www.imccinemas.ie](http://www.imccinemas.ie)



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# Activities and Fun

Shannon Academy is about much more than just learning English. Fun activities and cultural experiences enrich a student's stay in Ireland and help them learn the language in a fun and natural way.

- ✦ A varied programme of afternoon activities and local visits is organised from Monday to Friday.
- ✦ Students also enjoy one full day and one half day excursion to famous attractions every week.
- ✦ A weekly disco is also held.



# Accommodation

Students stay with carefully selected Irish families and take part in Irish family life for the duration of their stay. Host family accommodation is on a full board basis-breakfast, packed lunch and dinner. Students are also given simple learning tasks to complete with their host families in the evening, which encourages family interaction and integration.



# Why Choose Us?

- All programmes at Shannon Academy are tailor made to fit a client's needs.
- Our students, organisations, teachers and service providers are all made to feel members of the "Shannon Academy Community".
- We aim to deliver our courses in a fun and enthusiastic manner and provide a positive, friendly and safe environment in which to learn English.



*'Shannon Academy staff members are committed to what they do, both teachers and free time supervisors are nice with the students and they do their best for their English learning and their personal experience'.*

*Pepa Esteban Zuriaga  
Spanish Group Leader*

*"Well organised, highly reliable, always aiming for excellence in teaching, Shannon Academy is a wonderful partner and guide for all those who want to learn English and enjoy a marvellous experience in the heart of Ireland"*

*Marcella Fiori  
Group Leader Sardinia*

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