

Your guide to the  
**SWAN JUNIOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
AT  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN (UCD)

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# Welcome!

Young people come from all over the world to attend the Swan Junior International Summer Programme. Specifically designed for learners between the ages of 12 and 17, our Junior Courses deliver essential language skills in a fun, stimulating and friendly environment, in a premium, contemporary university campus in the heart of South Dublin.

We offer a complete package, which includes the option of airport transfers from Dublin International Airport, host family or residential accommodation and an exciting programme of activities and excursions.

We are delighted to host the Swan Junior International Summer Programme at University College Dublin's premier campus located in South County Dublin.



# 2026 DATES

For Host Family: **Saturday 27th June - Sunday 9th August 2026**

For Residential: **Sunday 28th June – Sunday 9th August 2026**

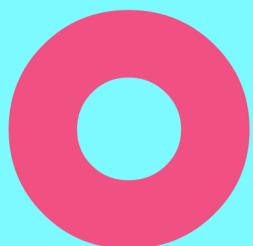
First day of class: **Monday 29th June 2026**

Last day of class: **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

Minimum Course Duration: 1 week for host family/2 weeks for residential accommodation

**School Campus & Residence Address:** University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland, D04C1P1





# Overview

## STANDARD PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Return Airport Transfers from Dublin International Airport (included for Groups only)

Welcome Pack on Arrival

Online Placement Test prior to Arrival

15 hours of English classes per week

Modern Topic Based Syllabus

On-campus afternoon Activities (Sports, Art, Drama, Culture Workshops)

Half day on/off Campus Excursions (off campus using public transport)

1 Full-day Excursion per week (using private transport)

Weekly Disco (except last week)

Certificate on completion

## FOR STUDENTS AND LEADERS STAYING IN HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:

Shared Room Full Board - breakfast and evening meal, a packed lunch

\*(Optional: Hot lunch in school Monday – Friday, extra cost - this must be booked before arrival)

Students travel by public transport to and from host family to the school campus

## FOR STUDENTS AND LEADERS STAYING IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION:

4 single bedroom apartments/units with 2 bathrooms all on site.

Full Board during weekdays (packed lunch during the weekend)

Students use public transport in the afternoons of half-day excursions.

Variety of evening activities per week

**\*Travel Passes are NOT included in the above package**

**\*Travel Passes are necessary for travel between the host family and the school and also for many off-campus activities during the programme**

**\*Students/Leaders staying in host families and residence accommodation need to purchase a Travel Pass**



# Location

The school campus is perfectly located in University College Dublin (UCD), just 5km outside central Dublin with easy access to the city by public transport. Outstanding sports and entertainment facilities within the university campus allow students to try out a wide range of sports and activities.

The UCD campus is located in Belfield in South County Dublin, just 10 minutes from the sea and less than 20km from Dublin International Airport. Safe and well located, the campus covers around 133 hectares, thus enabling it to offer excellent teaching and social programme facilities. Belfield is well connected in terms of transport with several bus services serving the university allowing for quick and easy access to Dublin City Centre.



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# The English Course

Here at Swan, we know that students learn better in a stimulating and supportive environment, so we ensure that the classes are fun and engaging. Our junior students come from Europe, South America, the Middle East and Asia. This gives all students the chance to enjoy the company of an exciting and diverse mix of nationalities.

**The students are in General English language classes with students of other nationalities suited to their level.**

**The aim of the General English course is to improve the communicative English language capability of each individual, enabling them to function in English with confidence. In addition there is a strong focus on Irish culture with all students presenting a project in groups at the end of each week.**

**Classes are small in numbers with our teachers focusing on developing the students' communicative and interactive skills such as speaking and pronunciation.**

**“Our experienced friendly teachers will work with you to create a weekly lesson plan that centres on your interests”**

**Class Time: Monday to Friday, 09.00-12.30 with two 15 minute breaks**



## At a glance:

- 15 hours of class per week
- Personalised syllabus created with students
- Teenager-friendly syllabus includes many aspects of Irish life and culture
- Project based group work with a weekly presentation
- Strong focus on speaking and pronunciation
- Weekly tests to monitor student progress & encourage progression
- Small size classes
- Levels from Beginners/Elementary (A1) to Advanced (C1)

Our courses are developed using the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE OUR ONLINE PLACEMENT TEST BEFORE ARRIVING IN DUBLIN**  
[www.selt.ie/summertest](http://www.selt.ie/summertest)

# Host Family Accommodation

**CHILL OUT IN A HOME AWAY FROM HOME!**

**It's important to us that our students are really happy with their accommodation. We have a wide selection of carefully selected host families that are regularly inspected to ensure the highest standards are met. All of our host families are friendly and interested in the students they host.**

**Host Family Accommodation** is a traditional option and students are welcomed into the family. Swan junior students will enjoy full board accommodation in twin rooms. They are provided with breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal each day for the duration of their stay (Optional hot lunch available for an extra fee in UCD, Monday – Friday, this must be booked before arrival).

**Accompanying leaders are provided with full board, single room accommodation.**

**Bed linen and towels and a weekly light laundry service are provided by the host families.**

**Students use public transport to travel between the host family and university campus.**

**“My host family were great, I’ll never forget them.”**

## **Host Family Guidelines:**

- Students must keep their room clean and tidy
- Students must respect their host family and their rules
- Unless otherwise agreed, all students must be back home by 21.00
- In Ireland, dinner is usually eaten between 18.00-19.00, students must inform their host family a day in advance if they will be home late for dinner or if they will eat out
- Smoking, drinking alcohol or consuming any drugs is strictly prohibited

# Residential Accommodation

## Welcome to UCD Residence!

**This modern residence is located on the UCD campus where the summer programme classes and activities are held.**

**Each single room is part of 4 bedroom apartment/units with 2 shared bathrooms. All the rooms have a super comfortable bed, a study desk, mounted shelves and plenty of space and comfort.**

**The residence features key fob entry, 24 hour security and regular Swan staff presence.**

**There is an on-site launderette. Students will have access using a credit card which can be topped up with credit to use on dryers and washers.**

**Located in the exclusive Dublin 4 postcode, a warm welcome awaits students from across the globe. Dublin's city centre takes just 15 minutes by bus. Adjacent to the accommodation, there is a coffee shop, convenient store and restaurant facilities. Access to outdoor recreation areas available.**

### **Also included:**

- All bedding and towels provided**
- Free wifi access**
- Sole access to designated common living areas**

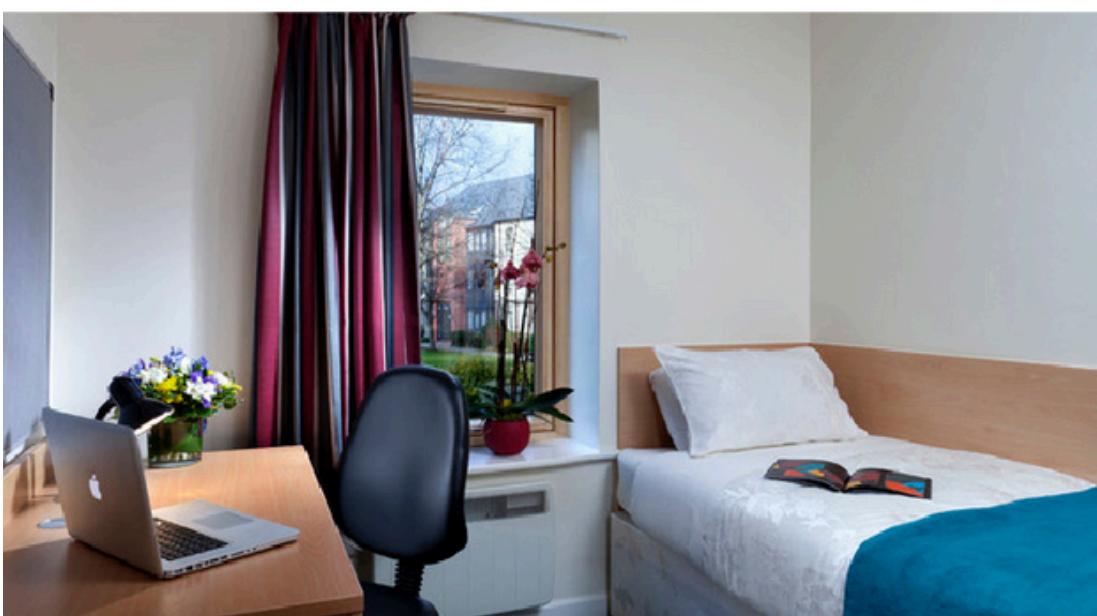
**Breakfast, hot lunch (packed lunch at the weeknd) and dinner in UCD each day**

### **At a glance:**

- Single rooms**
- 4 Bedrooms sharing 2 bathrooms**
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on campus**
- Packed lunch during the weekend**
- Includes bed linen & towels**
- Free Wi-Fi**
- Evening activity programme**
- Refundable deposit of €50 per student is required for damages and breakages**
- Refundable deposit of €250 per group is required for damages and breakages**

### **Residential Guidelines:**

- No noise or anti-social behaviour will be tolerated at any time; fines may be imposed on any groups or individual for such breaches.**
- No congregating in the courtyards/gardens/corridors past 10.30pm at night.**
- All courtyards/gardens/corridors must be cleared by leaders/group representatives. Residents to be in their rooms by 11.00pm**  
**Students must listen and act on security instructions at all times.**
- Do not give your ID / Access card to others and report missing bedroom cards immediately.**
- Students must have their leaders with them when getting a replacement access card (Replacement key cards are subject to an extra cost).**
- No smoking on the campus.**
- Non-residents / Visitors/ Guests are not permitted to stay at any time.**
- When the fire alarm sounds, please leave immediately and go to the nearest fire assembly point.**
- For serious breaches of discipline, we reserve the right to send a student home at their own expense without any refund.**



# The Activity Programme



We understand that the students are here on their school holidays and they want to have fun. With that in mind, we have carefully designed a fun and interesting activity programme with lots of different types of activities and excursions. These activities and excursions are arranged in order to give the students the best possible experience here in Dublin, to learn about and discover Irish culture, to have fun and make new friends from all over the world and most importantly to maximise their English language skills.

Students enjoy a range of supervised on-campus activities. These can include Sports, Dance, Art, Drama and other workshops.

In addition, students go on a half day trip to local places of interest accompanied by a Swan representative.

There is a fully supervised Disco for both Host Family & Residential students one evening a week.

Residential students enjoy a fully supervised evening activity programme with a range of sports and social activities all on campus.





## Sample Schedule

### Sample Host Family Schedule

	9.00 – 12.30	12.30 – 13:45	13:45 – 16:30	18:00
Monday	English Class	Lunch	Sports/Dance/ Art/Drama	Dinner & Evening with Host Family
Tuesday	English Class	Lunch	Guided Walking tour of Dublin City Centre	Dinner & Evening with Host Family
Wednesday	English Class	Lunch	Sports/Dance/ Art/Drama	Dinner & Evening with Host Family
Thursday	English Class	Lunch	Visit Croke Park, the home of GAA	Dinner & Evening with Host Family
Friday	English Class	Lunch	National Gallery of Ireland	Disco

\* **Saturday:** Full Day Trip to Glendalough \* **Sunday:** Free Day

\*Students use public transport in the afternoons of half-day excursions



## Sample Schedule

## Sample Residential Schedule

	<b>8:10 - 8:40</b>	<b>9.00 – 12.30</b>	<b>12.30 – 13:45</b>	<b>13:45 – 16.30</b>	<b>18.00</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Breakfast	English Class	<b>Lunch</b>	Guided Walking Tour of Dublin City Centre	Dinner, Evening Activity
<b>Tuesday</b>	Breakfast	English Class	<b>Lunch</b>	Visit to Dublinia – Viking Museum	Dinner, Evening Activity
<b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast	English Class	<b>Lunch</b>	Sports/Dance/Art	Dinner, Free Evening
<b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast	English Class	<b>Lunch</b>	Visit to Howth Fishing Village	Dinner, Evening Activity
<b>Friday</b>	Breakfast	English Class	<b>Lunch</b>	Sports/Dance/Art	Dinner, Disco

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# Get In Touch

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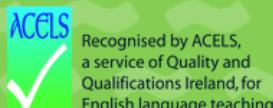
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If learning English and making friends from all around the world while studying in Dublin is for you, then it's time to get in touch with us! Students from around the world come to Swan every year, so why not join them?

At Swan, you can be sure of a hundred thousand welcomes!



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