



BLACKROCK COLLEGE JUNIOR PROGRAMME GUIDE 2020



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Standard residential :11-15 YEARS

Host family accommodation: 12-17 YEARS

27TH JUNE TO 15TH AUGUST 2020

AGE: 11-17 YEARS

GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS





BLACKROCK COLLEGE

The seaside town of Blackrock, overlooking Dublin bay, is famous for its shops, cafés and weekend market. Blackrock College lies four miles from Dublin city centre. ATC's comprehensive programme offers a wide range of games, sport and excursions while studying English on the college's charming, picturesque grounds.

DATES CAMPUS OPERATES:

27th June – 15th August 2020

AGE PROFILE:

Group and Individuals

Residential

Age: 11-15 years

Host Family

Age: 12-17 years

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION:

2 weeks

ADDRESS:

ATC Language Schools,
Blackrock College,
Rock Road,
Blackrock,
Co. Dublin.

STANDARD PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- **RESIDENTIAL:** Full board accommodation (2 to 5 bedded rooms and 1 multi-bedded dormitory)
- **HOST FAMILY:** Full board accommodation with a carefully selected family (packed lunch provided by family). Supplement of €50 per week for hot lunch in college Monday to Friday, must be pre-booked
- Two students of the same group per family
- 15 hours of English language tuition per week
- Alternate weekly morning and afternoon classes
- Use of textbooks and ATC Journal
- Graded certificate and end of course report
- ATC Online Platform throughout stay and for 12 weeks after departure
- 3 half-day activities per week including Arts & Crafts, drama and Irish sports
- Comprehensive sports activities including swimming (once per stay)
- 1 cultural half-day excursion per week by coach including entrance fee
- 1 full-day excursion by coach per week with entrance fee
- Evening programme includes discos, Irish night, films and other activities

Travel passes must be purchased by all students and group leaders in host families

VENUE

LOCATION:

Blackrock is a well renowned suburb of Dublin. It is a largely residential area and is only 8km south of Dublin city centre. There are frequent buses and trains (DART), which will have you in the heart of the city within 15 minutes.

Blackrock College is a large educational complex. It has extensive wooded parklands and playing fields with a magnificent view of Dublin Bay. The school was originally opened in 1860. Part of this large complex includes 'The Castle', which is a historical building formerly called Williamstown Castle, built in 1780 which now acts as the residential accommodation.

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT:

Blackrock College is located approximately 20km from Dublin Airport. Journey time to the college is approximately 35 to 40 minutes depending on traffic.

AIRPORT TRANSFER:

If you booked an airport transfer, you will see your driver waiting with an ATC Language Schools sign in the arrivals hall, where you will see your full name or your agency's name. If you are unable to locate your driver or are delayed in the baggage claim, please call +353 877604092.

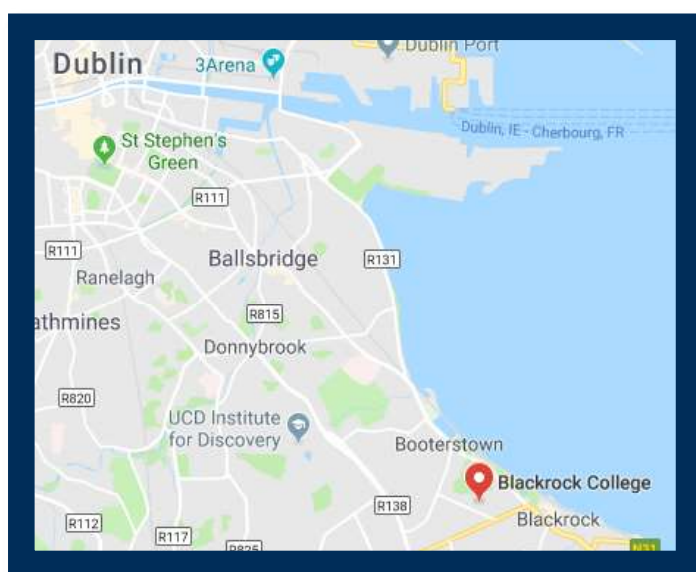
ARRIVAL PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS:

LIVING ON CAMPUS:

When you arrive at Blackrock College you will need to check in. An ATC member of staff will be there to assist you. You will need to complete some paperwork and provide the security deposit before you receive your room key.

LIVING WITH A HOST FAMILY:

You will either meet your host family at Blackrock College or you will be driven directly to the family's home. Host Families are located on and around the campus; all homes are located less than 30 minutes from the school. Travel passes must be purchased in advance by all students and group leaders in host families.



RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

BOARD STATUS:

All students staying in the residence are on a full board basis. Students will have breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Friday and at the weekends, will have breakfast and dinner on campus and will receive a packed lunch. Students staying with Host Families are also on full board basis, however, they will receive a packed lunch daily. There is a supplement for host family students of €50 per week if they wish to have hot lunches in the college Monday to Friday. This request must be made at the time of booking.

TYPE OF ROOM:

Accommodation in Blackrock College is divided into twin, triple, four and five bedded rooms. Showers and toilets are situated on each floor. Multi-bedded rooms are also available for younger students.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION:

The castle, which is a listed Georgian property, has undergone extensive refurbishment in the last 3 years and accommodates approximately 100 people. Boys and girls will be accommodated in separate buildings. There is Wi-Fi access on campus.

ROOMS INCLUDE:

- Bed
- Wardrobe
- Linen
- Side locker

LINEN & TOWELS:

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

CLEANING:

Bedrooms will be cleaned daily and rubbish removed by the cleaning staff during the week. During occupancy bed linen will be replaced once per week. Rooms will be fully serviced between occupancies.

LAUNDRY:

Laundry for students staying in the college is included in the package and is done once a week.

ACCOMMODATION RULES:

- Students must keep their room clean and tidy. Rooms should be left in the same condition as when the students arrive.
- Students are not allowed to invite guests into the residence.
- Students who are not residing in the accommodation are not allowed to stay in the rooms.
- Girls are not allowed to stay in the boys' rooms and vice versa.
- Students are responsible for any damage/breakages caused to school/accommodation property.
- Students who have lost/misplaced room keys must be accompanied by a group leader to gain access to their rooms.



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.

KEYS:

Room keys will be provided to each student. Lost or broken keys can be replaced by Blackrock College staff at a cost of approximately €15 each, should a key be subsequently found the cost will be refunded to the student.

HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION



HOST FAMILY ACCOMMODATION:

All of our host families are inspected by our Accommodation Manager and are carefully selected for their high standards along with their friendliness and hospitality.

Our host families will provide our junior students with a twin room on a full board basis. This includes breakfast, packed lunch and dinner; Monday to Sunday. Host families will provide students with shower facilities on a daily basis and laundering of clothes, bed-linen and towels on a weekly basis.

Our Host Families are located in the South of Dublin city in areas such as Donnybrook, Sandymount, Booterstown, Blackrock, Dun Laoghaire and Glenageary. All host families are within walking distance of public transport.

HOST FAMILY RULES:

- Accommodation will be in a twin room on a full board basis and will include breakfast, packed lunch and dinner.
Dinner is usually eaten early between 18:00 and 19:00. Please inform your host family before 15:00 if you will return late for dinner.
- Smoking, the consumption of alcohol and other drugs is strictly forbidden and junior students are not allowed to have overnight guests.
- Your host family is not obliged to give you a key. You will need to discuss the laundry arrangements with your 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 22:00.

LESSONS

LOCATION:

Classes will take place on Blackrock College campus.

COURSE:

Student's first lesson will take place the day after arrival (unless this is at the weekend or the scheduled day for full day excursions).

Lessons will be 3 hours and 20 minutes per day, for a total of 200 minutes. Students will get their full 30 hours General English over a standard two week programme even in the case of midweek arrivals. Students will have two lessons per day with two different teachers, giving them the opportunity to experience different teaching techniques and methods during their course.

Mornings: Monday to Friday on an alternate weekly morning from 9:00 to 12:50 (with a 30 minute break).

Afternoons: from 14:00 to 17:50 (with a 30 minute break).

EDUCATION FRAMEWORK:

Lessons are delivered using the communicative approach and provide an interactive and engaging learning experience for all students. Lessons have also been developed using the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Levels from A1 (Elementary) to C1 (Advanced) are offered.

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:

An ATC learning journal and all learning materials will be made available to the students with a graded certificate and end of course report being presented 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.

FIRST DAY:

On the first day of classes, students will take a placement test, this is designed to establish their level to allow the academic staff to determine the students' abilities and place them in a group with similar language capabilities. Once the test is completed, students will be provided with their class timetable, activities schedule, and will be given a welcome talk. They will be shown where the ATC Language School Manager's office is located and shown how to locate their classrooms.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance at Blackrock 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.

MEALS

MEDICAL



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 at the weekends, will receive a packed lunch. Students staying in host families are also on full board basis, however, they will receive a packed lunch daily. If a host family student wishes to have a hot lunch on campus, this request must be made at time of booking. There is a supplement of €50 per week for this option.

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: 08:00

Lunch: 12:30

Dinner: 18:00

SAMPLE MENU:

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Selection of fruit juice * Selection of cereals * Fresh fruit x 1 piece * Selection of bread/toast * Selection of butters & preserves * Scones/muffin/pastries (choice of 1 daily) * Hot chocolate /Tea/Coffee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cottage pie, garden peas & baby potatoes <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baked white fish with a pesto, tomato & olive crust with peas & baby potato * Salad bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Roast chicken, stuffing, chasseur sauce, roast potato & fresh mixed veg <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pork escallop, roast potato & mixed veg * Salad bar * Dessert: Mixed summer fruit crumble & fresh cream

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.

HEALTH & TRAVEL INSURANCE:

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

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 students' expense (including transport where necessary). Group Leaders will be required to accompany the student in such circumstances.

LOCAL FACILITIES:

LOCAL DOCTOR:

Blackrock Medical Centre,
2 Frascati Park, Blackrock, Co.Dublin
Phone: +35312888363

LOCAL DENTIST:

Booterstown Dental Practice, 115 Rock Rd, Blackrock, Co. Dublin
Phone: +353 1 288 5746

LOCAL HOSPITAL:

St. Vincents University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4
P: 00353 1 221 4000

STUDENT WELFARE

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 Blackrock 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 as an average budget per week. This can be used in emergencies, for buying souvenirs or for the little extras that students like to do with friends.

CURFEW TIMES:

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.

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:

The programme incorporates 3 half day activities including; arts & crafts and sports, 1 half day cultural visit and 1 full day excursion per week, both entrance fees and transport are included.

Blackrock College offers a wide range of on-site activities every afternoon and an evening programme seven nights a week.

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.

SPORTS & RECREATION:

Blackrock College offers excellent sports facilities including an indoor gym, numerous soccer and rugby playing fields, tennis courts, athletics track, indoor swimming pool, basketball and volley ball courts, games room and common rooms.

SAFE:

A safe is available for the security of students' belongings at Blackrock 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 Blackrock College, ATC Language Schools will supply all students with a student identity card. Students must carry their card with them at all times.

DELIVERIES:

Mail and other deliveries for students will be passed on to the Centre Manager for distribution. Please address items to :
(Student's Name)
C/O ATC Language Schools,
Blackrock College,
Rock Road,
Blackrock,
Co. Dublin,
Ireland.



WHAT'S NEW?

ATC ONLINE:

12 week subscription now included in the package:

Every ATC Summer Centre package will include access to ATC Online. The digital platform will not only be accessible to students upon arrival, but also allows them to take advantage of the online course material available for up to 12 weeks after their departure.



ATC PROJECTS:

ATC Club – Gamezone

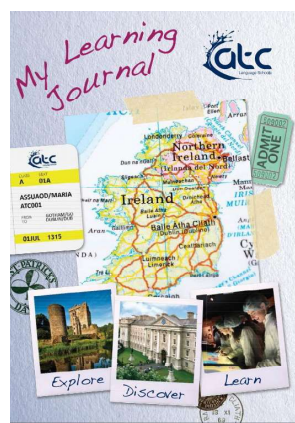
Students will combine mental and physical skills in a relaxed and fun environment to participate in on-campus activities devised by ATC.

ATC LEARNING JOURNAL:

All students attending our summer centres will be gifted one of our new ATC learning journals. The learning journal is our own specially designed summer experience workbook that integrates the ATC junior syllabus with our activities programme. This consolidates classroom material with students' experiential learning, allowing them to work on their written English in an outdoor setting. Our learning journal features information related to the excursions provided as part of the social programme, allowing students to fully immerse themselves in their cultural experience of Ireland. Not only that but the learning journal will support students during their 12 week access period to ATC Online.



**CLICK HERE
TO SEE A
SAMPLE OF
OUR
LEARNING
JOURNAL**



WHY CHOOSE BLACKROCK?

- Host family for over 30 years!
- Residential option
- On - site activities
- On - site swimming pool
- Blackrock College is a prestigious school and some of Ireland's famous heroes such as Éamon de Valera (Ireland's First Taoiseach/ Prime Minister) and rugby legend Brian O'Driscoll studied here!



BLACKROCK COLLEGE - SAMPLE PROGRAMME

STANDARD PROGRAMME INCLUDES:

- 3 half-day activities per week including arts & crafts, drama and Irish sports
- Comprehensive sports activities including swimming (once per stay)
- 1 cultural half-day excursion per week by coach including entrance fee
- 1 full-day excursion by coach per week with entrance fee
- Evening programme includes discos, Irish night, films and other activities

NOTES:

- Full-day excursions & half-day cultural visits will be assigned and confirmed prior to arrival
- Tours can not be changed once approved
- Additional tours can be arranged if requested but only prior to arrival

ATC Junior Summer Course Blackrock Centre



Group Name: **YOUR GROUP** Summer 2020

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Week One						
MORNING	Arrival: Private transfer from Dublin Airport to campus	Full Day Excursion by private coach with ATC Activity Leader	Lessons 9:00- 10:40 Break 10:40-11:10 Lessons 11:10-12:50	Lessons 9:00- 10:40 Break 10:40-11:10 Lessons 11:10-12:50	Lessons 9:00- 10:40 Break 10:40-11:10 Lessons 11:10-12:50	Lessons 9:00- 10:40 Break 10:40-11:10 Lessons 11:10-12:50	Lessons 9:00- 10:40 Break 10:40-11:10 Lessons 11:10-12:50
AFTERNOON			Cultural Half Day Visit with ATC Activity Leader	ATC Gamezone/ Sports	Arts & Crafts/ Drama/ Irish Sports/ ATC Gamezone	Half Day Visit with ATC Activity Leader	ATC Gamezone/ Sports
EVENING			Karoke	Marble Challenge	ATC Cinema	Disco	Irish Night
	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Week Two						
MORNING	Free Day with Group Leaders	Full Day Excursion by Private Coach with ATC Activity Leader	Arts & Crafts/ Drama/ Irish Sports/ ATC Gamezone	Cultural Half Day Visit with ATC Activity Leader	Arts & Crafts/ Drama/ Irish Sports/ ATC Gamezone	ATC Gamezone/ Sports Activities	Arts & Crafts/ Drama/ Irish Sports/ ATC Gamezone
AFTERNOON			Lessons 14:00- 15:40 Break 15:40-16:10 Lessons 16:10-17:50	Lessons 14:00- 15:40 Break 15:40-16:10 Lessons 16:10-17:50	Lessons 14:00- 15:40 Break 15:40-16:10 Lessons 16:10-17:50	Lessons 14:00- 15:40 Break 15:40-16:10 Lessons 16:10-17:50	Lessons 14:00- 15:40 Break 15:40-16:10 Lessons 16:10-17:50
EVENING			Lip Sync Battle	Selfie Challenge	Disco	Treasure Hunt	Egg Drop Challenge

RULES & DISCIPLINE

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:

Smoking is strictly prohibited on campus. The legal age to purchase cigarettes in Ireland is 18.

DRUGS:

Any student found in the possession of illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion and repatriation at the students' 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.

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 Blackrock College.

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.

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.

PARENTAL CONSENT:

If students are to be exempt from any sports or recreational activities or have permission to leave Blackrock College campus unsupervised, ATC Languages Schools must receive a signed consent form from the students' parents. ATC languages school at Blackrock College is officially not accountable for the student during the period of time.

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 instantaneously by either our academic staff or activity staff as they usually attend to either their class or leisure activities.

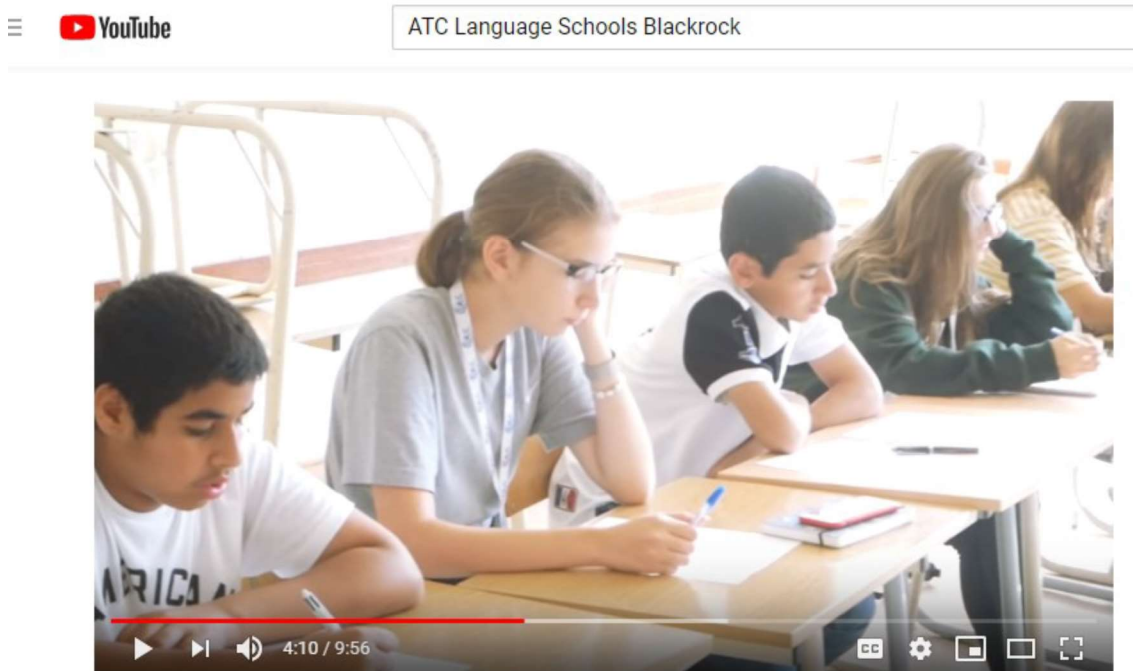
If the problem cannot be resolved immediately, the staff at Blackrock College will endeavour to find a solution as quickly as possible.

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 on-going issue and the progress in resolving the situation.



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