



*Foyle students at the Giant's Causeway*

DERRY~LONDONDERRY · NORTHERN IRELAND

# Junior *Summer* School 2027

English lessons, new friends and the north coast of Ireland, for students aged 13–18.

AGES 13–18 | 2 OR 3 WEEKS | HOMESTAY | INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS

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WELCOME

# Welcome to *Foyle* International

This summer, give your child the chance to learn English, meet new friends and explore Northern Ireland.

As Northern Ireland's longest-established English language school, we have been teaching English since 1990, and we were the first school in Northern Ireland to be accredited by the British Council.

Every July and August we run our Junior Summer School in Derry for young learners. Our approach is educational tourism: students improve their English, learn about local culture, explore the region and use what they learn in class in real situations.

At Foyle International the needs of the student come first, and respect and understanding are central to everything we do. We will make sure your child receives the best of Irish hospitality, and that their classes are productive and enjoyable.



**Paul Murray**
Director, Foyle International

ABOUT DERRY

## Top 3
friendliest cities in the British Isles

## Safe
Northern Ireland has one of the lowest crime rates in Europe

## Affordable
the most affordable city in the UK, and one of the most affordable in Ireland

## ~110k
people: a compact city, not crowded with international students, so you speak more English







WHY NORTHERN IRELAND

# The *best of both* worlds

Derry sits on the border of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. Students get the best of British education, together with the culture, literature, hospitality and landscapes the island of Ireland is famous for, in an English-speaking place few students have discovered.

## Why *Derry?*

- Friendly locals
- One of the most affordable cities in the UK and Ireland
- Safe and compact, with a real "city feel"
- A historic walled city, with the north coast and Donegal on the doorstep

## Why *Foyle International?*

- 35+ years teaching English and running summer schools
- The student is at the centre of everything we do
- Personal service: we get to know every student
- Hands-on staff who are visible and easy to reach
- A small, family-run, passionate team
- Staff trained in safeguarding and welfare
- 24/7 emergency contact numbers
- Accredited by the British Council

Accredited by the BRITISH COUNCIL for the teaching of English in the UK

ENGLISHUK member

THE PROGRAMME

# Junior Summer School *at a glance*

LEVELS A2–C1 | INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS | JULY – AUGUST

## What's *included*

- **15 hours of English a week**, Monday to Friday, 9.30am–1pm (60-minute lessons)
- **5 afternoon and 2 evening activities** each week
- **1 full-day excursion** every weekend
- **Full-board homestay**: breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal
- Pre-course online placement test
- Course materials and end-of-course certificate
- 24-hour emergency contact

## Course *details*

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|---|---|
| **Ages** | 13–18 (18-year-olds follow junior rules) |
| **Levels** | A2 to C1 |
| **Class size** | Maximum 15 students |
| **Length** | 2 or 3 weeks |
| **Dates** | July and August. 2027 dates to be confirmed |
| **Arrival** | Sunday, with classes starting Monday |
| **Departure** | Sunday |
| **Venue** | North West Regional College (NWRC), Strand Road, Derry |

2 WEEKS
**£1,400**
per student

3 WEEKS
**£1,800**
per student

### Not included

- Administration fee - £100
- Special diets - £30 per week
- Local transport - £25 per week
- Airport transfer







OUR CLASSES

# Learning that *grows* the whole person

Our themes are Global Citizenship and Wellbeing. The programme has two strands, an English Language Module and a Social Activities Module, and the same themes and learning goals run through both. Students develop linguistically and socially, whatever their background, and have fun doing it.

## Learner *centred*

Students learn and practise English in an authentic, learner-centred way. Experienced, enthusiastic teachers and a carefully planned syllabus help them build their target skills in a supportive environment.

## Global citizenship *& wellbeing*

Students learn in the way that suits their style and interests. Weekly culturally themed projects keep lessons relevant, and technology is encouraged for learning inside and outside the classroom.

## Language *development*

Classes give learners as much time as possible to speak and produce English, building confidence and independent learning, along with creative and critical thinking.

## Programme *aims*

- Develop key language and social skills
- A safe place to take on new challenges
- Creative use of technology for learning
- A sense of global citizenship and shared responsibility
- Positive relationships in school and the wider community





AFTER CLASS

# The social *programme*

Our team of Foyle Social Co-ordinators leads a mix of cultural, creative, social and sports activities every week, in the afternoons and some evenings. Five afternoon and two evening activities are included each week.
















Walled city tour | Mural tour | Irish céilí dancing | Treasure hunt | Sports | Karaoke | Arts & crafts

EXAMPLE PROGRAMME · WEEK 1

# A typical *first week* in Derry

*Activities change from summer to summer. This is an example of the kind of week your child can expect.*

| DAY | MORNING 9.30AM–1PM | AFTERNOON 2–4PM | EVENING 7–9PM |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday** | **Welcome meeting & English class**<br>Meet the team, then the first lesson | **Orientation: getting to know Derry**<br>A walk around the city centre and the places students will use | *Evening with host family* |
| **Tuesday** | **English class** | **Derry Mural Tour**<br>Derry's famous murals and the stories behind them | **Irish céilí dancing**<br>Learn a few traditional steps |
| **Wednesday** | **English class** | **Arts & Crafts: Mural Designs**<br>Students design a mural of their own in teams | *Evening with host family* |
| **Thursday** | **English class** | **Athletic games**<br>Team games and races outdoors | **Musical bingo**<br>Name that tune, win a prize |
| **Friday** | **English class** | **The Great Derry Treasure Hunt!**<br>Team up and discover Derry | *Evening with host family* |
| **Saturday** | FULL-DAY EXCURSION<br>**Belfast City**<br>Group meets at the Guildhall Square in the morning | | |
| **Sunday** | *Free day with host family* | | |

English classes every weekday morning · Lunch break 1–2pm · Evening activities and excursions meet at the Guildhall Square

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EXAMPLE PROGRAMME · WEEK 2

# Settled in and *making memories*

*By week two, students know their way around and their English is growing every day.*

| DAY | MORNING 9.30AM–1PM | AFTERNOON 2–4PM | EVENING 7–9PM |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Monday** | English class | **Video Challenge**<br>A video challenge around local landmarks | *Evening with host family* |
| **Tuesday** | English class | **Cathedral tour**<br>A visit to one of the city's historic cathedrals | **Karaoke**<br>Sing it out in English |
| **Wednesday** | English class | **Book Review**<br>Read, discuss and share a favourite story, and make bookmarks | *Evening with host family* |
| **Thursday** | English class | **Sports extravaganza**<br>An afternoon of team sports and friendly competition | **Leaving party**<br>Music, dancing and goodbyes |
| **Friday** | English class | **Random Acts of Kindness**<br>Small good deeds around the city, chatting with locals | *Evening with host family* |
| **Saturday** | FULL-DAY EXCURSION<br>**The Giant's Causeway**<br>Group meets at the Guildhall Square in the morning | | |
| **Sunday** | *Departure day: goodbyes and travel home* | | |

This is an example programme. Activities, excursions and timings may differ each summer.

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WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

# Explore the *island of Ireland*

Every weekend there is a full-day excursion to places of cultural, historic and natural interest, usually 9.30am to 5pm.



## The Giant's *Causeway*

40,000 basalt columns on the Causeway Coast, Co. Antrim, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Belfast *City*

A full day in Northern Ireland's capital, with City Hall, the Ulster Museum and the city centre.



## Inishowen, *Donegal*

Wild Atlantic beaches, Glenevin waterfall at Clonmany, Fort Dunree and the Grianán of Aileach.







Excursions may vary each summer

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ACCOMMODATION

# A home from *home*

Every student lives with a local Derry host family, enjoys home-cooked meals and becomes part of everyday Northern Irish life.



- Experienced hosts, and we know every one of them personally
- Every home visited and vetted, with criminal disclosure background checks (AccessNI check)
- All homes on a city bus route, no more than 35 minutes from school
- Annual inspection visits by our Accommodation Officer

**Full board:** breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal

## WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THEIR HOSTS

*"My host made this experience the best possible. She always cared about our needs and well-being and I can't imagine a better host. I am incredibly grateful to have been able to stay with her."*

Karla, aged 14

*"I had a great time with my hosts and their children. The host parents really made us feel like we were part of the family!"*

Sheyla, aged 15

*"I really love the experience with my host. They're so kind... One day, they took us to Buncrana, and we go with them to the beach. I really recommend this host for other students."*

Noa, aged 16

*"The best people in the world!"*

Mateo, aged 15

*"It was different and amazing"*

Sara, aged 14







FOR PARENTS

# Safety, care *& good to know*

## A typical *weekday*

English class 9.30am–1pm · Lunch 1–2pm · Afternoon activity 2–4pm · Evening activities two nights a week, 7–9pm.

## Supervision

Students are supervised during breaks, lunch and all afternoon and evening activities. Journeys to and from classes and activities are not supervised, and students must keep their host informed of where they are at all times.

## Meeting point

Evening activities and excursions meet at the Guildhall Square, in the heart of Derry.

## Curfew, *every night*

**9.30pm** for 13–15 year olds · **10.30pm** for 16–18 year olds




### Trusted, checked people

All staff, teachers, Activity Leaders and hosts have completed a criminal record (Criminal Disclosure) check. Staff are trained in safeguarding and welfare, with a 24-hour emergency number.

## Before your child travels

Please tell us about any medical, dietary or support needs before arrival, and make sure your child has adequate medical and travel insurance. Our Insurance, Health & Safety, Child Protection and Data Protection policies are available on request from **info@foyle.eu**.

CAMPUS & TRAVEL

# Getting *here*




## The *campus*

Classes take place in the Tower Building at North West Regional College (NWRC), Strand Road, in Derry city centre, with spacious modern classrooms, recreation areas, a sports hall and an auditorium.

City centre · 10 min from bus station · Bus stop outside

## By *air*

Three main airports serve Derry:

1. **Belfast International**
2. **Belfast City**
3. **Dublin**

For groups we can arrange a private coach from any of these airports. Individuals can book Meet & Greet and a private transfer.




*"It was a really good experience and I recommend all the people to come to Derry because it is so beautiful and the people here are so kind."*

Maurice, Germany



BOOK FOR SUMMER 2027

# Contact *us*

For individual or group bookings, get in touch.

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