



Avanti Language Institute Ireland

English
Courses





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Welcome



‘Céad Mile Fáilte’ — a hundred thousand Irish welcomes from Avanti Language Institute, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland! We are a small, high quality language school with a commitment to excellence. Join us at Avanti for a magical experience you will always remember.



Avanti Language Institute

Avanti Language Institute is a small, high quality English language school in Co. Kildare. It is recognised by ACELS, a service of Quality and Qualifications Ireland, for English language teaching (ELT), the school is also a member of MEI (Marketing English in Ireland).

We guarantee that every student at *Avanti* will receive English language training of the highest standard. Our students' satisfaction rate is extremely high and we can boast many students who repeat year after year. The atmosphere at *Avanti* is always friendly, personal and highly professional; we deal quickly and efficiently with any requests or questions students may have.

You can be sure of a very warm welcome at *Avanti Language Institute*. The open door policy we operate allows students to speak to us at any time. Our helpful staff and dynamic team of experienced, motivated and highly qualified teachers provide individual attention and small class sizes are guaranteed.



Why choose Avanti ?

S

Small class sizes — maximum 12 students for adult classes and 15 for junior classes

H

Highly qualified, experienced teachers — all native speakers of English

S

Students' self-study room with computers and a library

U

Unique *Experience Ireland* programme

E

Excellent host families — a lot of them are within walking distance of the school

G

Great location — close to Dublin; direct bus routes to / from Dublin Airport and Dublin City Centre

I

Internationally mixed classes

H

High standard academic programmes

F

Friendly, family-like atmosphere

E

Exciting and varied social programme throughout the year

Q

Quality school with a professional service

I

Individual attention for every student



Your First Day

You will have warm, happy memories of Avanti for many years to come!

On arrival at *Avanti Language Institute*, every student is welcomed by our Director of Studies and members of our staff. All students are given our original *Grammar and Speaking Placement Test* to accurately determine their current level of English. Following this test, students attend an induction where they are given information about their host families, opening a bank account etc. Students are then given a welcome pack.

After the induction we give you the result of your placement test and you are then placed in a class at an appropriate level. Importantly, during your first week, the Director of Studies will meet with you individually to review your level and answer any questions you may have. Every student is monitored closely and tested regularly by our teachers to ensure they are always at the correct learning level.

Our team is there to help you throughout your time with us and to guarantee your whole language learning experience in Ireland is one you will have warm and happy memories of *Avanti* for many years to come.



Social Programme

Our social programme is rich, varied and exciting

For adult and junior students an active, exciting and varied range of social activities is available throughout the year. Our social programme plays an integral part in helping our students enjoy their stay in Ireland. The participation rate of students at Avanti is remarkably high and students naturally bond with each other through these activities.

Because of our fantastic location, we are close to so many wonderful amenities, able to avail of so many great activities that we are spoilt for choice; Irish Pub Nights, Irish Dancing, Greyhound Racing, Paintball, Kayaking, Trips to various attractions in Dublin, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, Glendalough, Powerscourt, Giant's Causeway and so much more.





Accommodation

At Avanti, we understand that accommodation is a vitally important part of your stay while attending our language courses.

Whether it is a host family, flat, B&B etc., each one is visited by our staff before being accepted on to our accommodation list. We carefully monitor each place to guarantee they are maintaining the highest standards and meeting our students' needs. This monitoring process includes student feedback through students' personal contact with our staff as well as student questionnaires.

Host Family

Spending time with your host family is another great opportunity to practise your English and get an insight into the culture of Ireland, the Irish people and the English speaking world. Our host families are excellent – they are friendly, warm and welcoming; the houses clean and comfortable – most of them live within walking distance of the school. They will provide half-board accommodation for adult students with single room, breakfast & dinner; Junior students get full-board.

Deluxe Host Family

These families offer a 5-star hotel-like service and students can enjoy a normal host family life at the same time (*limited availability*).







Room Rent with Host Family

An ideal option for long-term students who would like to keep costs down but at the same time enjoy the company of an Irish host family. Students pay rent to the host family on a room-only basis, arrange their own food and laundry.

House or Flat Share

Another popular option for long-term students and it can be a really nice choice for someone who would like to be independent or be with fellow students. We can organise suitable accommodation to suit your individual needs.

Hotel or B&B

There are a number of excellent hotels (3 to 5 stars) and B&Bs near the school and most of them are within easy walking distance. We assure you a comfortable stay.

Ireland

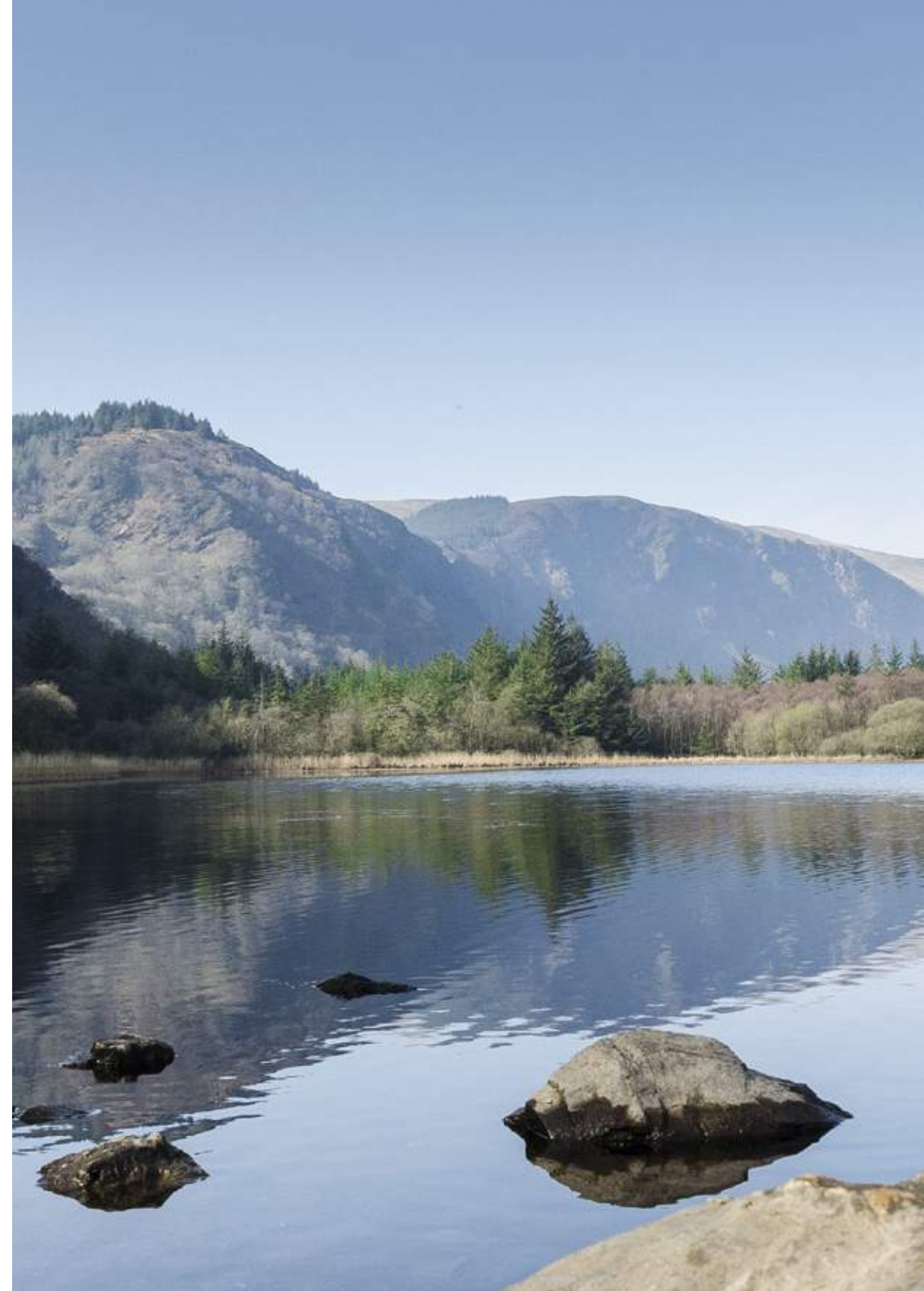
Experience Ireland for Yourself!

Ireland is an independent republic with a population of about 5 million people. Though a vibrant country making rapid progress and having one of the youngest populations in Europe, Ireland retains a strong sense of its history and rich cultural roots. Sometimes referred to as the “*Island of Saints & Scholars*”, Ireland has a long and prestigious tradition in education; a tradition going back 1500 years or more to a time when Irish monasteries were regarded, throughout Europe, as among the most important international centres of learning.

Ireland has provided the world with many of the greatest names in English literature – James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Jonathan Swift, Samuel Beckett and Seamus Heaney to mention just some. It has often been claimed that the best English is written and spoken in Ireland.

Ireland’s weather is temperate, never too hot or cold. Stunning scenery is always nearby – sometimes beautiful, green and romantic; sometimes rugged, wild and magnificent.

All these factors, together with the famous warmth, friendliness and hospitality of the Irish people, ensure that Ireland offers students a unique and magical atmosphere in which to learn English.



Naas, Co. Kildare

Learning English in Ireland is an unforgettable experience!

Avanti Language Institute is superbly situated in Naas, Co. Kildare; a location that represents the “best of both worlds” – rural and urban. Co. Kildare is well known as one of the world’s leading thoroughbred horsebreeding centres. Here you can visit the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens, watch horse racing at 3 top class racecourses or experience the fun of riding horses for yourself at the county’s many riding centres. Co. Kildare boasts more than twenty golf courses including the world famous *K Club* at Straffan, which has twice hosted *The Ryder Cup*.

There is so much to see and do in Co. Kildare. You can have a great night out at the Greyhound Racing Stadium or enjoy shopping at Kildare Village, one of Europe’s top shopping experiences with more than 50 luxury outlet boutiques.

The numerous canals and waterways in Kildare mean that it is an ideal location for canoeing, kayaking, fishing or just walking along by the water.

Naas is the main town in Co. Kildare. Surrounded by the lovely natural scenery of Co. Kildare, Naas is a lively, cosmopolitan town of just over 20,000 people. It is only 30 minutes by car, train or bus from Dublin’s City Centre and Dublin Airport; the buses to and from both stop right outside our school.

Naas has many restaurants, cafes, music venues and of course pubs; it has museums, cinemas and a popular modern theatre. The atmosphere of the town is friendly, welcoming and alive.





Avanti Language Institute provides a wide range of courses that have been carefully designed to meet the general and particular needs of our students. We are experts in helping students become effective communicators in English.

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General English

General English is the core that forms the basis of all English learning, whatever your goal may be. It can be combined effectively with a range of different courses we offer, such as Exam Preparation, Business English etc.



Intensive English

Our *Intensive English* courses run all year round for students aged 16 years and over who wish to improve their overall English language skills.

These courses are available at all levels from Elementary (A1) to Advanced (C1).

They take place every morning from Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm. This course consists of 20 × 55-minute lessons per week.



Intensive English Plus

This course combines the *Intensive English Morning* group course with a 90-minute afternoon *Elective** group class. Students can choose to do two (Monday & Wednesday / Tuesday & Thursday) or four (Monday–Thursday) *Elective* classes per week as part of this course. These *Electives* are 90-minute per day afternoon group classes designed to complement the *Intensive English* morning course. Students will be offered the following choice of *Electives*:

- a. Business English
 - b. IELTS Preparation
 - c. Conversation & Pronunciation
 - d. Irish History & Culture;
- other options are also available.

* *Electives* (group) are only available to students at Intermediate (B1) level and above.





Intensive English Plus 1-to-1

This combines an *Intensive English* morning group course with 90-minute afternoon 1-to-1 lessons. In the morning group class, students can improve on all aspects of English while in the afternoon private lessons, they can tackle specific areas of English that they need to work on.

Students can choose to do 1-to-1* lessons two afternoons per week (3 hours in total) or four afternoons per week (6 hours in total) as part of this course.

* Electives (1-to-1) are available at all levels.

Experience Ireland

At Avanti, we are in a unique position to offer the following magical, never-to-be forgotten 'Experience Ireland'. Combining English language lessons with an activity of your choice, will help you truly feel part of the culture, atmosphere and passion of Ireland.





English Plus Horse Riding

Adults & Juniors

Co. Kildare, world famous for horses, is known as the Thoroughbred County. Surrounded by such an environment, you may regret it if you go back to your country without spending time with these wonderful creatures.

Avanti Language Institute offers two completely different options to students to suit their needs: the standard *Equestrian Centre* option and *Home Stay Equestrian Holiday* option. Both options cater for all age groups and riding levels from beginner to advanced and the instructors are all fully qualified professionals.

Range of Packages & Prices

Our *English plus Horse Riding* programme consists of morning English lessons followed by an afternoon riding camp or private lessons.

We are delighted to offer you a once in a lifetime experience!



**Equestrian Centre
Trekking & Jumping**

Horse riding at a reputable Equestrian Centre
Trekking and Jumping

Lessons in groups with other Irish or
foreign students

Helmets and boots can be borrowed
at the centre for free

Accommodation: standard host family
Group lessons or private lessons
(available throughout the year)

Available for any number of students



**Homestay Equestrian
Holidays**

Horse riding at a qualified riding
instructor's house (flexible riding time)

Students stay with the instructor
and the instructor's family

Lessons are likely to be individual but
could be with one other foreign student

Students need to bring their
own helmets and boots

Family consists of mother (instructor),
father and their daughter who could
also ride with the student

Available for up to three students at any one time



English Plus Golf

Adults & Juniors

Co. Kildare is a dream destination for golf lovers. With so many fine golf courses near our school, you can get into the 'swing of things' by taking this popular option.

There are three golf courses in Naas alone and more than twenty in Co. Kildare including the world-renowned *K Club* at Straffan which has hosted *The European Open* and *The Ryder Cup*. One of the quality golf clubs we work with is only a 2-minute drive from our school.

Avanti offers four great *English plus Golf* options for both adults and juniors, in combination with any of the English language courses we offer.

Rounds of Golf, 18 Holes*

Rounds of Golf plus 9-Hole Playing Lessons with the Club Professional*

Three Weeks Golf Camp*

Ideal for small groups; includes multiple rounds of golf, playing lessons with the club professional, video swing analysis, focus on the short game, long game and putting, course management and so much more.

This is an exciting, comprehensive and increasingly popular option.

Executive Individual Intensive plus Golf

We are also happy to organise tailor-made *English plus Golf* programmes for adults and juniors to suit groups and individuals.

Perfect for busy people who not only want to improve their English quickly, but also like to enjoy time relaxing after studying. Here you can combine your 1-to-1 English lessons with rounds of golf and, if you like, golf lessons too.

* 2-6pm, Monday to Friday



English Plus Farm Stay

Agriculture and farming are very important to Ireland and its culture. Make your stay in Ireland extra special by spending time at an Irish farm surrounded by horses, black-faced sheep and cows!

Get work experience on a farm while studying English! If you are an Agriscience or agronomy student, why not let us arrange visits to a wide range of Irish farms?

We offer four different options to cater for students' different needs, from individual students to big groups. We are also happy to customise each option to suit your individual needs!

Internship or Work Experience

This is perfect for students who have experience in some area(s) of agriculture, Agriscience or horse riding. We can arrange for the students to do an internship or work experience in a relevant environment such as a farm or stud. The conditions of the internship may differ in each case, depending on each student's particular experience and area of interest.

The student does an internship at a farm or stud. He/She may or may not be paid depending on the arrangement but can stay at the accommodation provided by the farm or stud for free. They study English in the morning at *Avanti* and help out with the daily chores at the farm or stud.



Agriscience Groups

Ireland is a very popular destination for international groups who study Agriscience or Agronomy. We can arrange a customised trip for such groups, including visits to a variety of farms in different parts of Ireland where they can learn about every aspect of farming from the actual day-to-day work, farm machinery, presentations from big farm owners etc.

Farm Stay Holiday

For students who come over to Ireland not just to study but also to enjoy an idyllic holiday break in the countryside, what could be better than spending a short time at a farm with high quality accommodation in lovely countryside surroundings?

During your stay at the award-winning organic farm we work with, you can enjoy meals based on the meats produced on the farm, fruit and vegetables. On your arrival at the farm, you will be welcomed by the Host Mother with her home-made scones and a warm cup of tea or coffee. The farm is your 'home from home' while you stay there.



A peaceful stress-free getaway in a haven of tranquility is promised. This farm stay should be taken prior to or after your English language course at our school.

Luxurious Farm Stay with Horses

If you want to make your stay extra luxurious and if you would like to enjoy a short stay in the countryside, possibly even enjoying a bit of horse riding at the Host family's accommodation, this option is for you! You will stay with the owner's family at a large country house set in beautiful gardens and landscape.

The host mother is a qualified chef who provides her guests with delicious, quality meals. Guests can freely roam the grounds around the house, enjoy some horse riding with the family's horses etc.

This option is taken at the same time as the English language course at *Avanti* as the host mother provides lifts to and from our school everyday.

For more information please visit avantilanguage.com or email info@avantilanguage.com

English Plus Music

Learn how to play
Irish traditional music
and study English
at the same time!

There is a rich variety of traditional Irish instruments to choose from including the fiddle, harp, tin whistle and *bodhran* (Irish drum). Music is such a central part of Irish culture, this will be a fantastic opportunity for you to grasp its essence. If you prefer you also have the chance to study other musical instruments in combination with Intensive English such as piano, guitar, saxophone, or other styles of music like Jazz, Rock, Classical. All you have to do is let us know your specific requirements and we will customise an *English Plus Music* course for you. Our music teachers are experienced and highly trained with excellent qualifications. Lessons take place at our school or at a music school beside us.

You can choose from two options, in combination with any of the English language courses we offer.

Stay Local

You study English in the morning from 9am–1pm and learn an instrument of your choice in the afternoon at *Avanti*.

Make It a Holiday Experience

After your study period with us (a minimum of 1 week) you can join this unique *Irish Music & Culture Holiday* experience in another part of Ireland. This is a unique opportunity to learn Irish music in an authentic, rural Irish setting.

Your personal teacher is one of Ireland's most talented traditional musicians, who has performed around the world in major shows. You will be staying at the teacher's house with B&B service.



Over 50's Language & Culture

Closed groups only

A special *English Language & Cultural activities* course for like-minded people aged 50 and above. This fascinating 2-week course combines English language practice with an opportunity to explore Ireland's rich heritage, with a clear focus on the cultural and historical charms of Naas, Co. Kildare and Ireland as a whole. This course is for closed groups and is available several times a year for group bookings.



Exam Preparation

Cambridge CAE/FCE, IELTS, TOEIC & TIE

At Avanti Language Institute, we offer Cambridge Exam preparation courses for CAE (Certificate in Advanced English) and FCE (First Certificate in English). These are specialist 12-week courses that take place Monday to Friday, 2pm–5.15pm or 6pm–9.15pm.

The Cambridge and IELTS exams provide a benchmark for Colleges and Universities which require confirmation of a high standard of English, achieved by participants who wish to pursue undergraduate or post-graduate programmes. Success in these exams can also greatly help students in terms of enhancing their career prospects.

Preparation for IELTS may be done as a stand alone 15-hour per week course or as an Elective option in combination with our Intensive English morning course.

Preparation for TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) may be done as an Elective option (Group or 1-to-1) in combination with Intensive English (please see Intensive English Plus and Intensive English Plus). TOEIC is designed to indicate how well people can communicate in English in the workplace. In many parts of the world today, having a high mark in this test is a great asset to students in finding a good job.

Preparation for TIE (Test of Interactive English) is also available. TIE is an international EFL exam developed in Ireland under the supervision of ACELS.

All the above exam classes can also be taken as part-time courses in the evening for 3 hours per week. Please contact the school for details.



Business English

Our Business English courses are designed for busy professionals who want to improve their business communication skills. Avanti offers four great Business English options.



Executive Business Immersion Group

This course will suit those who wish to make rapid progress in a short period practising the language of international business communication in groups of 3-6 students.

Executive Individual Intensive

This course is based on 1-to-1 tuition and is extremely useful for people who need to focus on English for special purposes or on the English necessary for a particular profession or field of study or research. It is also ideal for those who are too busy to take a long holiday. On this course you may choose 10 to 50 individual lessons per week. The course content can be customised to suit your specific needs.

Ideal for those who are too busy to take a long holiday



Global Business Foundation

This programme is perfect for companies who wish to have their managers and employees expertly trained in key areas of Business English, such as Meetings, Presentations, Negotiations, Cross-Cultural Communication, Debates, E-Mail, Telephoning, Socializing in Business etc. Students can study some or all of these areas intensively over a 1 or 2-week period.



Executive Individual Intensive Plus Golf

After mornings studying English at *Avanti*, enjoy playing golf on wonderful local golf courses.

Please contact the school for further details at info@avantilanguage.com.



Junior Programme

Avanti's Junior Programme is second-to-none with many individual students and groups returning year after year. Our summer Junior Programme operates from mid-June to the end of August. Off-season Junior courses for groups are also popular and available throughout the year.





Junior Courses

The *Junior Courses* are available for students aged between 12 and 17 years of age, for the duration of 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks. The courses include morning English language lessons with a varied *Social Programme* in the afternoon, and full-day excursions on Saturdays. The students will stay with carefully-

selected host families, most of them within walking distance of the school. Our *Social Programme* is a central part of the *Junior Courses* – it includes sports, leisure and cultural activities and the students will get to see different aspects of Ireland, get to know the culture and bond with students from different countries.



English Plus Horse Riding

Juniors

Ireland is world famous for horses and Co. Kildare is at the centre of that reputation. Take advantage of our superb location and enjoy horse riding at some of the best international quality equestrian centres in Ireland, after your morning English lessons!

We can customise a special course to suit your requirements. Beginner or advanced riding level? No problem, no matter which option you choose, you will be able to learn from highly qualified instructors on a range of horses and ponies.



English Plus Golf

Juniors

This great combination course is becoming more and more popular with Junior students coming to *Avanti* from all over the world.

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Au Pair

This is a course for young women aged 18 to 30. It will suit those who wish to study English, gain work experience in a foreign country and earn money at the same time.

Avanti Language Institute will make arrangements where you will be matched with a family, carefully selected by us, who require some help with children and light housework.



Useful Information

Airport Transportation

Students have two very easy ways of getting to Naas from Dublin Airport.

- By *Dublin Coach*, direct coach bus from the Airport (available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, costs €10 approximately)
- By *Taxi* organised by the school

Visas

Some students may need to get a student visa to come and study in Ireland. All long-stay non-EU/EEA and non-Swiss citizens have to register on arrival with GNIB (Garda National Immigration Bureau).

Please contact us to find out the latest situation on visas before booking a course with *Avanti Language Institute* or visit avantilanguage.com/faq

Insurance

All students are advised to obtain medical & travel insurance in their own country prior to departure. *Avanti Language Institute* can also arrange insurance for you. Please contact us for further information on +353 45 881 661 or email info@avantilanguage.com

Certificate

On completion of the course, every student is presented with an *Avanti Language Institute* Certificate which includes their final grade and attendance.

Payment

If you are an '*International Student*', you can book a course by Bank Transfer (you need to send us a copy of the receipt) or by Credit Card over the phone. The payment must reach us no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of your course.

If you are a '*Local Student*', you can book a course in person at our school, by Laser or Credit Card over the phone, Cheque, Bank Draft or Bank Transfer. Full details on how to pay the course at avantilanguage.com/payment

Cancellations & Refunds

All fees paid are non-refundable and credits will only be allowed at the discretion of the management of *Avanti Language Institute*. Where a booking is made for a person requiring a visa, we will refund all outstanding course fees less an administration charge of €300, if the visa is not approved. If *Avanti Language Institute* has applied for the visa on behalf of the student the visa application fee is not refundable. To read more information please go to avantilanguage.com/terms-and-conditions

Safeguarding Policy

Safeguarding Policy for students aged under 18 is important, please read it at avantilanguage.com/safeguarding-policy

Emergency Service

We provide an emergency telephone contact number for our students which is live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Testimonials



Marie A.B.
France

A complete school with classes, a social programme and the library. Thanks and please keep up with the same levels of service!



Felipe De Moraes
Brazil

It's a lovely school. I wouldn't change anything...it has everything you need. Thank you!



Melissa Terrazas
Mexico

Since my first day, Avanti was a home to me, it was much more than just a school.



Weronika Trynkiewicz
Poland

It was a really great experience. I am really grateful to my parents that they sent me to this school.



Arnoldo Chavez
Mexico

This experience has been one of the most fabulous that I have had. I think it is a very friendly school and I could feel an atmosphere like home!



Mayara Langaro
Brazil

My experience here was the best one possible. My host family was lovely and treated me like a daughter.



Radu Constantinescu
Romania

I enjoyed all the activities. They were very joyful and exciting. I want to come next year.



Roberta Pira
Italy

My experience was brilliant. I'll never forget this period for the rest of my life. Avanti will be in my heart forever. Thank you!



Emilie Dulait
Belgium

This was a super experience. The teachers, the lessons the school...was super. My favourite activity was Horse Riding!



Joseph Boleau
France

I had a very good experience in Avanti, like last year!



Stella Thomsen
Germany

I really feel that I've improved my English. I feel much more self confident in speaking. Thanks!



Mariko Mori
Japan

I love this Avanti. I just want to say it was a great experience for me. I mean Everything!



Gül Biriz Ozkan
Turkey

My life started to change with you because you taught to me how to be a big family. I hope everybody needing to improve herself/himself, will experience being in Avanti!



Janina Etter
Switzerland

Avanti is a great school. Everyone knows everybody and that makes it like a 'big family'. It's fantastic that there are so many social activities you can join.



Tereza Váchová
Czech Republic

It was amazing! We laughed a lot, we talked a lot... I've never met so many nice and beautiful people like here. It was a great experience and I hope I will come back again!



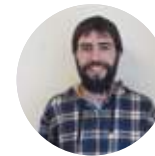
Tarané Lebrero Andreu
Spain

It was the best experience I've ever had in my life. I'm sure it made me grow as a person and I won't ever forget about all of this. Thank you!



Sujin Chae
Korea

When I came to this school at first, my English wasn't enough to communicate with people but I could improve a lot here. I really enjoyed and appreciated it.



Iván González
Spain

My own experience is really positive – I believe I've improved my English skills so much and I felt very comfortable since the first moment.

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