



 YEATS COLLEGE

Masters in Educational Success

Yeats Summer Courses

Summer 2015



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At **Yeats College**, our summer courses have evolved over the years to provide students with an unforgettable summer experience, balancing quality and life enriching learning with exciting leisure pursuits.

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We recognise that making friends and gaining confidence go hand in hand with the acquisition of language skills.

At Yeats College, We believe that everything we do revolves around the quality of the student experience whether that be in the classroom, accommodation, social programme or student support.



Summer Courses

1 IRISH LANGUAGE COURSE

The Yeats College Irish language course offers students a unique opportunity to develop and enhance their knowledge of Irish. This course is distinctive in the provision of targeted, curriculum-based classes, which are delivered by dedicated, enthusiastic teachers. The course is specifically designed to ensure maximum academic success. We also offer a wide variety of activities for Pre-Junior Cert students in the afternoon including sport, dance, and excursions.

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2 FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSE

This course provides an educational environment where students can thoroughly immerse themselves in the many facets of the French Language. This course is designed to ensure you obtain valuable academic and extra-curricular skills. At Yeats College, we are firm advocates of a holistic approach to education. A well-rounded education is vital for the student's academic and social development. Our courses have a strong academic focus, concentrating on key exam topics, which are extremely beneficial to Junior and Leaving Certificate students. Pre-Junior Cert students will also enjoy recreational activities through French in the afternoons.

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3 PROJECT MATHS ACADEMY

At Yeats College, our highly qualified, professional and passionate teaching staff deliver successful strategies for maximum achievement at Leaving Certificate Level. This course will provide a suitable learning base from which valuable Mathematical knowledge will emerge. Our team of expert Mathematical Instructors will support, nurture and guide students of varying levels of ability – ranging from Higher and Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate, and even more advanced student. The course will empower students who excel at mathematics. The course will also help students who are severely challenged or have not connected with the subject. This course is designed to cultivate a love of mathematics and its application in the modern world.

Irish Language Course

This summer programme offers students a unique opportunity to develop and enrich their knowledge of our native language. Yeats College is unique in the provision of targeted, curriculum-based classes delivered by dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. Our teachers are subject specialists and demonstrate a proven record of accomplishment in academic success. All our teachers have many years experience in preparing students for their examinations.

This course has a strong examination emphasis. The targeted nature of the course leads to an in-depth analysis of key exam topics, which are extremely beneficial to Junior and Leaving Certificate students. The course focus centres on areas such as, exam technique, oral exam preparation, essay writing, reading and aural comprehension, prose, poetry and grammar. This course has supported the success of countless students. Our unique approach to teaching and learning ensures students get a valuable understanding of the Junior or Leaving Certificate course curriculum while also engaging with new people. This experience allows the student to interact solely through our national language. Learning a language in this way will nurture a positive and productive relationship with Irish for years to come.

Students of the course will enjoy studying their course curriculum in a motivated environment and will be provided with sample answers and reference notes to supplement in class teaching. These materials will prove invaluable to them throughout the school year.

5th/6th class Primary Courses

29th June -10th July 2015

9. am - 3.pm

Pre-Junior Certificate

15th June-26th June OR 29th June -10th July 2015

9. am - 4pm

Pre-Leaving Certificate

15th June-26th June OR 29th June -10th July 2015

9. am- 4pm

COURSE OUTLINE

The daily routine of our Summer Programme encompasses a set range of classes every morning.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- **Oral exam preparation:** The oral component of the Leaving Certificate course now comprises 40% (240m) of the student's total grade. Bearing this in mind this course will put learning tools in place to enhance the student's vocabulary skills. One to one interaction with our teachers will lead to increased student confidence in their oral skills in Irish. The oral examination at Leaving Certificate level is a multi-faceted test of the student's oral proficiency in the Irish language. The Oral exam is approximately 15 minutes long and consists of four parts, reception, poetry reading, description of picture series and a 6-8 minute conversation. All of the elements of the oral exam will be covered during the Summer Course.
- **Essay writing:** The classes will provide a detailed analysis of the essay-writing component of the course. Sample essays and structured formats will be provided. The essay is worth a total of 100m in the exam. The materials provided here will prove an invaluable tool for exam success.
- **Aural and reading comprehension:** Reading and Aural comprehension are an integral element of both Leaving and Junior Certificate Irish. An ability to interrogate the language on a meaningful level is vital for exam success. Students will be taught how to get to the core meaning of a piece of text using increased vocabulary skills and a wide-ranging knowledge of current events through the medium of Irish.
- **Literature:** The literature section of the Irish course is worth approximately 100 marks. This section gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the time-honoured work of writers and poets writing through Irish. Students will be prepared for this section using comprehensive reference notes and sample answers.



MODULES

These modules will provide students with a worthy foundation for their Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations.

Our Pre-Junior Certificate 5th and 6TH class students are given the opportunity creatively engage with selected texts. For our Pre-Junior Certificate 5th and 6TH class students the classes will revolve around topics such as creative writing, grammar and conversation/oral skills. The students' oral skills are developed in an environment that is designed to be both productive and enjoyable.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (PRE-JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ONLY)

The Atlantic Challenge Sports & Adventure

Our position in Galway puts us in an ideal location for water-based activities. We offer professionally run classes in activities including, windsurfing, kayaking, and canoeing. The beautiful Rover Corrib provides the setting for leisure pursuits sure to keep your adrenaline pumping for the fortnight.

Our land-based activities include basketball, football and athletics. Optional challenges and goals are set for the fortnight. The attainment of these goals and participation in events will be rewarded at an awards ceremony held at the end of the course.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

The course structure is specifically designed to encourage interaction between all courses participants through a number of group activities ran through Irish. These

activities are designed to meet the needs of all students. Students of the Yeats College Irish courses will participate in the following group activities throughout the two-week duration of their course.

- **The Ceili Mor**
- **Day Trip to the Aran Islands**
- **Sightseeing tours of Galway City**
- **Group Performances**
- **Table quizzes**

The Yeats College Irish Summer Programme provides the student with an invaluable opportunity to enrich their knowledge of, and proficiency in the Irish language. The assorted list of topics covered will provide students with an ideal preparation for their respective exams. The all-inclusive nature of the programme ensures that the student's intellectual, academic and active needs are provided for. The program will provide the ideal summer learning experience. This unique project will allow the student to be fully equipped in order to achieve maximum exam success. The student's educational success is nurtured in an environment that promotes a solid work ethic and demonstrates a co-operative relationship between students and teachers. The Yeats College Irish Summer School provides an educational setting that serves as an ideal launch pad as students embark on their continuing educational journey through our native language.

Should you have any further inquiries or wish to book, please do not hesitate to contact Yeats College on 091-533500.

French Language Course

This course will provide an educational environment where students can thoroughly immerse themselves in the many facets of the French language. Student learning is facilitated in a setting where students can learn and enjoy themselves simultaneously. At Yeats College, we adopt curriculum-based classes that are targeted towards exam success. The classes are delivered by dedicated and enthusiastic teachers who are specialists in their craft. They are passionate about the language and hold a first rate knowledge of every aspect of the French course curriculum and marking scheme.

This course is designed to ensure you obtain valuable academic and extra-curricular skills. At Yeats College, we are firm advocates of a holistic approach to education. A well-rounded education is vital for the student's academic and social development. Our courses have a strong academic focus, concentrating on key exam topics, which are extremely beneficial to Junior and Leaving Certificate students. Pre-Junior Certificate students will also enjoy recreational activities through French in the afternoons.

THE YEATS FRENCH LANGUAGE COLLEGE WILL OFFER TWO COURSES

Pre-Leaving Certificate

Monday 15th June –Friday 26th June OR Monday 29th June –Friday 10th July 2015

Pre-Junior Certificate

Monday 15th - Friday 26th June OR Monday 29th June –Friday 10th July 2015

COURSE OUTLINE

The daily routine of the programme is comprised of morning curriculum based classes and afternoon recreational activities (only available for Pre-Junior Certificate students).

The morning classes will be comprised of a focused analysis of exam topics. Topics covered will include:

- **Oral examination preparation:** The Oral examination for Leaving Certificate French is 25% (100m) of the student's total grade. The Oral exam is approximately 13-15 minutes long and requires the student to demonstrate a precise knowledge of the French language. The Oral preparation classes concentrate on developing the student's oral fluency in order to maximise exam success.
- **Practice written expression:** Coherent written expression is a vital aspect of this course. Students will write across a variety of different mediums including letters, diary entries and postcards. Sample answers and detailed reference notes will be provided to supplement the teaching and learning of the classroom.
- **Reading and aural comprehension:** Students will work on a variety of different texts in order to develop their reading comprehension skills. Teachers will focus on developing student's vocabulary skills in order to achieve a broad range of expression, which can then be used to interrogate pieces of text in a meaningful way.

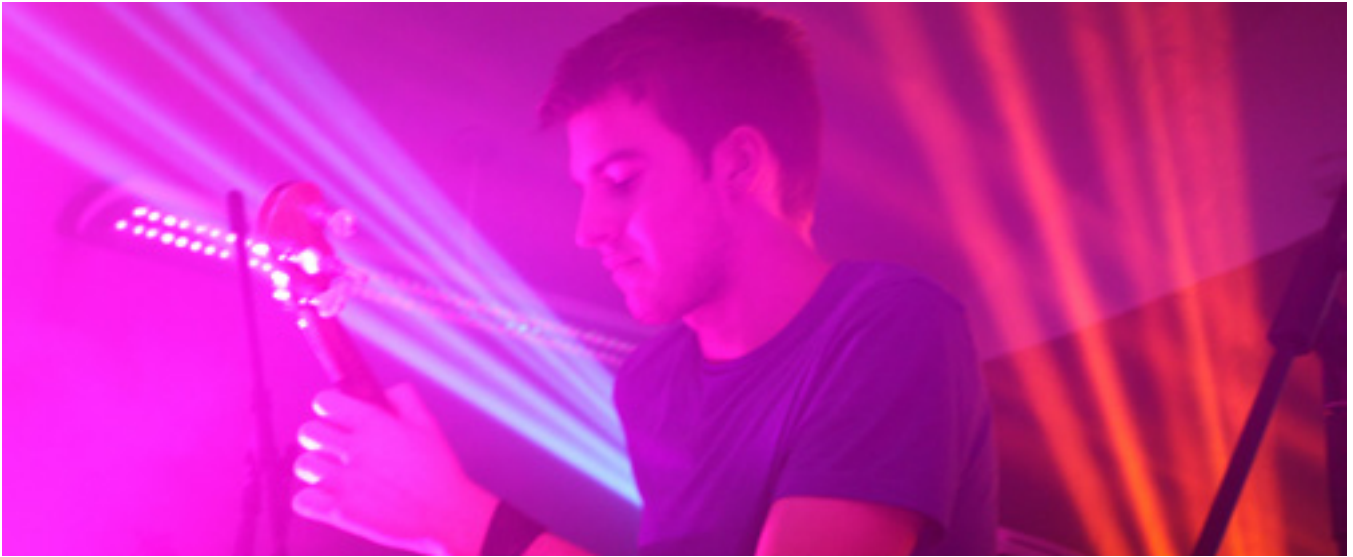
Students will also revise basic grammatical structures in order to ensure complete preparation for written examinations.

MODULE ASSESSMENT

Both Leaving and Junior Certificate students will sit assessments of the key topics covered, leading to the award of a certificate of achievement and a deeper understanding of the course curriculum. The module assessments will help the students to prepare for their Leaving and Junior Certificate examinations.

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES – THROUGH FRENCH

In order to maximise learning and enjoyment potential we have divided the timetable to allow for classroom-based learning in the morning and recreational activities through French in the afternoon (Pre-Junior Certificate only). Language learning on the course is not just confined to the classroom, but involves a variety of cultural, sporting and other recreational activities.



We provide a selection of energetic water activities; these include windsurfing, kayaking, swimming and canoeing. Our professional instructors will help you to get to grips with windsurfing, lead you on a canoe trip of the Corrib, or teach you how to balance on a surfboard. Land based activities include: tag rugby, basketball, football and athletics.

Our French language course is designed to encourage interaction between all course participants through a number of exciting group activities operated through French. All students of the Yeats College French Language course will participate in the following group activities throughout the two-week duration of their course.

- **Day trip to the Aran Islands**
- **Sightseeing tours to local areas of interest**
- **Group performances**
- **Table quizzes**

A key objective of this course is to lower student anxiety levels in relation to learning a different language so that students can learn in a relaxed and positive way. This

programme will provide a holistic approach to education encouraging our students to keep their mind and body healthy through classroom learning and recreational activities. This programme will offer an exposure to many of the most talented teachers Ireland has to offer. They are deeply passionate about their vocation as teachers and are wholly committed to the task of maximizing examination success. Their confidence and expertise enable the students to reach the pinnacle of their potential and develop learning skills that will be applicable in their future endeavours.

In order to provide the finest possible learning environment, class numbers are limited on our Summer Courses. The reduced teacher pupil ratio leads to a more targeted approach to learning. Due to the small class sizes numbers are limited and expected to book out in advance.

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Project Maths Academy

**DATES: MONDAY 22ND JUNE -
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2015**

- At Yeats College, our highly qualified, professional and passionate teaching staff deliver successful strategies for maximum achievement at Leaving Certificate. The introduction of Project Maths is welcome addition to a contemporary Maths syllabus. This area of Maths has exciting and very real application in a huge variety of industries globally.
- The exciting feature of Project Maths is that it challenges your understanding of topics. Students must develop the, skills and techniques necessary to know what they are doing and why. Of course, you need to do many practice questions to perfect these techniques and skills but understanding how and why they all work will always be the first step to answering any exam question.
- This course is for students of all levels of mathematical ability; they must simply show a genuine interest in this vital subject. This course aims to provide a suitable learning base from which worthwhile and valuable Mathematical knowledge will emerge. The academy will cater for students with varying levels of ability. The most exciting aspect of the study of Maths is that it challenges the student's knowledge of individual topics. The Project Maths element of the course challenges the student's ability to think laterally to solve a problem. The student requires many practice questions to perfect the techniques and skills required in these topics but understanding how and why they all work will always be the first step to answering any exam question.
- Our team of expert Mathematical Instructors will support, nurture and guide students of varying levels of ability – ranging from Higher and Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate, and the even more advanced student. The course will empower students who excel at mathematics, and will also help students who are severely challenged or haven't connected with the subject. This course is designed to cultivate a love of mathematics and its application in the modern world.

BREAKDOWN OF TOPICS

This course is focused on improving overall mathematic ability, fostering a love of the subject and highlighting the benefits of mathematics in the real world. The Maths Academy is a two-week course, which will cover the key topics in both the Junior and Leaving Certificate courses. It offers a broad introduction to the key topics in Maths at both Higher and Ordinary Levels.

TIMETABLE (MONDAY - FRIDAY)

HIGHER LEVEL

Paper One 10.00am -12.30pm

1. Sequences and Series:

Number Patterns:

Linear,
Quadratic,
Cubic,

Exponential Arithmetic Sequences and Series Geometric Sequences and Series

2. Financial Maths:

Compound Interest
Depreciation
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3. Algebra: Solving equations of the following type:

Linear,
Simultaneous in two unknowns,
Simultaneous in three unknowns,
Quadratic,
Cubic,
Modulus.

4. Functions:

Sketching graphs of functions
Transformations of functions

5. Differential Calculus:

Introduction to Calculus Differentiation of functions using product, quotient and chain rules

6. Problem Solving: In all topics throughout the week



Paper Two 1.00pm-3.30pm
Please bring maths tables and calculator.

1. Statistics:

Types of data Populations and samples Analysing data

2. Probability:

Permutations and Combinations
Basic probability
Independent events

3. Co-ordinate Geometry of the Line:

Distance and midpoint formulae, the slope and equation of a line
Distance from a point to a line

4. Co-ordinate Geometry of the Circle:

Equation of a circle
Equation of a tangent to a circle

5. Trigonometry – Rules for right-angled triangles

Sine and Cosine rules
solving problems involving triangles

6. Problem Solving

In all topics throughout the week

ORDINARY LEVEL

Paper One

- 1. Arithmetic**
- 2. Algebra**
- 3. Complex Numbers and Matrices**
- 4. Sequences and Series**
- 5. Functions and Graphs**
- 6. Differentiation**

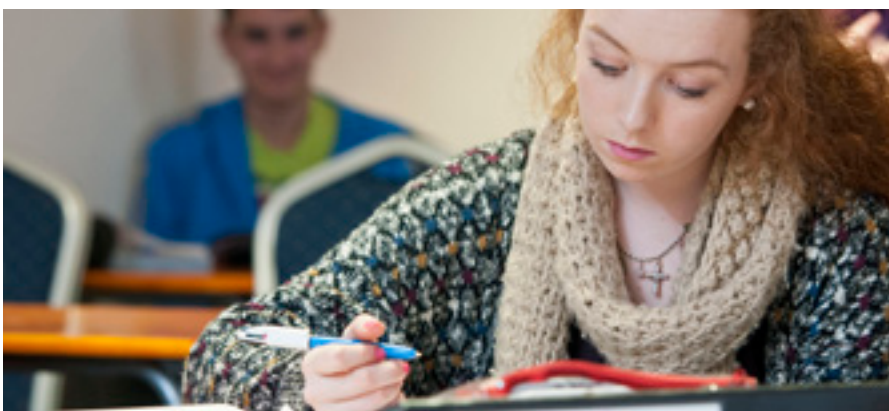
Paper Two

- 1. Area and Volume**
- 2. The Line**
- 3. The Circle**
- 4. Trigonometry**
- 5. Statistics**
- 6. Probability**

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To book a space at the Maths Academy call 091 533500 or return a completed application form (below) to Yeats College, College Road, Galway


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Bologna, 22nd October 2013

Dear Terry,

Last year, at the end of August, Daniele arrived in Galway to attend the Yeats College for the first quarter of the year as part of an international UE Programme. In your school he found a stimulating environment, professional teachers and friendly classmates, and he quickly decided to accept your proposal to remain there for the rest of the year to take the Leaving Certificate. He has now graduated from your school, one year before his classmates in Italy, and has enrolled in the International Faculty of Medicine in Rome. He had a great time, a lovely international experience and made a lot of new Irish friends. For all this, my wife and I wish to thank you, your staff and your students: the way you sustained, prepared and supported Daniele has been really fantastic. **Gianpiero and Uliana Caretti**

“The course was amazing. I had a great time and my Irish has really improved. The reference notes were a great help throughout the year and most importantly when I was preparing for my exams.”



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