



## Press release

### **Dublin Language school teams up with Cambridge for computer-based English language project**

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Dublin's English Academy has teamed up with a department of Cambridge University to offer computer-based language exams for thousands of students each year learning English. The Academy will offer a range of internationally recognised computer-based English tests alongside paper-based tests at its Dublin based language centre. The demand for this collaboration has been fuelled by students from mainland Europe and the rest of the world studying English in Ireland. Deirdre Byrne and Paul Seaver, Directors of the English Academy, explain why Dublin continues to be a popular place to study English:

*“Students from all over mainland Europe and other parts of the world continue to study English in Ireland due to its culturally rich heritage and welcoming environment. Cambridge is leading the way in computer-based English tests and by working together we’re able to offer our students the chance to take a test at a time that suits them making it ideal for the demands of the modern world.”*

The collaboration was officially launched this month with the Academy becoming the first language school in Ireland to offer the new computer-based version of Cambridge's First Certificate in English. This will be followed by a number of students taking a computer-based version of the Cambridge English: Advanced exam – a test designed for what Cambridge ESOL terms “high achievers”. Cambridge ESOL's Chief Executive Dr Mike Milanovic explains what students will be able to do with this exam:

“Cambridge Advanced helps students prove they can follow any academic course taught through the medium of English. By working with the English Academy, we’re able to offer this opportunity to many more high achieving students based in Dublin from this month. It also allows us to pass on the many flexible benefits of computer-based testing to English language learners in Dublin.”

Other computer-based tests from Cambridge ESOL for differing abilities will be offered at the central Dublin language centre located at Findlater House, O'Connell Street throughout the rest of 2010. The English Academy has been operating as a Cambridge preparation School for over 5 years and prepares up to 500 international students a range of tests at any given time. They offer Cambridge ESOL tests in both paper- and computer-based formats to a

diverse mix of students from all over the world with around 70% from mainland Europe.

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