



The CAPA Dublin Center Neighborhood

Griffith Halls of Residence houses over 660 students and is located on the grounds of [Griffith College](#). As you will be living here, you will have a very short walk to your lectures!

Griffith College and the CAPA Center are located on South Circular Road, adjacent to the very popular, trendy area of the Portobello neighborhood in the southern part of Dublin's inner city. This neighborhood stretches west along the Grand Canal between South Richmond and Clanbrassil streets and is characterized by many Victorian, red-bricked residential buildings. At the beginning of the 20th century, it became a refuge for many Jews fleeing pogroms in Eastern Europe and today boasts the (free) [Irish Jewish Museum](#).

The Portobello House, now the Atlas Language School, was also located in this area. It was the home and last residence of Jack Yeats, brother of W.B. Yeats and an acclaimed artist in his own right, as well as the George Bernard Shaw Birthplace (€5 for students). Camden Street, running north and south along the western edge of the Portobello, is home to many popular restaurants, music venues, and bars, including [The Bleeding Horse](#) (established in 1649), reputed to be the second oldest pub in Dublin.

You will be a stone's throw away from fantastic restaurants and scenic canal walks and will be spoiled for choice with local cafes and opportunities to take yoga classes! There are ATMs, grocery shops, cinemas, pharmacies, and doctors within walking distance of Griffith College—everything you need is right on your doorstep!





The central location of [Griffith College](#) means that it is within walking distance of Dublin City Center. Getting to Stephen's Green will only take 20 minutes by foot, but there are also several buses right outside the campus's main gates that will take you to the city if you don't fancy walking.



Read CAPA alum Brandon's tour of the Portobello Neighborhood [here](#)

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS (FROM SMITHFIELD SQUARE):

- The Grand Canal: 5-minute walk
- Marsh's Library: 10-minute walk
- St. Patrick's Cathedral: 10-minute walk
- Christchurch Cathedral: 20-minute walk
- Iveagh Gardens: 20-minute walk

Supermarkets:

- Spar South Circular Road
- Tesco South Circular Road
- Dunnes Stores Rathmines
- Lidl Rathmines
- Aldi Rathmines



Local Post Office:

- Leonard's Corner Post Office - South Circular Road

Banks:

- AIB Bank Harrington Street (there is also an ATM located in Spar on South Circular Road)

Cinema:

- The Omniplex Cinema Rathmines



Cafes:

- Noshington (GREAT coffee!): South Circular Road
- Brother Hubbard South: South Circular Road
- Lennox Street Café: Lennox Street
- Eatyard (food market): Richmond Street
- Grove Road Café: Rathmines Road
- Jolin's Coffee House: Clanbrassil Street
- The Fumbally: Clanbrassil Street

Don't forget—you will have unlimited use of the Dublin Bus service on your Leap Card, making it very easy to explore many different areas of Dublin, from the city center to the beaches!

