

SCHOOL CHOICE DUBLIN



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EDUCATION IN IRELAND

Junior Cycle - Year 1, 2 and 3, age 12 - 15

Students start the first year of secondary school at the age of 12 or 13, having completed 8 years of primary school. The junior cycle includes first, second and third year and leads to the Junior Certificate (external state examination).

Students take up to 9 subjects. Overseas students take two core subjects; English and Mathematics and several electives to include science and technology, languages, art, music as well as more traditional subjects such as history and geography.

Transition Year - Year 4, aged 15-16

Unique to Ireland, Transition Year forms a break between the junior cycle and the senior cycle. The programme varies from school to school but it is usually less academic than other school years. While in 5th year students study up to 7 subjects, in transition year students may study 12 subjects or more over the course of three terms. Work experience is usually included. It is an excellent year for international students to begin High School studies as it provides valuable opportunities to develop English language ability and life skills and allows for personal development without the pressure of preparing for a state exam.

Senior Cycle - Year 5 and 6, aged 16-18

5th and 6th year form the senior cycle. At the end of the two years, students take the Leaving Certificate Examination, which is necessary for high school graduation and university entrance. Students normally sit this examination at the age of seventeen or eighteen. The Leaving Certificate is also recognised and highly regarded by academic institutions in the UK, Europe, the United States and across the world. Overseas students must take a minimum of six subjects including the two core subjects of English and Mathematics. Students can then choose their other subjects from a broad range, including science and technology, languages, art, music as well as more traditional subjects such as history and geography.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Exciting activities for all tastes

Students on our high school programme will have ample opportunity to get involved in a range of high school activities, such as sports, music, theatre, musicals, excursions and even trips abroad. We also organise seasonal parties for the students, where they will have the opportunity to meet the other students on the programme.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Weekly classes for Dublin-based students - FCE / CAE preparation.

Our Organisation provides free weekly classes at its city-centre school every Wednesday evening. The classes focus on both the language students need to study in an Irish Secondary school as well as preparation for the Cambridge FCE and CAE exams, which the majority of our 1-year students successfully complete before the end of the school year.

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MIXED GENDER





MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 1215 Students
Host Family . Full Year Only.

Malahide Community School is a co-educational, inclusive secondary school which welcomes students from all religious denominations. The school welcomes 1200 students to the school every year. Built in 2007, it is the most modern school on offer, with the most state-of-the-art facilities and high academic standards.

Malahide is a residential seaside village in North Dublin, approximately 40 minutes from the city centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Science Labs, Library, Canteen, Music Room, Art Room, Gym Hall, Sports Field, Basketball Court, Computer Suite.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, P.E, Accounting, Art, Agricultural Science, Biology, Business, Classical Studies, Chemistry, Construction, Studies, Economics, Engineering, French, German and Spanish.

Extracurricular

Hurling, Soccer, Gaelic Football, Debating, Fund-Raising, Golf, School Musical.



PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 931 Students
Host Family. Full Year Only.

Portmarnock Community School is a co-educational secondary school in north Dublin which opened in 1979 and currently accommodates 914 students. It provides a fully comprehensive education which is designed to ensure equality of educational opportunity for all its students.

Portmarnock is a residential suburb of North Dublin located approximately 40 minutes from the city centre.

Facilities

Science Labs, Library, Canteen, Music Room, Art Room, Gym Hall, Sports Field, Basketball Court, Computer Suite.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, I.T, PE, Art Craft, Design, Music, Business Studies, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Design and Communication Graphics, Engineering, French, German, Spanish, Food Marketing, Geography, History, Media Studies, Word-Work.

Extracurricular

School Musical, Soccer, Public-Speaking, Plays, Music, Basketball, Gaelic Football, Athletics.



FINGAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 793 Students
Host Family

Fingal Community College is a caring and proud learning community committed to the pursuit of excellence. Students, teachers and parents are encouraged and supported to be the best that they can be in an environment that respects diversity and equality for all.

Swords is a residential suburb of North Dublin, approximately 40 minutes from the city centre by bus.

Facilities

Science Labs, Library, Canteen, Music Room, Art Room, Gym Hall, Sports Field, Basketball Court, Computer Suite, Home Economics Room, Technical Drawing Room.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Physics, Home Economics, Biology, Art, Chemistry, Business Politics & Society, Economics, Construction Studies.

Extracurricular

Art Portfolio Prep, Badminton, Basketball, Book Club, Chess Club, Spanish Club, Gaelic Club, Cross Country Club, Debating Club, GAA, Library Club, Music Club, Rugby, Sailing, Soccer, Spikeball, Young Scientist.



CABINTEELY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 457 Students
Host Family

Cabinteely Community School has a strong ethos which centres on the needs of the child. Their motto is to provide a wide range of co-curricular activities and a flexible curriculum which will promote and develop the personality, character and social skills of all their students.

Cabinteely is a residential area with plenty of green space in South Dublin, approximately 35 minutes from the city-centre by bus.

Facilities

Science Labs, Sports Hall, Gym, Running Track, Outdoor Basketball Court, Natural – Surface Playing Pitches, Science Labs, Computer Room, Career Guidance Centre, Theatre, Technical Drawing Room, Art Room, Music Room, Mindfulness Room / Library.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Religious Education, Computer Studies, Personal Development, Film Studies, Careers, Tourism, Business, Art, Home Economics, Woodwork, Computer Aided Design, Technical Drawing , Music, Drama, French, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Construction Studies, Science.

Extracurricular

Handball, Gaelic Football, Soccer, Basketball, Dance, Yoga, Gaisce, Debating, Choir, Musical Coding, Craft Club, Science Club.



GRANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 230 Students
Host Family

Grange Community College is a small school located in the busy suburb of Donaghmede. The college is comprehensive in its intake and subject provision. The classes are small for better pupil/teacher interaction.

Donaghmede is a suburb to the north of the city, less than 10kms outside Dublin centre. The bus journey to the city takes just 30 minutes.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Basketball Court, Art Room, Gym Hall, Sports Field, Rooms for Business Studies, Construction Room, Technical Drawing.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Music, Engineering, Careers, Physical Education, Tech Drawing, Home Economics, Construction Studies.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Rugby, Athletics, Gaelic football, Hurling, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work.



ST. TIERNAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 543 Students
Host Family

St. Tiernan's Community School is located between the suburbs of Dundrum and Sandyford, adjoining beautiful parkland. The school aims to foster the moral development of its students through a school ethos based on respect for the dignity of each individual.

Balally is a residential area at the southern end of the bustling suburb of Dundrum. It is 10kms south of Dublin. The bus journey to the city takes approximately 45 minutes.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Basketball Court, Art Room, Gym Hall, Sports Field, Rooms for Business Studies, Construction Room, Technical Drawing.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, French, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Music, Physical Education, Tech Drawing, Engineering, Home Economics, Construction Studies.

Extracurricular

Gaelic Football, Soccer, Hurling, Athletics, Volleyball, Music & Drama, Debating, Annual Musical.



ARD SCOIL LA SALLE

State School - Mixed - 189 Students
Host Family

Ard Scoil La Salle is a co-educational school located on the north side of Dublin city. The school is a learning community where young people are helped in reaching their full potential. Students, staff, parents & management strive to work together to reach this goal.

Raheny is an extensive coastal suburb in north Dublin. It is approximately 20 minutes from the city-centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Library, Science Labs, Home Economics Room, Canteen, Computer Suite, Gym, Sports Hall, Basketball Court.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, French, Art Craft Design, Business, Music, Home Economics, Religion, Geography, History, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Construction Studies, Economics, Technical Graphics.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Drama, Basketball, Camogie, Debating, Choir, Gaelic football, Hurling, Music, Annual Musical, Singing Club.



ST. FINIAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 608 Students
Host Family

St. Finian's is a modern co-educational, multidenominational school. The school is a wholly inclusive one and is committed to being a caring learning community, providing the highest standard of education suited to all of the needs of students.

Swords is a residential suburb of North Dublin, approximately 40 minutes from the city centre by bus.

Facilities

Library, Science Labs, Home Economics Room, Design/Tech Room, Computer Suite, Sewing Room, Music Room, Basketball Court, Horticultural Room, Art Room, Career Library, Wood Technology, Sports Hall, Full size stage, Sports Field.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Music, Spanish, Science, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Home Economics, Design & Graphics, Careers, Physical Education, DCG German, Construction Studies.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Basketball, Gaelic football, Hurling, Debating, Drama.



ST. LAURENCE COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 270 Students
Host Family

St Laurence College strive to meet the needs of the whole school community so that the growth and development of each individual is realized. Further, they seek this through the creation of a Marianist family atmosphere in which parents & guardians, staff & students work for the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical and emotional growth of all. The school wants students to recognise their talents and to grow with a real sense of their own self-worth. They pride themselves on the pastoral care provided to students. The goal is to make school a positive experience in which students enjoy the community spirit that is central to our ethos.

Loughlinstown - is a residential area with plenty of green space in South Dublin, approximately 45 minutes from the city-centre by bus

Facilities

Science Labs, Sports Hall, Outdoor Basketball Court, Science Labs, Computer Room, Career Guidance Centre, Technical Drawing Room, Art Room, Music Room, Library.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Religious Education, P.E. and Guidance, Art, Biology, Business, Construction, Design & Communication Graphics French, Geography, History, Home Economics (Social & Scientific) & Spanish

Extracurricular

Gaelic Football, Hurling, Soccer, Athletics, Boxing, Tag Rugby.



CABRA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School – Mixed – 120 Students
Host Family

Cabra Community College aims to provide a vibrant, welcoming school community to which every student feels a real sense of belonging. We use the best teaching and learning methods to enable each individual student to reach their full academic and social potential.

Cabra is an inner suburb of Dublin. It is approximately two kilometres north west of the city centre. It is largely residential area with some light industry and has the beautiful Phoenix Park close by. The city centre can be reached in approximately 25 minutes by public transport.

Facilities

Interactive White boards, Home Economics Room, Art Room, Technology Room, Gym, Outdoor Basketball Court, Astro-Turf Pitch, Football Pitch, Science Lab, Library, Music Room.

Subjects

English, Maths, French, Biology, Technology, Home Economics, History, Geography, Business, Art, PE.

Extracurricular

Football, Basketball, Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming, Badminton, Creative Schools Programme, Green Schools Committee, Worldwide Global Schools, Drama, Creative Writing.

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**FEMALE
ONLY**





ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 300 Students
Host Family

Winner of the Greenest School in Ireland award for its environmental efforts, this high achieving girls school is further enhanced by the pleasant surroundings including gardens, a pond and picnic tables. The schools aim is to set high achieving standards with a student centred approach.

Baldoyle is a residential seaside suburb of North Dublin, approximately 25 minutes from the city centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Science labs, Home Economics Room, Library, Art Room, Stage, Sport Hall, Computer Room, Music Room, Basketball Court, Table-tennis Room, School Chapel, Canteen, Meditation Room.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, French, Career, Guidance, Religion, Art, Business, Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, Home Economics, Music, Accountancy.

Extracurricular

Basketball, Gaelic Football, Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, Table Tennis, Fundraising, Choir, School Musical, Drama.



DOMINICAN COLLEGE SION HILL

State School - Female only - 444 Students
Host Family. Full Year Only.

Sion Hill is a community of students, teachers, parents and Dominican sisters whose aim is to provide their students with experiences which will help them to discover and develop their talents so that they will become positive and mature individuals. There is a strong focus on music and literacy.

Blackrock is a residential seaside suburb of South Dublin, approximately 25 minutes from the city centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Music Room, Basketball Court, Art Room, Tennis Court, Home Economics Room, Business Studies Room, Science Labs.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, German, Geography, Biology, Economics, Computers, Careers, Spanish, History, Physics, Accounting, Home Economics, Physical Education, Music, French, Art, Chemistry, Business Studies.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Gaelic football, Athletics, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work. Music, Annual Musical and Tuition Provided for Piano, cello, Flute, Violin, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar and Recorder.



ST. RAPHAELA'S SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 563 Students
Host Family

St. Raphaela's is a Catholic secondary school. Students study a wide curriculum and their academic achievement is valued and supported. The development of the whole person is central to the ethos. Students are encouraged to be the best they can be in all areas of their lives.

Stillorgan is a residential suburb located in the foothills of the Dublin mountains, approximately 35 minutes from the city-centre.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Music Room, Basketball Court, Art Room, Tennis Court, Home Economics Room, Business Studies Room, Science Labs.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, German, Geography, Biology, Economics, Computers, Careers, Spanish, History, Physics, Accounting, Home Economics, Physical Education, Music, French, Art, Chemistry, Business Studies.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Gaelic football, Athletics, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work, Music, Annual musical.



MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 712 Students
Host Family

Founded in 1952, Manor House encourages each student to identify and develop her potential in a caring and disciplined environment. With excellent academic records, the school also offers a full range of extracurricular activities and sports.

Raheny is an extensive coastal suburb in north Dublin. It is approximately 20 minutes from the city-centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Music Room, Basketball Court, Art Room, Tennis Court, Swimming Pool, Gym, Sports Fields.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, German, Geography, Biology, Economics, Computers, Careers, Spanish, History, Physics, Accounting, Home Economics, Physical Education, Music, French, Art, Chemistry, Business Studies.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Gaelic football, Athletics, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work. Music, Annual Musical.



ROCKFORD MANOR

State School - Female only - 294 Students
Host Family

Rockford Manor fosters a caring, intimate culture with an emphasis on building self-esteem and achieving excellence. This is a relatively small school where friendship, affirmation and individual attention are encouraged among pupils, teachers and parents.

Blackrock is a suburb of south Dublin. It is approximately 20 minutes from the city-centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Music Room, Basketball Court, Art Room, All Weather Pitch, Sports Field, Hockey Pitch, Rooms for Home Economics and Business Studies.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, German, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Home Economics, Careers, Physical Education.

Extracurricular

Tennis, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work, Athletics, Volleyball, Swimming, Music, Dance Classes, Annual Musical and Choir.

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**MALE
ONLY**





ST. FINTAN'S HIGH SCHOOL

State School - Male only - 706 Students
Host Family

St. Fintan's is proud of its strong academic tradition. A strong emphasis on sport has equally been a hallmark of education in St. Fintan's and with 12 competitive sports St. Fintan's has earned a reputation as one of the leading boys' secondary schools in Dublin in this area.

Sutton is a residential seaside suburb of North Dublin, approximately 20 minutes from the city centre by bus or train.

Facilities

Library, Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Business Studies, Music Room, Basketball Court, Gym Hall, All Weather Pitch, Sports Field Rooms for Metal & Engineering, Art Room, Wood Technology, Technical Drawing.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Music, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Home Economics, Landscape Design TY, Careers, Physical Education, Health Education TY.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work, Athletics, Volleyball, Swimming, Squash, Music, Annual Musical and Concerts.



MARIAN COLLEGE

State School - Male only - 355 Students
Host Family

Founded in 1954 this school provides opportunities for excellence for all, irrespective of background or means, through the provision of a holistic educational experience which aims at the highest standards of learning and behaviour.

Ballsbridge is a residential and business district of South Dublin, approximately 15 minutes from the city centre.

Facilities

Science Labs, Library, Canteen, Computer Suite, Music Room, Basketball Court, Metal & Engineering Room, Art Room, Swimming pool, Wood Technology Room, Gym Hall, Technical Drawing Room, Sports Field, Prayer Room.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Music, Spanish, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Business Studies, Computers, Careers, Physical Education.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Rugby, Gaelic football, Hurling, Debating Music & Drama, Charity Work, Athletics, Swimming, Music, Annual Musical and Concerts.



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