



High School & Guardianship Programme 2024/25



High School Experts in Ireland
We're with you every step of the way

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IELA - your trusted partner for High School Programmes in Ireland.



The IELA journey commenced in 2014, from our experiences as host families for international students in the picturesque villages of Sutton & Howth. Our IELA goal was to offer a unique, personalised, and student centric service in safe and beautiful communities, ensuring that every student enjoyed a high quality experience.

From humble beginnings, IELA has evolved into a trusted and professional provider, dedicated to nurturing relationships and facilitating experiences for students from around the world having fostered invaluable partnerships with like-minded institutions overseas.

Our journey wasn't without challenges, but our combined expertise in leadership, organisation, communication and problem-solving, allowed us to grow into the reputable brand we are today.

We approach our work with unwavering passion, enthusiasm, drive, and commitment, allowing us to build an extensive network of industry experts and knowledge in what we do.

As proud Irish hosts, we thrive on establishing warm relationships with our students, their parents, and agents and proudly welcome students into the 'IELA family'. Our reputation as a professional, trustworthy, and hands-on provider has continued to grow and we have evolved to focus entirely on High School Programmes and now consider IELA to be expert in our field.

We understand the trust that parents place in us when sending their children to Ireland. Each student that enrolls in our High School Programme becomes part of the IELA family, and we take their well-being to heart from the moment they arrive long after their departure.

Young learners in a foreign country need support and guidance, and we're dedicated to providing it when they need it most. What sets us apart is not only our readiness and responsiveness to help but also our skill in managing any situation that may arise. At IELA, we're proud to boast a resilient, multi-talented and integrated team, each member bringing a wealth of expertise and life experience to the table.

IELA wouldn't be complete without our extraordinary host families. We're deeply grateful to work with these remarkable individuals who share our values, commitment, and reliability. They are not just a part of our service; they are an extension of our family.

As we look ahead to the future, our aspiration is to continue growing and evolving, serving more students, fostering wider international connections, ensuring that every educational journey with IELA is exceptional. We aim to remain at the forefront of the industry, providing trust, support, and warmth to students and their families as they explore the world with us. With IELA, your global educational journey is in safe and caring hands.

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You can have complete trust in IELA to deliver a premium guardianship service for your child

– Parent of International student at Sutton Park School.

IELA High School Programme

IELA provide **High School, Homestay & Guardianship services** tailored for students in Ireland between the ages of **13 – 18 years**. We understand the importance of finding the best partner to support your child throughout their academic placement and we believe our tailored quality service will ensure your child is safe, happy and supported.

Choosing the best school - We will assist you in selecting the best available school option, , i.e. Public or Private, Boarding or Day School.

Host family Accommodation – We provide a warm and welcoming host family which meets with the highest quality and standards, IELA host families are regularly visited to ensure standard quality assurance and are vetted by Irish Police (Garda Vetted).

Guardianship – IELA provide a unique ‘hands-on’ personalised guardianship, from before a student leaves home until they finish their High School programme.

Our team are parents themselves and bring a wealth of expertise in guiding each student along their academic journey. As well as being located close to our partner schools, they know the subtle differences and details which make each school stand-out. If your child has a special interest or ambition, we know which school will help them reach this potential and prepare them for making their dreams a reality. Our students’ health, happiness, education, and safety is pivotal to IELA’s core ethos and culture.

Why do I need a Guardian?

Parents of International students attending Irish schools (boarding & day) must nominate a guardian who will provide guardianship services to their child throughout their academic placement. These services are aimed at ensuring you and your child have all the support they need and affording reassurance for you, their guardians , back home.



Why Choose IELA

IELA are with our student every step of the way on their academic journey, caring, nurturing, supporting and creating solutions to any issue, however big or small. We have the experience to know how to manage any situation and treat each student individually. Any grievances or issues are handled in a timely, professional manner with the utmost sensitivity and no matter what surprises arise, we always manage to resolve a situation quickly and effectively.

What we do

- ✓ IELA provide a uniquely personalised serviced provided by our expert professional and caring team.
- ✓ The IELA team of Guardians are carefully selected and proficient in the most up-to-date Child protection & safeguarding regulations.
- ✓ IELA carefully selected host families offering high quality accommodation.
- ✓ IELA provide continual quality assurance on an ongoing basis.
- ✓ At IELA we take utmost care in matching each students' specific requirements with the most compatible host family profile.
- ✓ Students always have their own room in a warm and welcoming Irish home.
- ✓ Child Protection & Safeguarding – we are committed to the safety and protection of all our students. Our guiding principles and procedures to safeguard children and young people reflect the national policy and legislation
- ✓ Attention to detail providing a seamless and timely service
- ✓ All IELA team members and host families are police checked (Garda Vetting)



Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland

Why Study in Ireland?

Ireland, also known as the Emerald Isle is one of the most beautiful countries in the world and is famous for its breath-taking scenery, rugged coastline, rolling hills, lush green fields, beautiful forests and trails, beaches, intriguing culture and folklore, and much more. Dublin is Ireland's capital city, located on the east coast and is a vibrant young city famous for its history, charm, museums, galleries, theatres, shops, pubs, restaurants including its friendly people with their unique sense of humour and fun.

There are hundreds of beautiful, enchanting villages and towns dotted around Ireland including some of the larger cities of Cork, Galway, Waterford, Limerick, Wexford, all of which offer an abundance of culture, relaxed charm and friendliness.

Ireland's quality of life ranks amongst the best in the world, which is partly due to the excellent Educational system. It ranks in the top 10 globally as an education system which meets the demands of its competitive economy. Ireland is headquarters to hundreds of global companies including, Apple, Google, Facebook, Paypal, Microsoft, Yahoo, eBay, Twitter, TikTok and Intel.



High School, Homestay & Guardianship Programme.

Students who choose / decide to embark on our High School / Homestay & Guardianship Programme with an Irish host family for the duration of their stay. An IELA Student Co-ordinator takes an active interest in ensuring your child is safe and receives the highest quality individual support from the moment they arrive until after they leave.

Each dedicated student co-ordinator also monitor each students' academic progress, provide emotional support, attend Parent Teacher meetings (transcribes reports to parents) monitor the academic and social development of each of our students, but also become friends. They are also an essential link for the school or host family during unforeseen situations.



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100% of IELA High School Students progressed to 3rd Level Education

– Geraldine, Programme Co-Ordinator

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At IELA we look after your child and offer the same level of support that we would expect for our own family

– Fiona, Student Co-ordinator.

Will I have to travel far to school?

At IELA we believe you should live as close as possible to your chosen school and enjoy an immersion within the local community. All our host families are located as close as possible to your chosen school, generally within walking distance or a short bus ride away (10 - 15 minutes). Students can travel by bus, train or tram.

High School, Homestay & Guardianship Package What's Included

- ✓ Personal meet & greet upon arrival at Dublin Airport and transfer to host family
- ✓ Careful host family selection and profile match
- ✓ Full-board accommodation in high quality host family home close to chosen school.
- ✓ IELA dedicated Student co-ordinator assigned to each student on arrival
- ✓ Accompaniment to School by an IELA representative or Host Family on their first day
- ✓ Accompaniment to School by Student co-ordinator or Host Family on their first day
- ✓ School Uniforms and books for public school included for full year public school bookings only
- ✓ Organisation of additional items, i.e. extra-curricular activities, membership of local clubs, purchase of sporting items etc
- ✓ Attendance at parent teacher meetings throughout school year plus transcription of report to agency/parents.
- ✓ Regular contact with School staff & Principal to ensure student is happy and progressing academically and socially
- ✓ Regular contact with student throughout programme, either in person or via Whatsapp to ensure all is going well.
- ✓ Regular liaison with agency / parents / host family to communicate information as required.
- ✓ Careful monitoring of students' personal & social calendar.
- ✓ Assistance with visa application as required.
- ✓ Assistance with medical/dental appointments as required
- ✓ Management of *Contingency fund (expense accounts)
- ✓ 24-hour emergency service available
- ✓ Transfer on final departure
- ✓ Excursion at October and February Midterm breaks

Not Included

- ✓ Airport transfers at mid-term, Christmas, Easter or other holiday periods during the school year unless specified at time of booking.
- ✓ Transfers in excess of 30km from Dublin Airport on arrival & departure. Additional cost applies.
- ✓ Early arrival to or late departure from the programme is charged at a daily rate of €45 per night
- ✓ Uniform/book purchase for single term bookings.
- ✓ Additional uniform and sports uniform not included in programme price.
- ✓ Mobile phone top-ups
- ✓ Pocket money
- ✓ Extra-curricular activity fees
- ✓ Host Family accommodation at Christmas & Easter.

Boarding School & Guardianship Programme

At IELA we offer a tiered Guardianship Service, Platinum, Silver and Bronze for our Boarding School Programme.

An IELA Co-ordinator is not just a trusted link for our students, it is a personal co-ordinator who takes an active interest in your child’s wellbeing, ensuring they have all the support they require, from the moment they arrive until after they leave. Choosing the most trusted and caring guardian is essential and pivotal to the success of the programme.

Our IELA students co-ordinators monitor each students’ academic progress, assist with choosing subjects and extra-curricular activities, assist in purchasing books and uniform, provide emotional support, attend Parent Teacher meetings (transcribes, reports to parents) monitor academic and social development, but also making sure each child is safe and happy at all times. An IELA Co-ordinator is also an essential link for the school and host family during unforeseen situations. The IELA Team look after your child and offer the same level of support that we would expect for our own family.



Host families for Boarders:

IELA host families are carefully selected, based on their skills, hobbies and interests. They are generally parents, although some are single adults who are interested in providing a warm welcoming home for our International students during Exeat weekends (school closure), mid-term or school holidays as required. (IELA host families are police checked)

Guardian Services for students attending Boarding School:

Our guardianship services vary from being completely immersed with your child’s life in school and socially, to just knowing we’re there if you need us. **At IELA we offer a tiered Guardianship Service, Platinum, Silver and Bronze for our Boarding School Programme.** The most suitable level of service will be discussed with the parents and chosen based on the student’s individual needs. **Please contact us to tailor a package for your child.**

Boarding School & Guardianship Platinum Package

What’s Included

- ✓ Personal meet & greet upon arrival at Dublin Airport and transfer to boarding school.
- ✓ IELA dedicated Student co-ordinator assigned to each student on arrival.
- ✓ Assistance in purchasing books/school uniforms etc.
- ✓ Organisation of additional items, i.e. extra-curricular activities, membership of local clubs, purchase of sporting items etc
- ✓ Attendance at parent teacher meetings throughout school year plus transcription of report to agency/parents.
- ✓ Regular contact with School staff & Principal to ensure student is happy and progressing academically and socially
- ✓ Regular contact with student throughout programme, either in person or via Whatsapp to ensure all is going well.
- ✓ Monthly liaison with agency/parents/host family to communicate information as required.
- ✓ Careful monitoring of students’ personal & social calendar.
- ✓ Assistance with visa application as required.
- ✓ Assistance with medical/dental appointments as required.
- ✓ Management of *Contingency fund (expense accounts)
- ✓ 24-hour emergency service available.
- ✓ Transfer on final departure

Not Included

- ✓ Airport transfers at mid-term, Christmas, Easter or other holiday periods during the school year unless specified at time of booking.
- ✓ Transfers in excess of 30km from Dublin Airport on arrival & departure. Additional cost applies.
- ✓ Early arrival to or late departure from the programme is charged at a daily rate of €45 per night
- ✓ Uniform/book purchase for single term bookings.
- ✓ Additional uniform and sports uniform not included in programme price.
- ✓ Mobile phone top-ups
- ✓ Pocket money
- ✓ Extra-curricular activity fees
- ✓ Host Family accommodation at Christmas & Easter.

Student Travel Assist Service

IELA provide a temporary guardianship service to students who require assistance with the following:

- 1. Students travelling to/from Ireland
- 2. Unaccompanied Minor Service - We offer Airport Assistance such as an escort through the airport, passport control, baggage and changing terminals. We are by your child's side from the plane door to your transfer flight or taxi.
- 3. You'll receive our invaluable support in the case of flight disruptions or cancellations.
- 4. Transfers to/from schools to Airports in Ireland
- 5. Happy to assist you plan should you choose to visit your child



Irish Education System

Ireland has one of the best education systems in the world and has an internationally renowned reputation for academic quality. Education in Ireland is compulsory from ages 6 to 16 or until students have completed three years of Second Level (Post-Primary) Education. First level students typically start at aged 4 years and finish at aged 12, whilst second level students finish at aged 18 years.

Schools are open for approximately nine months between September and June. There are three school semesters (terms) in the academic year:

- 1. September to December
- 2. January to March
- 3. April to June

Secondary School System in Ireland

Junior Cycle	1st Year • 2nd Year • 3rd Year
The junior cycle covers the first three years of secondary school. Children begin their second level education around the age of 12 or 13. The Junior Cycle examination is held at the end of the Junior Cycle in post-primary schools and students normally sit the exam at the age of 15 or 16.	
Senior Cycle	4th Year (Transition Year) • 5th Year • 6th Year
<p>The Senior Cycle caters for students in the 15 to 18 year age group. It includes Transition Year, which follows immediately after the Junior Cycle.</p> <p>Transition Year (TY) or 4th Year is a one-year programme between Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. It is designed to act as a bridge between the two by facilitating the smooth transition from the more dependent learning of the Junior Cycle to the more independent self-directed learning required for the Senior Cycle</p> <p>5th & 6th Year follows Transition year and aims to provide learners with a broad, balanced education while also offering some specialisation towards a particular career option.</p> <p>The Leaving Certificate Examination is held at the end of the Senior Cycle, 6th Year and is internationally recognised for all degree programmes at Irish, UK, US and European universities. Entry to third level education is closely linked to the results achieved by students at this examination.</p>	

High School Curriculum

All High Schools in Ireland follow the curriculum set out by The Department of Education and Science in Ireland. Public, Private, Boarding or Day Schools follow the same curriculum and take the same state examinations – Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate.



Junior Cycle

Minimum of 8 academic subjects
Taken at a Higher or Ordinary level



Leaving Cycle

Minimum of 6 academic subjects
Taken at a Higher or Ordinary level

Core Subjects

Maths • English • Irish

Irish is one of the two official languages in Ireland – International Students are not required to study Irish. This time can be used for study periods, take an extra subject when available or participate in extra EFL lessons.

Elective Subjects

1 modern language of choice

French • Spanish • German • Italian

Other subject choices: Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Engineering Business Studies, Accountancy, Economics, I.T, Applied Mathematics, Music, Design and Technical Graphics, Art, Technical Drawing, Construction Studies, History, Geography, Classical Studies.

Choices vary from school to school.

How do students choose their subjects?

Subjects vary from school to school. Upon confirmation of the chosen school placement IELA will send each student their list of course subjects and will assist each high school student to make the best subject decisions based on their academic levels and interests.

Is an academic entrance exam required for international students?

An entrance exam is not required. The school of choice require two recent school reports and may wish to interview the student via Skype/Zoom prior to school application being processed.

What is the minimum level of English required?

Minimum Level of English: Junior cycle 1st - 3rd year (ages 12-15)

Elementary level is accepted but additional support is recommended. We would also suggest a pre-school intensive English course before students begin their IELA High School Programme.

Minimum Level of English: Senior cycle 4th - 6th year (ages 15-18):

For entrance into 4th year of the Senior Cycle, we recommend an intermediate level of English (B1). For the 5th or 6th year students should at least have an upper intermediate level of English (B2) as the academics are more demanding.

What certification do students receive upon completion of IELA High School Programme?

IELA will arrange transcript documentation from the students’ Irish school to enable a smooth transition into school in their country of origin.

Validation for Spanish Students – All students will receive a transcript for their time spent at an Irish School which can be submitted for validation within the Spanish Ministry of Education.

Extra-Curricular Activities

IELA assist our students to arrange and organise activities and sports outside of the school. For example, many of our students participate in sports such as Gaelic football, hurling, hockey, rugby or swimming.

Other activities include music lessons, choir, horse-riding, dance lessons or debating.

Extra English language tuition can be arranged at an additional cost during the academic programme, although some schools include extra tuition as part of International students' timetable.



It is incredible how you and all IELA´s team works...I have been working in this sector 32 years old with many many organizations and any one answer and solve the situations as fast as you. Congratulations!

Choosing a School that's right for you

Boarding or Day School. Public or Private

How do I choose a school?

At IELA, we work with many schools in Dublin and throughout Ireland. As there are many different types of schools and options available to international students, Public, Private, Boarding or Day. Our expert High School Team will help you in choosing the most suitable school for your student.



Public Schools:

There are 729 public post-primary (High School) schools located throughout Ireland, varying between single sex (all boys or all girls) and mixed, providing diverse choices including religious or secular education. The number of students in each school varies greatly depending on the location to towns and cities.

Our public school partners are located in Dublin communities and neighbourhoods and also in rural locations throughout Ireland. Early application is essential to secure a place. Public Schools attendance is only available to students within EU. Non-EU students must attend private day or boarding schools which are also open to EU students.

Is there a fee for attending Public School?

Public schools do not charge a school fee however, they require a once-off 'voluntary subscription' which is paid annually by each student who attends the school. A Government Capitation Grant is paid to all schools to cover general running costs, school caretaker & secretarial services but this Grant is not paid for non-resident international students. A voluntary subscription is requested by public schools on confirmation of enrolment from an international student who is a non-resident. The annual amount requested is set by each individual public school and varies from €700 - €1500.

Public Schools Partner Locations



IELA Public Schools 2024/25

- Pobalscoil Neasáin
- Our Lady of Mercy Secondary School
- Portmarnock Community School
- Palmerstown Community School
- Ardscoil La Salle
- Coláiste Clavin
- Cabinteely Community School
- Rockford Manor School
- Douglas Community School
- Cabra Community College
- Comeragh College
- Edmund Rice Secondary School
- St Mary's Secondary School
- Blackwater Community College
- St Fintan's High School
- St Mary's Holy Faith
- Templeogue College
- Beara Community School
- Scoil Mhuire
- Colaiste Dun Iascaigh
- Presentation Secondary School
- Raheen College
- Carrignafoy Community College
- Coláiste Chríost Rí
- St Ciaran's Community School
- St Declan's Community College
- Coláiste Fionnchua
- The Abbey School
- St. Anne's School
- St. Ailbe's School
- Mercy Secondary School
- Waterpark College
- Loreto Secondary School
- Abbey Community College
- Ard Scoil na nDéise
- Athboy Community School
- Christian Brothers Secondary School
- Ballymakenny College
- Patrician Presentation Secondary School
- Clonakilty Community College
- Virginia College
- St Dominic's College



POBALSCOIL NEASAIN

Location: **Baldoyle, Dublin 13** | School Type : **Mixed**
Total Number of students: **771**
Extra Curricular Focus: **Badminton, Media, Drama, Soccer, Basketball**

Pobalscoil Neasain is a co-educational, multi denominational school based in Baldoyle, Dublin 13, a bustling suburb of Dublin. Students are at the centre of everything they do at Pobalscoil Neasain, supporting them to achieve their potential and to be happy in their academic lives.

PSN is an experienced, progressive, and forward-looking school – responding to the needs of the children of in the community and committed to fostering inclusion, welcoming diversity, and treating all children with care and respect.

The school is well maintained and has been recently refurbished and includes a full modern gym, music room and art room as well as a host of other great facilities. There is a fantastic variety of subjects covering a range of disciplines and with a full modern gym, music room and art room.



OUR LADY OF MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Drimnagh, Dublin 12** | School Type : **Mixed**
Total Number of students: **250**
Extra Curricular Focus:
Basketball, Soccer, Gaelic Football and Hurling

OLM Drimnagh first opened its doors as a co-educational secondary school in 1973. Since then, it has provided the community with fantastic opportunities.

OLM believes in Social Justice, so that everyone is treated equally and fairly. Their motto is 'Shaping a Brighter Future for Our Young People'. They have an excellent range of programmes in place such as Junior Certificate School Programme, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Established. OLM is also involved with the Business in the Community, Clickn and Trinity Access Programme (TA21), as well as many other links in the local community.

At OLM, teachers share learning outcomes with students at the beginning of a lesson and then check understanding of the learning outcomes at the end of a lesson.

The school also has a great focus on student wellbeing and our students can avail of additional English language classes while their Irish peers are studying the Irish language. They can also avail of breakfast and lunch clubs at school with a healthy meal provided by the school, free of charge.

Our Lady of Mercy has a strong tradition in schools' basketball. They have won four All Ireland titles in 1990, 2007, 2011 and 2012, with many past and current pupils being selected for Irish School teams. The school has a very strong link with the local basketball club 'The Oblates', and their school teams are currently being coached by Gerry Farrell a renowned coach from the oblate basketball club.



PORTMARNOCK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Portmarnock, Co. Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **921**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Soccer, Basketball, Athletics

Portmarnock Community School was built in 1979 and was one of the first community schools in Ireland. Located in a coastal suburb of Dublin with great transport links to the airport and Dublin city centre, it has a long-standing reputation for academic greatness in the community.

There is a wide range of subjects available for students to choose from and the school provides great guidance and pastoral care to all students in attendance. Portmarnock Community School also offers a huge range of activities made possible by the commitment of teachers, students, parents, and the wider community. These activities include but are not limited to; Sport, Public Speaking/Debating, Music, Plays and Musicals.



PALMERSTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Palmerstown, Dublin 20** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **810**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Soccer, Basketball, Athletics

The mission at Pobalscoil Iosolde is to provide an inclusive learning environment, happy, safe, and secure, which would enable students to develop – Intellectually, Morally, Spiritually, Socially, Physically, Emotionally, Cultural and an aesthetic appreciation.

In partnership with parents/guardians and the wider community, they are committed to the provision of quality teaching and learning which promotes – Respect for the individual, others and the environment, a love of learning and a healthy work ethic, an ability to think independently, a commitment to lifelong learning, an understanding of and a respect for diversity and a supportive, positive approach to physical and mental wellbeing.

By adopting this holistic approach to education, they seek to enable students to achieve their full potential.

The school has excellent sporting facilities, including a very large sports hall, fully equipped gymnasium, dance studio and large playing field.

The extensive sports programme at Pobalscoil Iosolde includes:

Soccer/Badminton/GAA/Basketball/Swimming/Outdoor/Pursuits/Sailing/Fitness Programmes/Table Tennis/Athletics/Squash/Hill walking.



ARDSCOIL DE LA SALLE

Location: **Raheny, Dublin 5** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **251**
 Extra Curricular Focus:

Ardscoil La Salle is a mixed secondary school located in the suburb of Raheny in North Dublin, approximately 15 minutes from Dublin Airport. The school is now over 50 years old, with a well-established reputation for delivering quality education within the community. It is quite a ‘small’ school which boasts a very small pupil-teacher ratio overall. ‘Small’ means that each student receives more than the usual amount of the teacher’s attention. ‘Small’ means that if a student gets into difficulty, someone will notice - they won’t be lost in the crowd. ‘Small’ means they see you. ‘Small’ is their students’ biggest asset. The effectiveness of the syllabus and progress of the students are continuously evaluated through regular department meetings and focused mainly on the performance of the students, the main indicator are student’s grades.

The school runs a Breakfast Club, an After School Club, a Cooking Club, a Fitness Club, a Rock School, indoor football games, a Glee Club, an after-school study facility, and several sports teams.



COLAISTE CLAVIN

Location: **Longwood, Co. Meath** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **463**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Basketball, Soccer, Drama, Music

Coláiste Clavin is a mixed secondary school located in rural Co. Meath approximately one hour outside Dublin.

At Coláiste Clavin, the key aim in is to provide a quality and holistic education to meet the needs of all r students. They have a very committed and enthusiastic staff who work exceedingly hard to help students achieve their potential in the school. They set out to ensure that students work and learn within a positive, caring and encouraging environment where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. They work hard to develop strong positive relationships with parents and members of the local community. Together teachers and management focus on achieving academic excellence. Students of all abilities are enabled to reach their full potential regardless of any challenges that might be before them. They are proud of the top grades and points achieved in the State Examinations by their students and will continue to strive to develop a wider range of options and subjects for students in the school.

Every student is encouraged to participate fully in school life, to get involved in sporting and various extra-curricular activities as they regard these as an important part of their integration into school life and preparation for careers in later life. It is their vision that every student will benefit hugely from their educational opportunity in Coláiste Clavin and leave as mature, confident and well-educated young people who will progress to their chosen studies, career and lives as well-rounded citizens.



CABINTEELY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Cabinteely, Dublin 18** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **527**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Coding/Science, Rugby, Running, Soccer

Cabinteely Community School is a public mixed school located in the suburbs of South Dublin. It is a kind, caring and vibrant learning community which supports the wellbeing and the academic, spiritual, and creative growth of every student. It welcomes students of all ethnicities, abilities, genders and faith traditions, as equal members of the school community.

Students are the heart of the school, and it has incredibly caring and collaborative teachers, special needs assistants and administrative support. They work together in an atmosphere of caring partnership and try to always affirm students' participation in school life. They focus on positive relationships and restorative practice because they believe that students need to feel that they belong and are part of a community to learn successfully. Good relationships are key to that sense of belonging. A wide variety of extra-curricular activities give our students opportunities to create positive relationships with other students and with staff and to benefit personally from positive socialisation.



ROCKFORD MANOR SCHOOL

Location: **Blackrock, Co.Dublin** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **321**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Choir

Rockford Manor is an all-girls secondary school located in Blackrock, a beautiful coastal suburb of South County Dublin with excellent transport links to the city centre and airport. The size of the school is unique in its catchment area enabling it to provide education of the highest quality in an intimate and caring environment where there is an emphasis on individuality and personal contact and affirmation. In the school there a focus on achievement and in this climate of excellence, improvement and success are not only rewarded, but celebrated.

The school has excellent academic facilities including computer and science labs, art and music rooms, a gym hall and basketball courts. Students have plenty of choice with extracurricular activities too as the school offers, a wide range of sports, choir, musicals, and drama.

Girls can expect to become part of the Rockford Manor family when they walk through the doors. Rockford Manor prides itself on its family spirit - among its teachers, auxiliary staff, students, and all of the school community.



DOUGLAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Douglas, Cork City** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **529**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer, Cricket, Badminton

Douglas Community School is an all-boys community school in Douglas a suburb on the southside of Cork city. The school is comprised of a very modern building with state-of-the-art I.T. facilities, science labs, art room, technology labs and a newly refurbished PE hall which allows the school to offer an extremely broad range of subject choice at both Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate. Over the past five years DCS have had a staggering 97% progressing to third level education.

DCS pride themselves on the care given to students. Students that are safe and content are able to optimise their learning. Every boy has a class tutor and year head who look out for them and challenge them to reach their full potential. They strive to develop the students as individuals in an atmosphere of co-operation, respect, and mutual trust.

Students can also choose from a wide range of sporting and extracurricular activities such as music club, public speaking/debating, robotics, coding, and chess.



CABRA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Cabra, Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **178**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Football, Basketball, Athletics, Swimming

Cabra Community College is a mixed school located in a popular suburb of North Dublin. It is an Educate Together school. This means that all students regardless of their religion, worldview, or gender, have the same access to the school. They offer a learner centred approach, where students are at the heart of all policies and practices and involved in decision-making.

It is the schools aim that all of their students will leave with the skills, knowledge, and qualifications to lead a rewarding, happy and productive life.



COMERAGH COLLEGE

Location: **Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **500**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Athletics, Basketball, Soccer

Comeragh College is a modern co-educational secondary school located in the bustling Tipperary town of Carrick-on-Suir. Students love the community feeling that Carrick-on-Suir offers. Academic excellence is promoted in a caring environment by a committed and experienced staff. Each student is supported to achieve their full academic potential. The personal, social, and spiritual development of all students is fostered and nurtured. Comeragh College's educational programmes reflect the inclusive nature of the school community.

The school boasts a wide range of choice in its academic subjects and students can also choose from a vast number of extra-curricular activities including Drama, Debating, Hurling, Soccer, Circuit Training, Basketball, Camogie, Zumba Fitness, Athletics, Gaelic Football, Swimming, Badminton, Ladies Football, Volleyball and Tag Rugby.



EDMUND RICE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **281**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer, Athletics, Swimming

Edmund Rice Secondary School is a school with a long and proud history stretching back to 1805, when it was established as the second Christian Brothers School in Ireland. The schools mission statement challenges all to "Learn together, succeed together, in a respectful manner". This statement points to the areas of school life which are most valued in the school – the promotion of teaching and learning, in a caring community, where everyone is valued.

ERSS offers a superb, dedicated, enthusiastic teaching team where the focus is always on the holistic development of every student to reach to their potential. There are a large number of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in which all students are encouraged to participate. Student Leadership and Student Voice are very important in the daily life of the school.

Students of all abilities are supported by our committed, enthusiastic, and highly skilled staff. ERSS works in very close partnership with parents in order to help students to realise their potential and enjoy their experience as a student in the school.

Students at ERSS can avail of additional English language classes, at no extra cost.



ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Baldoyle, Dublin 13** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **238**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Basketball, Tennis, Badminton

St. Marys is an all-girls located in Baldoyle, a beautiful coastal suburb of North Dublin. St Mary's School is located 2 minutes from the coastline which boasts beautiful views of the locality.

Students are at the heart of the school, and they seek to develop young women of resilience, proactive in seeking academic excellence for themselves and responsive to the needs of others by harnessing their talents and creativity. The personalised growth of the individual, in St. Mary's, is facilitated by a dynamic, caring, and innovative Staff. Students are supported, encouraged, and cared for, there is a real sense of belonging and everyone is valued in this tight knit community.

Sports is a very important part of school life at St. Mary's. Students are encouraged to participate in as many sports as possible from Basketball, Gaelic Football, Tennis, Badminton, Soccer, & Table Tennis.



BLACKWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Lismore, Co. Waterford** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **869**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Badminton, Volleyball, Athletics, Drama, Choir

Blackwater Community School, Lismore is a state-of-the-art educational establishment that boasts a modern school building on a Greenfield site. The schools is well resourced in IT. All classrooms are equipped with interactive white boards and there are four Computer Rooms. The school provides a personalised form of continuous assessment, which incorporates individual attention to student mentoring and a positive behaviour system that reinforces positive action creating a harmonious and co-operative atmosphere within the school.

The school produces excellent academic results, and the teachers and staff are caring mentors to all students who choose to attend.



ST. FINTAN'S HIGH SCHOOL

Location: **Sutton, Dublin 13** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **700**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Tennis, Rugby, Gaelic Games, Debating, Soccer, The Arts

St. Fintan's is an all-boys public school, situated on the coastline, overlooking Dublin Bay, with access to beautiful beaches and habitats which enrich and support student learning in subjects like Geography, Science, Biology, PE, etc. St. Fintan's has strong connections with the surrounding community which helps to enhance the learning experiences of its students e.g., TY students enjoy sailing lessons at Sutton Dinghy Club out on the bay in front of the school; others take part in cookery lessons in Howth Castle; and still others engage with local historical societies to learn more about the history of their locality.

St Fintan's has high expectations for students and all boys are encouraged to strive for excellence, in its many forms, in order to achieve their full potential. A high-quality curriculum together with creative and innovative teaching and assessment strategies allow students to develop greater independence in learning and offer a wide range of learning experiences to meet the needs of all students. The TY programme offers a wide range of modules, experiences, trips, and training.

A strong emphasis on sport has always been a hallmark of education in St. Fintan's High School, and with over 12 competitive sports on offer, the school has earned a reputation as one of the leading boys' secondary schools in Dublin in this area.



ST. MARY'S HOLY FAITH

Location: **Killester, Dublin 5** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **345**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer, Rugby, Music and Choir

St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School Killester is a Catholic Secondary School. The school's aim is to provide an excellent all-round education in a Christian environment. They strive for academic excellence and seek to enable each student to reach her full potential; to accept responsibility for her own actions, to respect the rights of others and to be motivated to make a positive contribution to the building of a better world.

The school offers a broad curriculum, with a wide range of extracurricular activities and a strong emphasis on student leadership.



TEMPLEOGUE COLLEGE

Location: **Templeogue, Dublin 6** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **690**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Band, Debating, Rugby, Soccer, Basketball, Golf

Templeogue College is committed to providing the highest educational standards for all students in a nurturing and supportive environment. Their aim is to get to know each and every one of their students as the unique gift that he is and to nurture and inspire him to become the best he can be. Their highly committed and experienced staff enjoy challenging and engaging their students, ensuring the needs of each individual are understood and met. As a staff team, they strive to educate your son as a spiritual, physical, emotional and academic being, so that the young men in our care grow to be confident young adults who make positive contributions to the world around them.

Templeogue College aim to ensure that all young men develop and enhance their sense of moral purpose and social justice and seek to develop dynamic leaders with a heart of service and a wisdom and vision grounded in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Templeogue college enjoys a high level of success across many areas of extra-curricular life in sport, debate, art, music or chess and their dedicated staff will support students in developing skills and excelling in their chosen extra-curricular area.



BEARA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Castletownbere, Co. Cork** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **309**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Football, Ladies Football, Cross country running, Public Speaking, Athletics, Golf**

The school is situated in Castletownbere and provides a second level education for all students from ages 12-19 in the Beara Peninsula. The school has continued to grow over the past 34 years.

It is a mixed ability school, and the staff strives to use a variety of teaching methodologies which enhance learning. It is our ambition that we endeavour to become an Assessment for Learning (AFL) school. We recognise the importance of partnership between home and school and the need to encourage the student voice. We give every opportunity to each student to reach his or her full potential.

The school offers a varied academic program and a great selection of extracurricular activities.



SCOIL MHUIRE

Location: **Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **445**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Athletics, Field Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Model UN

Scoil Mhuire is a wonderful all-girls school based in the beautiful town of Carrick-On-Suir, Co. Tipperary is a Christian, caring community which encourages the integrated development of every individual concerned. Every member of the community – teachers, students, staff, parents – feel a sense of commitment and belonging. Their principal objective is to provide students with a broad and balanced education in all its aspects – intellectual, emotional, physical, moral and cultural. This objective is achieved within a relaxed and happy environment.

The sporting curriculum includes Net Games, Field Games, Dance, Gymnastics, Aquatics & Lifesaving, Outdoor Education, Health related fitness, Invasion Games & Athletics.



COLAISTE DUN IASCAIGH

Location: **Cahir, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **779**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer, Basketball, Music, Debating

Through innovative teaching methods, state-of-the-art resources, and a curriculum designed to meet the needs of the 21st-century learner, Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities necessary to thrive in an ever-changing world.

They value the holistic development of their students, recognising that their emotional well-being and personal growth are just as important as academic achievement. Their caring and supportive staff create a safe and nurturing environment where students feel valued, respected, and supported. They prioritise the well-being of everyone, fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging students to develop confidence, resilience, and a positive mindset.

The Coláiste is committed to promoting equality and embracing diversity. They celebrate the unique talents, backgrounds, and perspectives of all students, fostering an inclusive community where everyone feels welcome and valued. They firmly believe that diversity enriches the learning experience, helping students to develop empathy, cultural awareness, and a global outlook. Beyond the classroom, the Coláiste offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, providing students with ample opportunities to explore their interests, develop their talents, and discover new passions. Whether it's sports, arts, music, drama, or various clubs and societies, they encourage students to get involved and make the most of their secondary school experience. These activities not only enhance personal growth but also promote teamwork, leadership, and a sense of accomplishment.



PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Clonmel, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **483**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Football, Basketball, Hockey, Coding, Debate, Choir

At Presentation Secondary School in Clonmel, every pupil is unique and that it is the school's task to enable her to reach her potential as an individual and develop into a self-confident lady, ready to take her place in society. They continue to strive for excellence in learning and teaching by providing a rich and diverse curriculum, also aiming to provide a broad and balanced programme, placing equal emphasis on all aspects of the curriculum. The broad range of extra-curricular activities include school choir, sports teams, student council, student leadership team, Junk Kouture from the Art Department, school show, science and enterprise projects. Presentation Secondary School offers a vibrant school community where a myriad of activities take place in any given day and where pupils can enjoy school and are happy.



RAHEEN COLLEGE

Location: **Clonmel, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **309**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Basketball, Athletics, Football, Soccer

Raheen College has long been known not just for the educational merits of its Academic Staff but also for the unsurpassed level of interest shown by the staff in the development of the student as a whole person.

Raheen College boasts a modern campus with brand new facilities including; Sports Pitches, Science Facilities, A Library, IT Facilities and Specialist Rooms. A fantastic academic program is complemented by a broad range of extracurricular activities such as hurling, soccer, badminton, Basketball, Athletics, Gaelic Football, Table Tennis. Other activities include Guitar lessons, School Concerts, Fashion Show, Debating and public speaking, Poetry Competitions and quizzes.



CARRIGNAFOY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Cobh, Co. Cork** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **348**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer, Ladies Soccer, Gaelic Games, Model UN, Maths Club

The college is a vibrant educational institution that has become an integral part of Community life in Cobh since being established in 1935. Through determination to serve the Community, they provide Post-Primary Education and Continuing Education and continue to nurture links with varying clubs and organisations within the town and surrounding areas. They embrace change and continue to plan in an effort to meet the increasing and changing needs of the local community. The College is a modern co-educational second-level school situated on Carrignafoy Road. They offer a broad, comprehensive curriculum, which embraces Academic, Practical and Technological Education. The school ethos and spirit promotes academic excellence, a happy and caring environment, self-confidence and the moral, intellectual and social development of students.



COLAISTE CHRÍOST RÍ

Location: **Turners Cross, Cork City** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: -

Extra Curricular Focus:

Basketball, Athletics, Gym Club, Music Club

Coláiste Chríost Rí pursue especially academic and sporting excellence within a unique Gaelic culture and tradition. They seek to promote full participation in all aspects of school life, bringing about the balanced development of each person. Their vision is Christian and Gaelic.

Their broad curriculum is designed to ensure that the needs of all our students are met. The innovative teaching approach, team teaching and a willingness to continuously review and improve practices, all help ensure that they unlock the potential in all students.



ST CIARAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Kells, Co. Meath** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: -

Extra Curricular Focus:

Athletics, Basketball, Golf, Rugby, Equestrian Sport

St Ciarán's Community School is a co-educational school which is multi-denominational in ethos. Its great strength lies in the broad curriculum offered to students. St. Ciarán's is held in high esteem in the community and is a school rich in tradition and talents. They are proud that several past students are now working in the school. Former students have excelled in every facet of life such as sport, politics, science, religion, education, medicine, art, music, construction, engineering, aviation and agriculture.

At the heart of St Ciarán's is a genuine concern for the welfare, happiness, dignity and self-worth of each student. They are very proud of the atmosphere of care and inclusion in St. Ciarán's and believe it adds to the unique ethos and culture. They strive to ensure that all students who come to St. Ciarán's can reach their potential in a safe, secure and excellent learning and teaching environment. Their guidance and Pastoral care teams guide and support students throughout their time with in the school. There are a large number of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities in which all students are encouraged to participate. Student Leadership and Student Voice are very important in the daily life of the school.



ST. DECLAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **826**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Gaelic Games, Equestrian Sport, Music, Badminton, Soccer

The spirit of St Declan's Community College lies in their commitment to guide students to realise their academic, moral, spiritual and social potential. They want students to be happy, healthy and successful, to learn to value themselves and others so they can become responsible members of their own community.

They set high standards and ambitious goals in order to provide a top grade education where students perform well in state examinations. They are proud to be part of a community of highly qualified dedicated professionals who strive to achieve high standards in their work. Their teaching colleagues work hard to ensure that our students experience success and inspire them to reach their full potential during their time with us.

In St Declan's Community College, there is a long running tradition of supporting student Wellbeing. It has been their experience that by listening to and guiding students to make the best decision for themselves that they can achieve their full potential. As a school community, they endeavour to provide a wide range of opportunities for students, not only in the academic sphere but also in the extracurricular. Their social, sports and co-curricular programmes provide opportunities for each student to participate in life outside the classroom. This engagement with the non-academic helps to create a balance for the child and support their Wellbeing. This in turn supports their ability to achieve in the academic, moral, social and spiritual aspects of their lives.



COLAISTE FIONNCHUA

Location: **Mitchelstown, Co.Cork** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **321**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Gaelic Games, Basketball, Badminton

Coláiste Fionnchua aims to ensure that each student entrusted into their care is given every opportunity to fulfil their potential, both academically and individually. They have a proud tradition of providing a high quality educational experience to the students of Mitchelstown and the surrounding areas. This is achieved by encouraging and challenging students to fulfil their potential, providing a comprehensive academic curriculum and promoting a wide-ranging programme of extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

An underpinning principle of Coláiste Fionnchua is the ethos of working in partnership with all members of the school community: students, parents, teachers, Board of Management and the local community. Their active Student Council and vibrant Parents' Association are essential to College life and very much a part of their inclusive approach towards education.

The caring, committed and highly skilled staff body has always placed an emphasis on both the academic and holistic development of students, affording Coláiste Fionnchua its reputation as a place where students can fulfil their potential in a welcoming, encouraging and safe environment. It is this commitment and dedication that allows them to provide a top quality educational experience for the students who enrol in Coláiste Fionnchua.



THE ABBEY SCHOOL

Location: **Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **332**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Rugby, Soccer, Athletics, Golf

The Abbey has a long and proud tradition of excellence in serving the educational needs of West Tipperary and East Limerick. At The Abbey, they pride themselves on the provision of a balanced holistic education where students of all academic abilities are helped to achieve their potential. This is coupled with a broad extra-curricular programme that reaches out to the many varied interests of all students.

Under the trusteeship of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST), the values of the Edmund Rice tradition are fully realised in our students, as they journey towards independence and finding their place in society as fully rounded young men.

The Abbey has at its core the provision of a happy, caring, welcoming, and respectful school community. This is done in partnership with parents where they acknowledge the role of parents as the primary educators of their sons.



ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

Location: **Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **300**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Equestrian Sports, Golf, Swimming, Tennis

St. Anne's encourages the pursuit of excellence in academic study both for its intrinsic value and as a preparation for life after secondary school. The school enjoys a deserved reputation for outstanding academic results and has a plan for continuous improvement and development to ensure that the education provided continues to meet the ever-changing demands of the twenty first century. St. Anne's has an excellent teaching staff who set the highest standards for behaviour and intellectual development. The curriculum is kept as wide as possible for as long as possible, ensuring that each student has the opportunity to identify her strengths and interests.

In St. Anne's we feel that it is important to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Participation in such activities is not only hugely enjoyable for students but also promotes a feeling of school community. We provide an extensive range of activities.



ST. AILBE'S SCHOOL

Location: **Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **564**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Rugby (boys and girls), Gaelic Games, Athletics, Equestrian Sports**

St. Ailbe's School has a proud tradition of providing for the educational needs of its students. The school is situated on a superb site with extensive playing fields, the use of a modern sports complex. The school has a highly qualified and dedicated staff who give willingly and generously of their time and effort to provide an ever-increasing range of extra-curricular activities for students. St. Ailbe's School offers students a wide range of subjects to Leaving and Junior Certificate standard, at both higher and ordinary level. The Leaving Certificate Applied Programme provides opportunities for students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes.

The main aim of the school is to provide an environment where each and every student develops to their full potential both academically and socially. The school's pastoral care programme is designed so as to ensure that the personal development of students is catered for alongside their academic needs.



MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Waterford** | School Type : **Girls**
 Total Number of students: **497**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Athletics, Basketball

Mercy Secondary school is steeped in History, having first opened its doors on the 20th of August 1900. Over the years, it has expanded greatly and moved site to where it stands today. The school provides an excellent academic program, complemented by a range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The school aims to:

- To promote a holistic development of all members of the school community
- To promote excellence in Teaching and learning
- To show respect, care and compassion for every member of the school community
- To share in the ongoing search for a more loving, just and peaceful world.



WATERPARK COLLEGE

Location: **Co. Waterford** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **551**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Football, Gaelic Games, Tennis, Badminton, Swimming

Founded as the first classical school in Waterford in 1892 and following one hundred and twenty years of service, Waterpark opened a new chapter in September 2012 with a change in status to co-educational. Academic excellence combined with positive behaviour management, ensure that students grow up happily in a school that feels right for them.

Proper formation as students develop adults of principle and the highest personal standards. A distinguished list of Alumni bear testament to the unique translation of the philosophy into a very practical reality.



LORETO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Location: **Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Girls**
 Total Number of students: **906**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Gaelic Games, Hockey

Loreto Secondary school operates under Christian values and aims to communicate to students by word and by deed what it means to be a fully human person in the light of Christ.

They aim to work in a spirit of close co-operation with each girl’s home as they take a shared responsibility for her overall formation and development.

They place considerable emphasis on the importance of a happy working atmosphere in the school that is based on mutual respect amongst all who study and work there.

They recognise that each girl in the school has strengths, weaknesses, needs and wants that are particular to her. Within the confines of a school system that deals with a student population rising to 900 by 2022, they do all in their power to both recognise and cater for individuality and diversity. It is for this reason that they attach great importance to providing a broad curriculum, a wide range of extra-curricular activities and comprehensive support structures for all students.



ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Waterford City, Waterford** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **988**
 Extra Curricular Focus:
Gaelic Games, Basketball Sports

Abbey Community College boasts an ultra-modern campus with state-of-the-art facilities. All classrooms, technical rooms and laboratories have the most up to date equipment and IT facilities and their three student canteens reflect their commitment to caring for students’ needs as they progress through the school.

Teaching and Learning is at the centre of Abbey community College. Their dedicated teaching staff strive for excellence and are continually engaged in professional development to ensure that student engagement is effective. They are proud of our ongoing academic success as they plan for the future.

This vibrant college offers every student the opportunity to shine, not just in academic performance, but in a vast array of co-curricular activities. Students are urged to get involved in college life in whatever interests them: sport, music, the arts, technology, performance, volunteering. The opportunities are limitless.

Above all, Abbey Community College work to ensure a happy school, where students are well-served in a positive and nurturing environment.



ARDSCOIL NA nDÉISE

Location: **Dungarvan, Co. Waterford** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **267**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Athletics, Swimming, Gaelic Games

Ard Scoil na nDéise is a wonderful all-girls school, situated in the heart of Dungarvan. At Ard Scoil na nDéise, the holistic development of all students is well provided for. Every individual student brings something unique to the school and this is valued and nurtured. The school aims to bring out the best in every student and subsequently help them to reach their full potential. The school's core values of respect, care and friendship underpin all aspects of school life in Ard Scoil na nDéise.

Students also learn the joy, excitement, and challenge of competition in a variety of areas at all levels. The success of students in sports, young enterprise, debating, public speaking, music, choir, science, drama and many more are a source of great pride to everyone associated with the school.

High standards in all aspects of school life are expected. Students are expected to aim high in their studies, to work hard and to be sensitive to the rights and needs of others. The highly skilled and motivated staff bring with them a wide range of experience, talents and skills ensuring high quality provision of education to all our students. They all share a dedication to the mission of the school striving to ensure the holistic education of all students.



ATHBOY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Location: **Athboy, Co. Meath** | School Type : -

Total Number of students: **584**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Soccer, Golf**

Athboy Community School provides a wide range of subjects in practical, academic, and vocational areas of the curriculum. A co-ordinated system of pastoral care, combined with the promotion of extracurricular activities help to facilitate the holistic development of all pupils.

The staff of Athboy Community School are actively involved in the promotion of sporting, cultural and other extra-curricular activities among the pupils. This compliments the work of the many sporting and cultural organisations in the area and ensures the overall development of all the talents of pupils.

The school offers a comprehensive range of subjects across a variety of academic and practical subjects. Students can also enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities that includes drama, travel and sport.



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS SECONDARY

Location: **Wexford Town, Co. Wexford** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **709**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Gaelic Games, Soccer, Golf**

CBS is a wonderful school situated in the heart of Wexford town. It is an inclusive school with a strong emphasis on academic and sporting excellence. Through a varied curriculum, excellent guidance and pastoral support and a dedicated, supportive teaching staff, students receive a holistic education during their time in CBS. The school participates in many sporting and non-sporting activities throughout the year.



BALLYMAKENNY COLLEGE

Location: **Drogheda, Co. Louth** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **988**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Soccer (Boys and Girls), Rugby, Badminton

Ballymakenny is a young and vibrant school located in Drogheda, Co. Louth with 1000 students and a staff exceeding 90 members. The college is learner-centred, equality-based and democratically run. This means that all members of the school community, whatever their social, cultural or belief background, work together in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

The school's vision is for an equality-based model of second-level school; one that places the student at its centre and is run as a participatory democracy, with respectful partnership between parents, students, staff and school management.

They aim to create a vibrant, welcoming school community with positive teacher-student relationships, in which every student feels a real sense of belonging. Each student is encouraged to explore their full range of abilities and supported to reach their full academic and social potential, whatever their background and identity.

Their equality-based ethos provides a strong moral, ethical, and spiritual framework for the whole school community that informs teaching and learning and all policies and practices in the daily life of the school. Students follow an ethical education curriculum, which includes learning about different religions and belief systems, equality and justice issues and an ethical approach to the environment. In line with our equality-based, ethical, and democratic ethos, our school is committed to embedding and modelling sustainable and eco-friendly practices.



PATRICIAN PRESENTATION SECONDARY

Location: **Fethard, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **203**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Gaelic Games, Soccer, Volleyball, Coding

Patrician Presentation is a mixed school located in Co. Tipperary. The school aims to enable each student to achieve his/her potential and students' progress is monitored at all stages and levels. Incoming students are in classes of mixed ability, with a good working atmosphere in each class. At all times the student is the focus of the school's attention, and the Student Support Team is always on hand to support individual students experiencing particular family, personal or educational difficulties. The team is aided by a Home School Liaison Officer, who regularly carries out home visits, and a School Completion Programme Coordinator.

The school is proud of the many excellent achievements by students in the past and many of the schools' past students are scattered throughout the world heading up different institutions and businesses.



CLONAKILTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Location: **Clonakilty** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **661**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Soccer, Gaelic Games, Golf, Rugby**

Clonakilty Community College is a vibrant mixed school located in the market town of Clonakilty, West Cork. Pupils are at the centre of every decision taken in the college and the school welcome pupils' input in all aspects of college life. The school has recently undergone a state-of-the-art extension allowing for additional classrooms and boasting the following brand new multidisciplinary rooms; two Design and Communications Graphics rooms, two multimedia rooms, two Science Laboratories, two Construction Studies rooms, technologies preparation room, Engineering room, Art room, Music room, Meditation room. The varied academic program and extracurricular program allow students to achieve their full potential.



VIRGINIA COLLEGE

Location: **Virginia, Co. Cavan** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **808**

Extra Curricular Focus: **The Arts, Soccer, Basketball, Handball, Gaelic Games, Athletics**

Virginia College are proud of the very broad curriculum offered, their excellent academic results, outstanding educational facilities, an exceptional array of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities but more importantly the excellent staff and outstanding students.

The College believes that respect is at the heart of creating a climate for success. To this end they insist on a smart uniform, good behaviour and politeness. In turn this underpins their vision for all students to achieve personal excellence.

They are committed to their students and their individual growth and development through empowering them by giving them the skills to achieve personal excellence. This commitment to them makes the college a happy place to learn and develop. Students at Virginia College thrive knowing that they are supported in every aspect of their life by dedicated staff.



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

Location: **Cabra, Dublin** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **779**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Athletics, Gaelic Games**

St Dominic's College encourages and places great emphasis on Student Leadership and has many practical expressions to give students the opportunity to show leadership skills, such as the Student Council, Head Girls to the Senior School and Head Girls to the Junior School, our Sixth Year Prefect system, Class Captains and Deputy Class Captains, Student Voice Forum on Teaching and Learning, the Junior and Senior Eco Teams, the Social Justice Committee, Gaisce participants, and the first and fifth year mentoring Big Sister Little Sister programme. These student-led committees and leadership positions give students plenty of opportunities to be creative, to take on responsibility and to make a difference to the school community and also the wider society.

The school is a community or family, and any family works well when people are happy. When students are happy most other aspects of their lives such as their academic work, their friendships, their creativity and how they become involved in co-curricular activities, extra-curricular sports, clubs, and events fall into place. Students are supported by a fantastic teaching and support team. Teachers care very much about their students and encourage them always to do their very best. Teachers avail of continuous professional development in order to deliver a very high standard of teaching to their students. The school works hand in hand with parents to support student learning, academic progress as well as emotional, moral, social, spiritual growth and wellbeing.

Private Schools in Ireland

There are approximately 50 fee paying secondary Private Schools in Ireland. Although the student pays a fee, the Irish state provides a subsidy to all fee-paying schools. The main advantage of private schools are that class sizes are often smaller, allowing Teachers to focus on the needs of the individual students. A higher percentage of pupils in private schools typically go onto to third-level education, but this is equally true of the public school system. Private school fees can be used to pay for extra or specialist Teachers and most have an excellent range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities for students beyond the curriculum.

IELA Private Schools 2024/25

- Sutton Park School
- Sandford Park School
- Wesley College
- St Andrews College
- The High School
- St Joseph of Cluny
- John Scottus
- CUS Dublin
- St Vincent's
- Rosemount International School
- Nord Anglia
- The Institute of Education
- Terenure College



SUTTON PARK SCHOOL

Location: **Sutton, Dublin 13** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **454**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Hockey, Volleyball, Athletics, Badminton Athletics

Sutton Park is an International private day school located in the leafy residential and prestigious community of Sutton, 20 minutes from Dublin Airport. In Sutton Park all students and pupils are encouraged to make the most of their academic abilities. Standards are high and they encourage all students to explore and discover their strengths so that they can learn with confidence. They offer 20 different subjects at Leaving Certificate level for example and from the earliest classes, pupils are educated in a wide range of disciplines. From a very early age Sutton Park strives to awaken the imagination and inspire pupils to acquire a love of learning. They pride Themselves on creating the right environment for positive learning and encourage pupils to participate fully in all aspects of the curriculum.



SANDFORD PARK SCHOOL

Location: **Ranelagh, Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **429**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Badminton

Sandford Park School is a small and distinctive private co-educational school. It is situated on 2.5 hectares of secluded and beautiful wooded grounds, close to Dublin's city centre. The non-denominational nature of the school is central to its unique character and draws pupils from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and cultures together in a secure and intellectually stimulating environment. Mutual understanding and respect, each student is challenged by the academic curriculum allied to a wealth of sporting, dramatic, musical and cultural activities. Sandford Park is a non-denominational welcoming student from all and no religious background.



WESLEY COLLEGE

Location: **Balinteer, Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **947**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Rugby, Badminton, Cricket, Tennis, Equestrian, Golf, Athletics, Basketball, Soccer**

Wesley College welcomes students of all faiths and none into an inclusive and caring environment. It celebrates the diverse talents of all pupils. It aims to develop academic curiosity and the pursuit of excellence, confidence, and independent learning. A wide range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities is provided to facilitate a broad inclusive education. The Methodist ethos of the College emphasizes tolerance of and respect for others; it encourages social justice and responsibility.

The College aims to develop a strong moral and ethical code based on Christian principles. Daily Assembly and special services are an integral part of the life of the College and enable particular celebration of the College ethos. The Religious Education curriculum seeks to promote understanding and tolerance of the sincerely held beliefs of those of all traditions; it is not a faith-formation programme. Students may thus reach a position where they may make an informed choice about personal faith in their lives.



ST.ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Location: **Blackrock, Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **1029**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Tennis**

St Andrew's College is a large, inter denominational, co-educational College, with a flourishing junior and secondary school. The College offers a wide range of academic programmes; the Primary curriculum, the Junior Cycle, Transition Year, Leaving Certificate and the International Baccalaureate Diploma at secondary level. The College also offers a wide range of co-curricular, sporting, creative, cultural and other extra-curricular activities.

The school community numbers over 1,300 students, teachers and support staff, drawn from Ireland and 40 other countries. There is a distinctly international atmosphere in the school and, since 1984, they have been accredited by both the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

The schools broad range of pupil backgrounds encourages tolerance, understanding and an appreciation of others. They place great store by the concepts of service and the importance of community. Their aim is to develop the talents of all pupils by involving them in a wide ranging educational experience. They are committed to excellence in academic, cultural and sporting pursuits, and to active partnerships between staff and pupils, school and home. Above all, boys and girls are recognised and valued as individuals. They are challenged through a wide range of activities and opportunities, and are encouraged to display initiative and to develop independence.



THE HIGH SCHOOL

Location: **Rathgar, Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **806**

Extra Curricular Focus:
Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Tennis, Badminton

The High School is a vibrant, dynamic, and highly successful Church of Ireland co-educational secondary day school consisting of over 750 pupils. The High School draws on a well-established heritage as one of the leading schools in Ireland to promote and support a vision of excellence in academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular education for all pupils entrusted to our care. Its primary purpose is to provide a first-class education for girls and boys from Church of Ireland families and other Protestant denominations. It also welcomes applications from those of other Christian denominations, those of other faiths, and those of none.

The High School was ranked by The Irish Times as the best-performing school in south Dublin following 103% entry to third level education in 2012. The school recorded an average progression rate of over 100% to third level education in 2013, 2014, and 2015.



ST JOSEPH OF CLUNY

Location: **Killiney, Dublin** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **239**

Extra Curricular Focus:
Hockey, Basketball, Badminton Soccer

St. Joseph of Cluny Secondary School is an all-girls fee-paying school situated in the prestigious Killiney, Co. Dublin. The school ethos aims to strike a balance between achieving academic excellence and caring for the real needs of the individual student. They strive above all to give the girls a sense of their own value. Their talented and professional teaching staff are dedicated to the promotion of high standards in students. It is a small to medium size school and this is a decided advantage with regard to the quality of the relationships for your daughter.

All students attend Transition Year in St Joseph of Cluny. The purpose of the year is to help students make the transition from a highly structured and exam-orientated environment to one where they will take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision-making. The overall aims of the course are:

The school is committed to creating a broad educational experience by providing the opportunity for each student to achieve academic excellence while also developing her full potential. The school is part of the FUSE DCU Anti-Bullying Programme and Online Safety Programme. The school offers a broadly based curriculum which has a diverse and challenging range of academic subjects, excellent sporting opportunities and extra-curricular activities. Some of these after-school activities include Choir, Orchestra, Hockey, Badminton and Tennis.

The school also offers a continuous programme of personal development and a strong ethos that emphasises respect and tolerance for all. It promotes values such as personal responsibility and leadership, compassion, integrity and kindness. It prepares students for the academic standards required for Third Level education and the demands of professional life.



JOHN SCOTTUS

Location: **Rathmichael, Co. Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **184**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Soccer, Hockey**

John Scottus School offers a vision of education which gives young people the self-mastery, strength of character and compassion to contribute meaningfully to the world around them. Central to the ethos of the school is character development and quality learning through cultivating the values of stillness, attention, enquiry and unity.

The school's broad ranging curriculum encourages learners to develop mindful attention, critical thinking, , compassionate hearts and self-awareness. It is designed to challenge the learner to develop all aspects: mental, emotional, social and spiritual.

The school's aim is to empower students to grow into adults of strength and good character, achieving at the academic level more than they think possible. We aim to develop curious, committed, caring and calm learners who have a big vision of what they can contribute to the world around them.

This distinctive approach to education is characterised by personalised attention, an inclusive atmosphere and wholesome philosophical development of character. Regular opportunities for stillness and philosophical enquiry enable students to learn to be at ease with themselves, to appreciate the value of being fully present and to develop their ability to concentrate. Indeed, the motto of the school "Delight in the present" expresses the belief that when a student comes to know their true self it is possible to delight in the present every moment of every day.

The school's extra-curricular activities in sport, drama, music and art invite the learner to naturally stretch their capacities in a supportive manner. The many school trips offer opportunities for students to live in the present moment and discover in that moment their unlimited vitality and brilliance.



CUS (CATHOLIC UNIVERISTY SCHOOL)

Location: **Dublin City Centre** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **561**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Rugby, cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming and martial arts**

Catholic University School is a private, Catholic school for boys, located in the heart of Dublin, on Lower Leeson Street. At C.U.S, they believe in providing a balance in pupil's lives by offering opportunities to develop rounded personalities and a sense of responsibility in their personal lives. They do this because they believe in educating the whole person - their minds and bodies but above all their hearts and spirits.

Class sizes do not exceed 22-24. Class sizes for option subjects would generally be much lower. C.U.S is committed to offering a variety of subjects to students which results in class sizes remaining small, affording students the best possible opportunity to excel at their chosen subjects.

The students in CUS are encouraged and expected to achieve their maximum potential. A wide variety of subjects are offered at both junior certificate and leaving certificate level.



ST VINCENT'S CASTLEKNOCK COLLEGE

Location: **Castleknock, Dublin 15** | School Type : **-**

Total Number of students: **741**

Extra Curricular Focus:
Rugby, Soccer, Cricket, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball

The ethos of St Vincent's Castleknock College is exemplary of the spirit of St Vincent de Paul, and so the staff and students go about their business of pursuing excellence in everything they do in a gentle and respectful manner. Students are treated with respect and in return are expected to treat their fellow students, and all who work in the school, with equal respect. Visitors to the college will immediately notice the friendly atmosphere and the camaraderie between students, teachers, administrative and ancillary staff.

The College is consistently placed in the top three boys' schools in the country for students progressing to third-level. The College mission is to educate the whole person and so, after the best exam results possible, sport is placed in a central position, alongside music and the dramatic arts.

Classrooms are modern and well-equipped. Opportunities to get involved in clubs and societies exist through all six years at school. School tours and trips offer extra ways to strengthen friendships and expand horizons.

Redevelopment of school facilities over recent years now presents the best possible environment for learning. Modern IT facilities and science laboratories complement upgraded sports facilities which include a dedicated strength and conditioning gym, astro surfaces and a purpose-built sports gymnasium with full sized basketball court and climbing wall.

Student voice and leadership opportunities are key features of the journey through school. These are always under review, responding to changing needs. A student council system involves all students; mentoring programmes for junior students by older seniors help build a strong sense of community. SVP groups, an Ember Team in 5th year and Prefects in 6th year give voice to the school. It is by such opportunities under the guidance of dedicated staff that the school mission to live up to the virtues of St Vincent de Paul is brought to life.



ROSEMONT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Location: Sandyford, Dublin 18 | School Type : Girls
Total Number of students: 251
Extra Curricular Focus: Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Debating

Rosemont International School was founded by a group of parents in 1977. Through the school's educational approach and coaching, all students strive to achieve to the best of their abilities. The school has a proven track record of success with many students every year achieving some of the highest grades in the country. Each student leaves Rosemont School after her Leaving Certificate to a third-level course of her preferred choice. Rosemont teachers are fully committed to educating and are continuously learning and developing their teaching skills in new and innovative ways.
Each student is encouraged to take responsibility for her learning, for example by reflecting on the effectiveness of the strategies she uses in class, in extra-curricular activity and in study. Experience shows this creates a more energetic and motivated approach to learning.
Rosemont's long history in educating students to think independently is anchored in the teaching of the humanities. Independent thought is nurtured through class discussion, higher-order questioning, presentations, and debating. The Sciences develop a sense of enquiry delivered in state-of-the-art laboratories, in a highly collaborative, innovative space. Mathematics and business subjects facilitate logical thinking and entrepreneurship. Creative subjects such as Music, Home Economics and Art develop the brain connectivity involved in focused thought, empathy and self-awareness.



TERENURE COLLEGE

Location: Terenure, Dublin | School Type : -
Total Number of students: 744
Extra Curricular Focus: Rugby, Gaelic Games, Swimming

Terenure College Senior School is a Voluntary Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship of the Irish Province of Carmelites. It is a fee-paying College for boys. The school was founded in 1860. At Terenure College, each individual student is valued, irrespective of ability or achievement.
Chaplaincy and Pastoral care is located at the heart of the school and strives to promote a sense of welcome and belonging within the Terenure College Community. In an atmosphere of trust, respect and understanding, they seek to promote social, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of students. Students are encouraged to be active citizens in society, exploring social justice issues, and in responding in this, partaking in many ways to encourage opportunities for justice, fairness, equality and a sustainable future for all.
Co and extracurricular activities play a key role in the holistic development of students. Terenure College is one of the "big six" Leinster Schools Rugby-playing institutions, winning the Leinster Schools Senior Cup 10 times.



NORD ANGLIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Location: Leopardstown, Dublin 18 | School Type : Mixed
Total Number of students: 280
Extra Curricular Focus: Sports, Dance S.T.E.A.M

Nord Anglia International School Dublin is a private international school that serves primary and secondary students. The school opened in 2018 and is located in the Leopardstown suburb of Dublin in Ireland. NAIS Dublin is the only private school in Dublin accredited to deliver the world-renowned International Baccalaureate IB curriculum in full - from early years to the IB diploma.
Outstanding teachers engage students in the challenging, results-driven programme, cultivating a critical and global mindset. Students experience contemporary and personalised learning to ensure they have the knowledge, skills and understanding for a changing world. Through the IB programme and the school's collaborations with Juilliard and MIT, they encourage students of all ages to think critically and challenge assumptions. Students develop independence while adopting global awareness within a local context and achieving outstanding academic results.
One in three Nord Anglia school leavers progress to the top 100 universities in the world. NAIS Dublin is one of only 400 schools globally to offer all three of the International Baccalaureate curricula. These are world class programmes which demand distinctive, personalised teaching styles. They have huge international recognition and function as global passports for the internationally mobile. Tolerance, international-mindedness and respect for other worldviews and cultures are deeply embedded in each programme. The school thus educates the head, the heart and the hand.
Students are exposed to a school environment without cultural boundaries, to provide a highly transformational learning experience: which creates confidence, growth and ultimately, an enviable quality of outlook and demeanour. NAIS Dublin has the global reach to recruit from the best pool of teachers around the world. They then provide world leading professional development for teachers through Nord Anglia University and through their collaboration with Kings College London where teachers can undertake an MA in International Education.



THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Location: **Dublin City Centre** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **164**

Extra Curricular Focus: **After school & lunchtime options including Bridge, Chess, Coding, Creative Writing, Debating, Entrepreneurship/Circuit Training/Language Club/Music Appreciation**

The Institute of Education is a mixed private school, located in Dublin City Centre, clear focus on results and exam success. The school provides a focused, flexible and complete education experience. The full-time day school provides an environment where students can maximise their academic capabilities while also developing the confidence and maturity to thrive as they move through the education system to third level and on to their chosen careers.

The following is a summary of what students can expect:

Increased teaching team: Our team of exceptional educators are the most experienced teaching team in Ireland. Our teaching team will continue to provide support for students both during and after class ensuring students make excellent progress during the academic year.

Reduced class sizes: We have reduced our class sizes to ensure that our teachers will continue to build a strong working rapport with their students. We believe that when motivated students work with exceptional teachers, they will achieve their potential.

Regular assessments: We will continue to hold regular assessments in all classes. These assessments enable our teachers to maintain up-to-date records of their student’s progress. Our year heads will liaise with teachers, students, and parents regarding each student’s progress.

Student support: All students will be supported throughout the year by our year heads who will be available to meet with them at regular intervals. Students will also be encouraged to meet with our guidance and study teams regularly.



ST GERARD’S SCHOOL

Location: **Bray, Co. Wicklow** | School Type : **Mixed**
 Total Number of students: **597**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Rugby, Athletics, Cross Country, Equestrian, Sailing & Tennis.**

Our school is a community with students from a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures and religions united by a common aim – the formation of young adults able to participate fully in the academic, social, cultural and economic life of the greater community.

St. Gerard’s School seeks to enable each young person to realise their full potential as a unique individual by providing an educational environment which:

- Promotes academic excellence through the provision of a broad and dynamic curriculum.
- Instils a love of learning and an appreciation and enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom - in particular promoting excellence in sport, music and the performing and visual arts.
- Sustains a happy, secure and encouraging environment in which all members of the school community flourish and are nurtured and valued.
- Supports pupils in Catholic faith formation while welcoming pupils of other faiths and none.
- Fosters Christian values of kindness, honesty, integrity, self-discipline and self-esteem as well as positive relationships characterised by dignity, respect, equality and care and concern for others.
- Encourages a keen sense of social awareness and sustainable care for the environment.

Overall, St. Gerard’s School seeks to develop educated, resilient, thinking and caring individuals with the self-confidence to act and make decisions which will enrich their lives and contribute to the lives of others.

Boarding Schools in Ireland

IELA Boarding Schools 2024/25

- Wilsons Hospital Boarding School
- Rockwell College
- Kings Hospital
- Alexandra College
- Newtown School
- Glenstal Abbey
- Rathdown College
- Villiers School
- Clongowes Wood College
- Sligo Grammar School
- Bandon Grammar School



WILSON’S HOSPITAL BOARDING SCHOOL

Location: **Multyfarnham, Westmeath** | School Type : **Mixed**
Total Number of students: **433**
Extra Curricular Focus:
Athletics, Badminton, Cricket, Hockey, Rugby, Soccer

Wilson’s Hospital School is a distinctive private co-educational school and is housed in one of the finest and most sophisticated mid-Georgian buildings constructed outside of Dublin. It is situated on 73 hectares of secluded and beautiful wooded grounds & farmland between the lakes of Derravaragh & Owel and is just 62 minutes from Dublin airport.

The school draws pupils from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and cultures together in a secure and intellectually stimulating environment. 60% of students are boarders. With mutual understanding and respect, each student is challenged by the academic curriculum allied to a wealth of sporting, dramatic, musical and cultural activities. Wilson’s Hospital School is the Church of Ireland Diocesan secondary school of Meath and welcomes students from all and no religious background.

The school offers a wide range of sports and extra-curricular activities. Sport facilities include full sized sports hall, all weather cricket, hockey, rugby & soccer pitches, running tracks, outdoor swimming pool and climbing wall. Other extra-curricular activities take place in the concert hall, the sports hall and the choir practise in the Chapel. Every student is encouraged to participate in a least one sporting/extra-curricular activity.



ROCKWELL COLLEGE

Location: **Cashel, Co. Tipperary** | School Type : **Mixed**
Total Number of students: **517**
Extra Curricular Focus: **Athletics, Basketball, Rugby, soccer, swimming, Gaelic Games and tennis**

Located in the heartlands of Tipperary, Rockwell College is one of Ireland’s leading boarding schools and is situated 7km. from Cashel on the main Dublin-Cork Road in the Province of Munster. Located on a picturesque lakeside estate, Rockwell is set in acres of wooded grounds and rich farmland along with its 23-acre lake. Today, the College educates 500 students aged from 12 to 19 years, both boarders and day boarders, boys, and girls, with a distinct international dimension. Students come from more than 20 countries worldwide, contributing to Rockwell’s strong multicultural environment and global reach.

Established in 1864, Rockwell College will soon be Ireland’s only Catholic, co-educational boarding schools for second-level students where boys and girls can grow and develop in a caring and supportive atmosphere. Co-education helps to prepare students for a diverse and inclusive world. As a result of our inclusive environment, students learn to collaborate with each other and develop mutual respect, empathy and understanding. Students achieve higher levels of social skills and increased self-esteem.

Students are educated in the Spiritan tradition with Rockwell College operating under the trusteeship of the Spiritan Education Trust. With world-class education & facilities, Rockwell College provides students with the opportunity to excel inside & outside the classroom. Rockwell College is committed to the development of each student’s gifts, encouraging due emphasis on Intellectual, Spiritual, Social, Cultural and Sporting Activities which enhance growth in self-esteem and self-worth and imbues a concern and care for others, especially the underprivileged in the Spiritan tradition of education.

Weekends are somewhat less structured, giving Seven-day boarders some much needed rest. However, routine is important, and there are activities organised for boarders who wish to take part.



THE KING’S HOSPITAL

Location: **Palmerstown, Dublin 20** | School Type : **Mixed**
Total Number of students: **730**
Extra Curricular Focus:
Rugby, Hockey, Basketball, Athletics, Cricket

The King’s Hospital School is a co-educational secondary school for boarders and day students, which offers a broad academic curriculum and a wide range of extracurricular activities.

The school, founded on the Church of Ireland values of compassion, respect and personal responsibility, welcomes young people of every faith and nationality. Located on a vast campus close to Dublin city, they offer unrivalled amenities and accommodation and are within easy reach of motorways and transport links. Together with world-class teachers and coaches, they strive to ensure that every student leaves The King’s Hospital School inspired, confident, resilient and prepared to take on the challenges and opportunities of our ever-changing world.

International Students welcome to apply from Transition Year.



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

Location: **Milltown, Dublin 6** | School Type : **Girls**

Total Number of students: **658**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Hockey, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis, Athletics, Yoga

Founded in 1866, Alexandra College set out to provide advanced education to young women at a time when the prevailing system did not provide them with any such opportunities. Alexandra College is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in all areas of education. Their aim is to generate and maintain an inclusive climate of learning within which every pupil is enabled to develop and fulfil her own unique potential.

It is their hope that every student who leaves this College will be equipped not only to make her own way in the world but also to make her particular contribution to society and at the same time to continue her lifelong learning process.

During their time with at Alexandra College Senior School, they aim to prepare our girls for the next stages in their lives and careers. An Alex education goes beyond the classroom, equipping a girl with everything she needs to soar as a woman and preparing her for university and her career, while giving her a solid foundation for life.

All classes and activities are structured to help girls enjoy a challenge to do their best without pressure or anxiety. They celebrate success and recognise the effort put in by students and are committed to the pursuit of excellence for all.

Students select from a list of approximately 27 subjects in the areas of language, the sciences and maths, business and the creative and social subjects. Alex results are excellent, over the past five years, students have received A or B grades in two-thirds of all examinations taken. In the Leaving Certificate more than 80% of exams are taken at Higher Level and students obtain almost 50% more points than the national average.



NEWTOWN SCHOOL

Location: **Newtown, Co. Waterford** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **396**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Rugby, Soccer (Boys and Girls),
Swimming & Lifesaving, Badminton, Hockey**

Newtown School is a multidenominational, coeducational independent school with both day and boarding pupils in Waterford, Ireland. What makes Newtown School different from other schools is the fact that Quaker education is not only concerned with examination results, but with experiences that are not measurable, the discovery of true self, nurturing confidence, independence and respect.

Newtown recognise no barriers of colour, class or gender. Honesty, integrity, simplicity, equality and peace are central to the way they conduct their lives. They seek to create a community of tolerance and understanding within which a balance between discipline, especially self-discipline, freedom and exploration is maintained. The broad, multi-cultural and inclusive character of the school gives each student the opportunity to make choices and to participate and to develop as a unique individual: to let their lives speak.

Teachers and students make a community living and working together under discipline in friendship and mutual respect. The whole community should live together in friendship, each one recognising the special position held by the others and the contribution required from each for the perfection of the common life.

Students, both day and boarding, are actively encouraged to take part in numerous extra-curricular activities provided on and off site. A variety of interests are catered for, ranging from Orienteering to Linguistics. Sports at Newtown School play a very important part in creating community spirit within the school walls.



GLENSTAL ABBEY SCHOOL

Location: **Munroe, Co. Limerick** | School Type : **Boys**

Total Number of students: **219**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Golf, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer, Hurling.**

Glenstal Abbey School is an all-boys independent day and boarding Roman Catholic secondary school, located on the grounds of Glenstal Abbey in Munroe, County Limerick. It is run by monks of the Benedictine order. The school is regularly ranked among the top schools in Ireland.

Glenstal offers students a Christian environment in which to grow together and seek to foster independent, critical and imaginative thinking that will help guide them through life. Their understanding of boys' education is underpinned by the values of the 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition in which they stand. Because the school is so closely associated with the adjoining monastery, community is profoundly important. While the student body includes boys who belong to the Catholic Church and other Christian traditions, as well as some who adhere to other faiths or have no religious affiliation at all, they form a single community. Glenstal want students to see it as such and to know Glenstal as a home away from home and an extended family, where lifelong friendships are fostered and treasured. Glenstal has students from all around Ireland and from overseas. Among the countries currently represented are the United Kingdom, USA, France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. More than 75% of current students are seven-day boarders. Whether from a few miles away or a thousand, Glenstal is home from home for each boy.

Boarding is a unique element of the school's culture. It fosters a vibrant spirit of community in the school and also helps the boys to grow in self-confidence and independence. The 24-hour nature of school life means that members of staff are always on hand to offer support and advice, whether in academic or other areas, and a culture of mentoring and guidance exists and is fostered among students.



RATHDOWN SCHOOL

Location: **Glenageary, Co. Dublin** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **303**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Tennis, Cross Country Running, Cricket, Sailing**

Rathdown School welcomes girls and boys from Pre-School (3 years of age) to Leaving Certificate level (18 years of age).

Mission Statement: At the heart of what we do is the belief and knowledge that we offer an exceptional learning environment while ensuring the physical, moral and spiritual growth of every student is nurtured and supported. We are a school that values community both Irish and global and a place that creates opportunities for every student to fulfil their potential. Under the supervision of an experienced team of Matrons, we provide a safe and caring extended family environment where boarders and day students can flourish academically, socially and personally. Boarding and day students alike are encouraged to take part in the busy schedule of weekend and evening activities. Whether your child wants to be an architect, airline pilot, ambassador or actuary, they need to know that nothing can stand in their way. We believe that Rathdown School sends that message to girls every day. There are many reasons for choosing an outstanding school and every Rathdown student will have their own opinion about what the main advantages are.

Rathdown's first-class examination results are a reflection of the strong academic ethos in which both students' and parents' high expectations are met and, more usually, surpassed. Rathdown students achieve excellent examination results in State Examinations and secure places in third-level education across Ireland, the UK, Europe, the US and beyond. Most students gain places at their first choice of university.

It is a mixed ability school, meaning they have students with a wide range of academic ability. At one end, a very high percentage of girls perform exceptionally well, scoring high points. They ensure that everyone is catered for, and the achievements at the other end are equally impressive.



VILLIERS SCHOOL

Location: **Limerick City, Co. Limerick** | School Type : **MIXED**

Total Number of students: **572**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Hockey, Rugby, Cricket**

Villiers Secondary School is a co-educational, fee paying, boarding and day secondary school, located on the North Circular Road, Limerick, Ireland. Villiers is the leading national and international school in Ireland. Villiers has a Protestant ethos.

Villiers embrace and maintain the traditional values of the school and balance them with modern, state of the art educational facilities, to develop an environment that engenders growth on an academic, cultural, and social level.

Modern facilities include state-of-the-art science laboratories, art rooms, technology, graphics and construction labs and a large ICT suite. School classrooms have interactive white boards and other modern media. Our impressive sports facilities include a full size sports hall, hockey pitch, rugby pitch, changing rooms and cardio gym. Most recently, from 2020 to 2022, our four boarding houses have been extended and modernised. New modern, modular classrooms have been added in the rear of the school. In 2022, we also completed a number of upgrades to our catering and food services, including our dining hall and school café.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is also available at Villiers, an international alternative to the traditional Irish Leaving Certificate program.

Sport at Villiers is inclusive by nature. Coaches and facilitators encourage all students, regardless of skill level or ability, to get involved in physical activity and team sports, including Hockey, Rugby, Basketball, Athletics, Badminton, Soccer and Cricket. For those students who do not wish to engage in Extracurricular Sports, there are a variety of clubs and societies available for students to partake in, including Craft, Debating, Art, Choir, Music, Science, Computers, Christian Union, Gardening, Chess, Philosophy, Drama & Film and Library club.



CLONGOWES WOOD COLLEGE

Location: **Clane Co. Kildare** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **442**

Extra Curricular Focus: **Rugby**

Clongowes Wood College SJ is a Catholic voluntary boarding school for boys near Clane, County Kildare, Ireland, founded by the Jesuits in 1814. The College's Mission Statement speaks of educating pupils according to the best traditions and highest standards of Jesuit schooling and the values of the Gospel and this is a succinct expression of what they hope to achieve in Clongowes. Each boy is valued and encouraged. Their aim is to create an open, happy, stimulating, mutually respectful community environment in which young people are able to develop the full range of their talents and abilities in a balanced, integrated and generous way.

The profile of an ideal Clongowes' graduate is someone who is open to growth, intellectually competent, socially able, culturally aware, physically developed, inspired by the values of the Gospel, flexible and adaptive, actively concerned about justice and peace, committed to striving for excellence and having a sense of belonging to the Church and its mission. A typical day for the boys at Clongowes is diverse and rewarding and includes a mix of formal classes, structured evening study, social outings and a broad co-curricular programme that ensures healthy and balanced students.

Clongowes is best known for its active participation in rugby during the season but there also are many other sports enjoyed such as football/soccer, golf, basketball, tennis, swimming, cricket, fencing, athletics, GAA, weight training and more.



SLIGO GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Location: **Rathquarter, Sligo** | School Type : **MIXED**

Total Number of students: **488**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Rugby, Hockey, Basketball, Athletics, Golf

Sligo Grammar School is a private fee-paying co-educational boarding school located on The Mall in Sligo. The school is one of a small number of schools in the Republic of Ireland under Church of Ireland management and is liberal and egalitarian in its outlook. Co-educational since 1948, the school also brings together pupils from various religious traditions, and students of several nationalities. It is a popular destination for exchange students seeking a temporary home in a pleasant part of the English-speaking world; in the last academic year they were delighted to welcome students from Germany, Mexico, Ukraine, Russia and Spain.

A voluntary secondary school, Sligo Grammar School operates a six-year cycle (like most second-level schools in the Rep. of Ireland) catering for students aged about 12 – 18. Students work for their first three years towards the Junior Certificate state examinations, in which most students will take ten subjects. Fourth Year is Transition Year, a break from exam-orientated study, in which students have the opportunity to experience a broad range of new subjects and activities. Finally, on entering fifth year, students begin two years of study towards the Leaving Certificate. For most students, this is a third-level entrance examination. Seven subjects are usually taken, of which English, Irish and Maths are compulsory.

School life is not, however, all about study. A broad range of extra-curricular activities is on offer. The school is renowned for its rugby and hockey, and also for its award-winning choir.



BANDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Location: **Bandon, Co. Cork** | School Type : **Mixed**

Total Number of students: **726**

Extra Curricular Focus:

Rugby, Hockey, Basketball and Athletics

Bandon Grammar School is a Church of Ireland secondary school situated in Bandon, County Cork, Ireland. Established in 1642, it is one of the oldest schools in Ireland. growing pupil body is enhanced with many international students from Irish families living abroad and from countries such as Spain, Germany, Vietnam, South Korea, Hong Kong and Australia.

The broad inclusive ethos is evident in the diverse school community which includes those of many Christian denominations and other faith traditions. They aim to provide a caring, well-ordered environment, in which each boy and girl will find success and happiness as they study, partake in the many activities, and develop their personalities.

The school offers an unrivalled choice of subjects, smaller class sizes and excellent facilities. The value of diligent study is inculcated, and pupils consistently perform to the highest levels with individuals regularly honoured with prizes, bursaries and scholarships awarded at national level. Their excellent staff are dedicated to helping each pupil to fulfil potential, develop talents and become a well-rounded graduate.

They encourage each child to take a full part in the wide range of activities, sports and tours, developing healthy and active lifestyle attributes along the way. The Bandon Grammar School pupil experience is varied, rich and unique. Friendships are made for life and life opportunities are enriched.

Application Process

Step 1

- Skype interview with IELA to get to know the student and discuss the most suitable school options.
- Complete and submit IELA Application form together with:
 - » Two recent Academic Reports
 - » Copy of Passport
 - » Supporting documentation of any learning challenges
 - » Supporting documents of any medical or certified dietary requirements.
 - » Final Class / Year report which the student will have completed before arrival
 - » Students' Doctor's name, address & telephone number
 - » Religious ethos of student if any.
 - » Details of sports or musical instrument interests.

Step 2

- Upon receipt of IELA application form, a declaration of interest is sent to the school of choice.
- Upon acceptance of a school place, a non-refundable deposit of €1000 (Public School place) or €1500 (Private School Place) is required which will be off-set against High School Programme fee.

Step 3

- Balancing invoice will be issued and must be paid in full 60 days prior to student arrival date.

Step 4

- Upon receipt of full payment and confirmation of arrival flight details, the following documentation will be issued:
 - » School accommodation/Host family profile and contact details.
 - » Visa invitation letter for non-EU students
 - » Student welcome pack
 - » Pre-flight text to student ensuring they have contact details for the IELA staff member meeting them at the airport upon arrival.



Thank you for everything, we recognise IELA's good organisation and management of the programme and we appreciate the help and you have been to our daughter.

Pre-arrival Information

Upon receipt of deposit and final instalment, a student is officially enrolled on the IEELA High School programme. An IEELA welcome pack is emailed to each student in advance of arrival setting out advice & tips on the following:

Welcome Pack Includes

- ✓ What to expect from the IEELA High School & Guardianship service
- ✓ IEELA personal meet & greet service and airport transfer information
- ✓ IEELA Guidelines while staying with a host family
- ✓ IEELA Guidelines for curfews and socialising
- ✓ What items the student will need to bring from home for school
- ✓ How the student will get their uniform/books/travel card upon arrival
- ✓ What happens on the first day of school
- ✓ What happens during mid-term holidays and school closure days
- ✓ Information about public transport and the student 'Leap' travel card
- ✓ Ireland's culture, customs, and weather information
- ✓ Information about mobile network providers
- ✓ Emergency numbers for the parents and students
- ✓ The role of the IEELA educational guardian and how we offer personalised support for each student throughout their stay

Arrival & Guardianship Services

Ireland's Eye Language Academy support our students every step of the way. Our excellent personalised service is unrivaled by competitors in our sector.

Arrival & Guardianship Services Include

- ✓ IEELA meet & greet each student on arrival and introduce them to their host family
- ✓ IEELA assist students' in purchasing uniform, books and in choosing extra-curricular activities
- ✓ IEELA Co-ordinators or Host families accompany each student on their first day to/from school.
- ✓ IEELA continually monitor each child's progress in school & attend Parent Teacher Meetings
- ✓ IEELA continually monitor all host family placements



TESTIMONIALS



“Fantastic Experience!”

“IELA was the agency chosen for our son to study 6th year and Leaving Certificate in Ireland, and it was a total success. High professional standards of management and kindness shown during the stay, a perfect combination. It has been wonderful to have Emer and Nicky to our side. They are more than an agency. They are two involved women getting everything working in a more manageable way”

Nacho, Zaragoza

“Unforgettable Experience!”

“I have not got enough words to describe how much I miss Ireland and Sutton and even Sutton Park School, I won't lie about it. I am really glad that I have been so fortunate to be a part of the IELA experience, it has been the most memorable time of my life actually! I wish you all the best of health and miss both of you really bad! I really wish to visit Ireland and re-connect with the memories of the past, and, of course, get those spicy O'Connell's wings”

Vlad, Russia – Sutton Park School

“A great team!”

“I have been a host mother for many agencies in Dublin and IELA are the most professional with an excellent student-centred approach. They manage to balance the needs of the students & host families flawlessly. I now only work with IELA because of how great a team they are”

Ciara Moen

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a student expense account (contingency fund) and how is this fund managed?

On confirmation of enrolment, we request an Expenses Fund of which allows us to purchase the uniform, books and extra-curricular activities from this Fund (with the exception of some private high school uniform costs). Any unused funds monies are returned to the family after the student's departure, with balancing statement. If funds become low during the academic year a supplement will be requested. Please be assured that no major payments will be made without parental permission. Actual amount can vary depending on the duration of stay and costs at each individual school.

School uniforms & books - who will buy these items?

IELA will purchase the uniform and books for each high school student before arrival. Simply include the student's measurements with our application form (Height, Chest, Waist and Inside leg) and IELA will do the rest! The school uniform and text book costs will be paid from the Students' Expenses Fund Account.

Do I need medical & travel insurance for my time in Ireland?

It is mandatory for all students attending IELA programmes to purchase full medical & travel insurance before commencing their programme. EU students must also bring their European Health Insurance Card. Travel insurance is available to purchase through IELA.

How much 'pocket money' is recommended?

We recommend €30 per week. Students must have access to their own personal funds. Parents should arrange a debit card for their child in which they can deposit funds on a weekly or monthly basis. Cash is not available from IELA for students under any circumstances.

What do students plan during holidays (mid-term breaks/Christmas/Easter)

IELA will organise an excursion for students during October and February mid-term breaks. There are no pre-arranged activities organised for students during school holidays however there are local camps/workshops run by external providers. IELA are happy to advise in consultation with the student and the families closer to the time. Any additional costs for third party camps/workshops can be paid from the Student Expenses Fund.

Please note that our High School Programme includes accommodation during mid-term breaks but does not include accommodation during Easter and Christmas holidays. We recommend that all students return home for Christmas and Easter holidays.

When will I receive details of my host family?

Host family profiles will be shared **a few weeks in advance of a students' arrival**. In our experience, to avoid disappointment to our students overseas, sharing family information earlier is not recommended as family life is constantly evolving and sometimes situations arise which force them to postpone their hosting plans.



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