

SCHOOL CHOICE DUBLIN



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EDUCATION IN IRELAND

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

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

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

Transition Year - Year 4, aged 15-16

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

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

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



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Exciting activities for all tastes

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

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

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

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

STATE SCHOOL

**MIXED
GENDER**





MALAHIDE PORTMARNOCK EDUCATE TOGETHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

State school – Mixed – 607 students
Host Family. Full year preference.
School iPad required.

Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School is an inclusive, student-centred school with a strong focus on academic achievement, creativity and wellbeing. Opened in 2018, the school promotes diversity, equality and independent learning in a welcoming and supportive environment. Students do not wear a uniform, encouraging individuality and self-expression.

Located between Swords, Malahide and Portmarnock, the school is close to the seaside, shopping and local amenities, and approximately 45 minutes from Dublin city centre.

Facilities

Science labs, canteen, music room, art room, sports hall, dance studio, computer rooms

Subjects

English, Irish, Maths, French, Spanish, Science, Biology, Physics, History, Geography, Business, Politics and Society, Art, Music, PE, Ethical Education, CSPE, SPHE, Classics, Home Economics, Technology, Applied Technology and Graphics/Design & Communication Graphics.

Extra-curricular activities

Basketball, soccer, drama, archery, debating, GAA, student council



MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



FINGAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 793 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



CBS WESTLAND ROW

State School – Mixed

Host Family

CBS Westland Row is a welcoming post-primary school in Dublin's South Inner City. Part of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust, it promotes inclusion, care and respect, with a strong focus on student wellbeing and helping each student reach their full potential.

Located in Dublin 2, the school benefits from excellent transport links and is close to Grafton Street, Trinity College and St Stephen's Green, placing students in the heart of the city with easy access to amenities, education and cultural attractions.

Facilities

Canteen, outdoor areas.

Subjects

Irish, English, Mathematics, Physical Education, SPHE, CSPE, Religion, History, Geography, Business Studies, Science, Home Economics, Art, Spanish, Computers, Biology, Chemistry, Accounting.

Extra-curricular

Soccer, tag rugby, snooker and pool, table tennis, glass painting, dodge ball, cross-stitch.



GRANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State School - Mixed - 230 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



ST. TIERNAN'S COMMUNITY SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 543 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



ARD SCOIL LA SALLE

State School - Mixed - 189 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



WILSON'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL

State School - Mixed - 410 Students
7-Day boarding / Host Family

Located just over one hour from Dublin, this 7-day boarding school is a place of personal development where students pursue their studies and form lifelong friendships in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

Multyfarnham is a very small village in County Westmeath, approximately 1.5 hours from Dublin.

Facilities

Library, Science Labs, Canteen, Computer Suite, Business Studies, Music Room, Art Room, Gym hall, Technical Drawing, Sports Field, Hockey Pitch.

Subjects

English, Mathematics, Music, German, Spanish, French, Geography, History, Art, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Accounting, Business Studies, Computers, Design & Graphics, Careers, Physical Education, Applied Maths.

Extracurricular

Soccer, Hockey, Basketball, Rugby, Debating, Art Club, Music & Drama, Charity Work, Music, Choir.

STATE SCHOOL

**FEMALE
ONLY**





ST. MARY'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 300 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



DOMINICAN COLLEGE SION HILL

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

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



ST. RAPHAELA'S SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 563 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



MANOR HOUSE SCHOOL

State School - Female only - 712 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



ROCKFORD MANOR

State School - Female only - 294 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



Stanhope Secondary School

State School - Female only - 190 Students
Host Family

Stanhope strive to provide a warm and caring atmosphere in our school with a strong focus on the holistic development of their students. They aim to equip them with the skills they need to progress in society and to become confident, responsible, independent young women.

Stoneybatter is one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the city. The people are friendly, it's full of great independent businesses. It is just approximately 3km from The Phoenix Park and 2.5km to the city centre.

Facilities

Sports hall, library, science labs, home economics room, art room.

Subjects

English, Maths, Religion, PE, Accounting, Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, French, Geography, History, Home Economics

Extracurricular

Football, Basketball, Running, Badminton, Dance, French/Spanish Club, Book Club, Chess, Debating, Drama

STATE SCHOOL

**MALE
ONLY**





ST. FINTAN'S HIGH SCHOOL

State School - Male only - 706 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



MARIAN COLLEGE

State School - Male only - 355 Students
Host Family

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

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

Facilities

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

Subjects

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

Extracurricular

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



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