

ATLAS JUNIOR

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

IRELAND

WELCOME TO ATLAS HIGH SCHOOLS!

Ireland is an ideal destination for international high school students. With its world-class educational standards and a friendly, safe and welcoming reputation, it offers an experience that is hard to match anywhere else in the world. Studying in a high school in Ireland provides students with a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves personally and academically while experiencing the lifestyle and culture of a modern and dynamic country at the heart of Europe.

At Atlas we pride ourselves on quality. This is why we work with only the very best schools to deliver our High School programmes. We consult closely with each student to understand their background, interests and needs before suggesting the most suitable options for them from one of our many partner schools. We combine this with an unparalleled guardianship and student support service, which means that parents can be assured that their children are experiencing the best possible personal and educational development while abroad.

We are dedicated to providing the highest level of service across every aspect of our young learners' time with us. Our goal is to ensure that each and every student receives the best possible care from the moment they step off the plane until it is time for them to say goodbye and go home. For quality, experience and peace of mind Atlas is the only choice for High School placements in Ireland.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Atlas High School Programmes!



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WHY IRELAND?

Ireland is a country famous throughout the world for its welcoming people, its proud artistic tradition and its stunning scenic beauty. Safe, friendly, fun and welcoming, it is the perfect destination for high school students!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ireland has an internationally respected education system, renowned for its academic quality.
- The Leaving Certificate qualification is internationally recognised for all degree programmes at Irish, UK, US and European universities.
- High School education consists of a three-year junior cycle followed by a two-year or three-year senior cycle.
- Ireland offers outstanding career opportunities with leading global companies.
- Four Irish writers have won the Nobel prize for literature: Samuel Beckett, WB Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Seamus Heaney.

IRELAND IS A GATEWAY TO THE BEST UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE!

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

BELFAST

GALWAY

DUBLIN

KILKENNY

CORK

DUBLIN IS THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF EUROPE: 9 OF THE 10 TOP TECH COMPANIES ARE HEADQUARTERED HERE!

“ One of the **top 10** friendliest countries in the world. ”
- Lonely Planet



Why Atlas?

At Atlas we pride ourselves on the quality of our programmes. Our goal is to ensure that each and every student is taken care of from the moment they step off the plane until it's time for them to say goodbye and go home. We are dedicated to providing the highest level of service in every aspect of our young learners' time with us - from their courses and accommodation to their extracurricular activities and general welfare.

High School Placement

Experience

Our programme director, Arthur Godsil, is the former Headmaster of one of Ireland's top private schools and has a unique insight and understanding of the Irish school system. With over 40 years experience at the heart of the Irish education system Arthur and his team provide expert advice to families who wish to send their children abroad to study.

Security

We provide the highest level of monitoring and assessment of any high school placement provider in the country. We constantly monitor the progress of our high school students and have face to face meetings with them continually throughout the year. Our Guardianship service ensures your child is in safe hands from the moment they arrive in Ireland until the moment

they leave. Our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the young people we work with is paramount.

Excellence

We work with only the best schools in their fields, chosen for their academic, sporting and extracurricular excellence. At Atlas we pride ourselves on the quality of our programmes and we are dedicated to ensuring each child reaches their potential. We have close working relationships with the Principals and leadership teams within our partner schools and are assured of their quality educational programmes – both academic and extracurricular activities.

GUARDIANSHIP YOU CAN TRUST

No other school provides better guardianship for students in Ireland. Our monitoring and assessment service is of the highest standard and starts from the moment each student steps off the plane.

- Carefully selected partner schools that provide the highest educational standards.
- Detailed needs analysis of each student's requirements before arrival.
- **Unrivalled Educational Guardianship and support** throughout the student's stay, to include:
 - Individual orientation programme on arrival and ongoing, consistent support throughout the year. Regular coaching sessions and pastoral service with students.
 - Regular feedback and updates. Parents are constantly kept abreast of their child's welfare and academic progress.
 - The Atlas guarantee is that each student receives the individual care and attention they require as they pursue their academic goals away from home.

Language courses

For those who would like to improve their English level prior to the High School year, we recommend to join one of our Junior Summer Programmes. For further information please contact the school.

The Irish Education System

Secondary school education in Ireland consists of a three-year Junior Cycle, followed by a two or three-year Senior Cycle, depending on whether the optional Transition Year is taken.

The Junior Cycle (Years 1, 2 and 3 for students aged 12-15)

Students begin secondary school at age 12 in Year 1. Over these three years, the main objective is for students to complete a broad and balanced curriculum, that includes humanities, languages, science and technology, music and arts, numeracy and literacy, along with electives. They sit a state examination in Third Year called the Junior Cycle Student Award before they proceed to the Senior Cycle.

| JUNIOR CYCLE | |
|--------------|----------|
| Age 12 - 13 | 1st Year |
| Age 13 - 14 | 2nd Year |
| Age 14 - 15 | 3rd Year |

The Senior Cycle (Years 4, 5 and 6 for students aged 15-18)

The first year of the Senior Cycle is optional and it is called Transition Year (TY). TY provides an opportunity for students to experience a wide range of educational inputs, including work experience, over the course of a year that is free from formal examinations. In Year 5 and 6, students prepare for the terminal university entrance examination called the Leaving Certificate. Students study the core subjects of English, Irish and Maths and choose an additional 3-5 elective subjects from a breadth of 30 subjects. Irish is not compulsory for overseas students provided their primary education up to 11 years of age was received outside Ireland.

| SENIOR CYCLE | |
|--------------|----------|
| Age 15 - 16 | 4th Year |
| Age 16 - 17 | 5th Year |
| Age 17 - 18 | 6th Year |

The standard academic year begins in September, finishes in June and consists of three terms: Sept – Dec; Jan – April and April – June. We can place a student in any of the years 1-6 and termly placements can also be negotiated.

| STANDARD ACADEMIC YEAR | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Term 1 | September - December |
| Term 2 | January - April |
| Term 3 | April - June |

Junior Cycle Subjects

| MANDATORY SUBJECTS | OPTIONAL SUBJECTS | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | CORE | MODERN LANGUAGES | SCIENCES | APPLIED SCIENCES | ARTS & HUMANITIES |
| English | Spanish | Science | Technology | History | Religious Education |
| Maths | French | Geography | Technical Graphics | Classical Studies | Business Studies |
| CSPE | Italian | Home Economics | Materials technology | Music | Social Personal & Health Education |
| Irish Language* | German | Physical Education | Metalwork | Art, Craft & Design | Jewish Studies |

* An exemption from studying Irish Language is awarded to all our visiting students.

- Please note that each school will offer a selection of the subjects outlined above.
- We will help families choose their subjects once an enrolment has been confirmed.

Senior Cycle Subjects

| MANDATORY SUBJECTS | OPTIONAL SUBJECTS | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | CORE | MODERN LANGUAGES | LABORATORY SCIENCES | APPLIED SCIENCES | ARTS & HUMANITIES |
| English | Spanish | Physics | Technology | History | Accounting |
| Maths | French | Chemistry | Engineering | Classical Studies | Business |
| Irish Language* | Italian | Biology | Home Economics | Music | Economics |
| | German | Agricultural Science | Design & Communication Graphics | Art | |
| | Russian | Applied Maths | Construction Studies | Geography | |
| | Japanese | | | Religious Education | |

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- In general, students take six or more subjects for examination.
- There are additional subjects that are not listed here, but may be available on request, depending on the school.
- Schools will also offer their own range of short courses, which may include topics like 'Personal Finance', 'Chinese Language and Culture' or 'Web Design'.

High School Enrolment process



STEP 1: High School Application Form

We ask students to complete our High School Placement application form. This provides us with detailed information about each student's background, strengths and interests. At this stage, the student must also complete our online English level test and provide us with two of their most recent school reports (translated into English).



STEP 2: Introduction

We can meet parents or those representing the parents on Skype for an introductory meeting to review the application and discuss what kind of education the parents want for their child. We hear about the student's academic history, their learning needs and importantly their strengths and interests so we can begin to build a profile of the student to inform the next stage.



STEP 3: School Selection

Using our knowledge of the schools, we match the student profile with suitable school options. We provide detailed school profiles and associated school fees to parents for review. We advise and consult the parents throughout this selection process. If families wish to travel to Ireland and visit the schools in person before a decision is made we can set up appointments with the School Principals on their behalf and accompany the families to the schools to make the necessary introductions.



STEP 4: Accommodation Arrangements

We arrange the most suitable accommodation arrangement for visiting students. Students attending a day school can stay with one of our highly experienced host families, who have been inspected and police-vetted. Students attending Boarding School benefit from a full immersive educational experience and we can act as your liaison in this regard.



STEP 5: Application

On behalf of the student, we administer all the paperwork and manage the process from school application until confirmation of placement. Each school has different procedures and we act as the liaison between families and schools to ensure a smooth placement.



STEP 6: Enrolment

Once a student has been enrolled in a school, we advise on subject choices and levels and make other recommendations in terms of English language level or Learning Support. We also ensure the family receives all the information they need (school booklist, uniform list, extracurricular programme, school calendar, school policies etc.) to ensure a seamless educational experience.

NEXT STEPS

Arrival in Ireland

We personally welcome all new students at the airport, where we meet the students for the first time. We bring them to their boarding school or to their host family and make the introductions. A departure transfer service is also provided for students leaving Ireland. We can arrange additional airport transfers should the students wish to travel home throughout the programme.



Orientation

Upon arrival, we arrange to meet each student for an orientation meeting within the first week. During this time, we organise for students to receive their schoolbooks and uniform, specific to their school and year-group. We also answer any questions they may have about their first few days in the country.



THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME

Support

New students are obliged to meet with us regularly during the first four weeks to talk through any questions they want answered and to generally ensure they are settling in well. After this initial period, we meet with students monthly to keep up to date of their progress. These regular meetings give students a dedicated opportunity to talk with an educator about any issues that might be bothering them – inside or outside school. Welfare reports are provided to the families after each of these meetings, to update them on their child.



AFTER THE PROGRAMME

We will make sure all students have the necessary documents to make their way home and will organise their departure transfer. We are happy to provide any feedback, reports or documentation that you as parents, the student or the school in the home country needs.





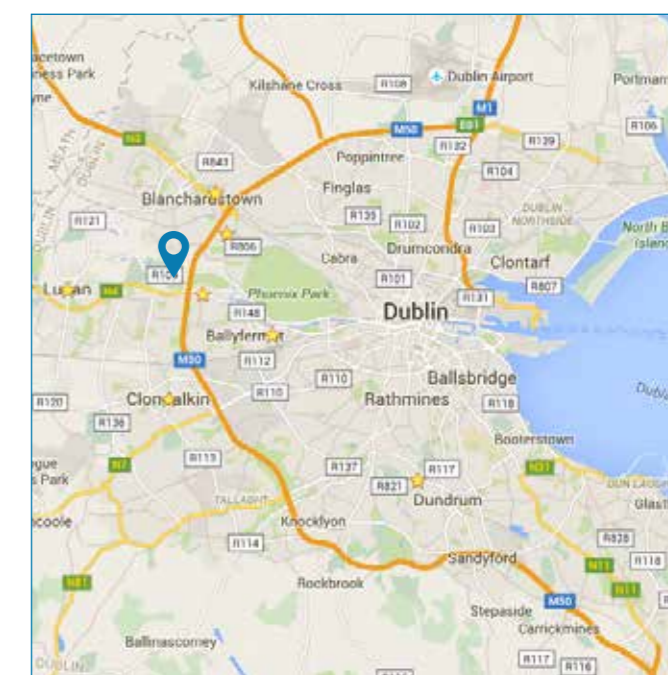
The King's Hospital

12km 700 PV

Founded in 1669, The King's Hospital is one of Ireland's leading boarding schools. The school is located on an 80-acre site on the banks of the River Liffey just outside Dublin and boasts some of the best facilities in the country. The school prides itself on its traditions – among these are daily worship in the school choir, the robed choir and its special House system for boarding. The supportive atmosphere that exists amongst the whole school community stems from the fact that 50% of the staff actually live on the campus, some with their families, and interact with the pupils 7 days a week offering ongoing pastoral, academic and cultural support to all.



- One of Ireland's leading boarding schools.
- Outstanding sporting facilities, including an indoor heated swimming pool and astro-turf tennis courts.
- Also boasts a 300-seater theatre to support students' artistic pursuits.
- Unrivalled choice of extracurricular activities including carpentry, wood-turning, electronics, pottery, chess, and photography.
- A full Guidance Department to help students identify their skills, talents and potential and offer of career-guidance.










Our Partner Schools

We have close working relationships with the Principals and leadership teams within our partner schools and are assured of their quality educational programmes – both academic and extracurricular.

We recognise the fact that every student is unique, and we are committed to finding the best match for each student.

We work with many different types of schools from boarding to day, state and private - a selection of some of our partner schools are listed on the following pages.

ICON KEY

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|  Boarding school |  All girls school | PV Private |
|  Day school |  Boys and girls | ST State |
|  All boys school |  Distance from Dublin city centre |  School population |

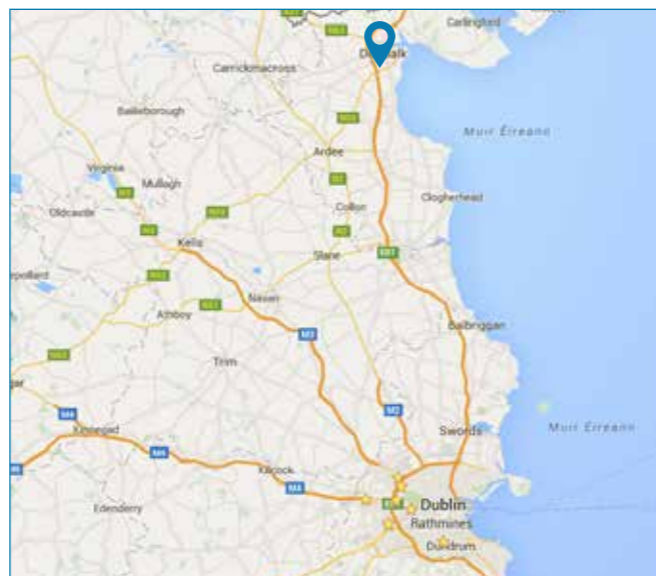
Dundalk Grammar School



Located on a 10-acre campus with Georgian buildings, mature trees, sprawling lawns and picturesque gardens, Dundalk Grammar School dates back to 1739 and is situated on the edge of Dundalk town in County Louth – just north of Dublin. It is an interdenominational school, providing for both 5 day-boarding and day-pupils. The total school population is approximately 500, with about 130 of these being boarders. The boarders are supervised by the Headmaster and eight resident members of staff. The school offers a broad range of subjects and small class sizes – approximately 20 students in each class - allowing for individual attention.



- Recently refurbished, first-class boarding accommodation for students from Ireland and overseas.
- Strong emphasis on Music: students can avail of lessons in piano, violin, cello, percussion, guitar and woodwind instruments and the school choir makes frequent overseas trips.
- A technology block provides specialist facilities for science, home economics, woodwork, computer aided design, and art.
- Boasts a floodlit, astroturf pitch, an all weather hockey pitch, a school gymnasium, three artificial grass tennis courts; and in nearby grounds, soccer and rugby pitches.



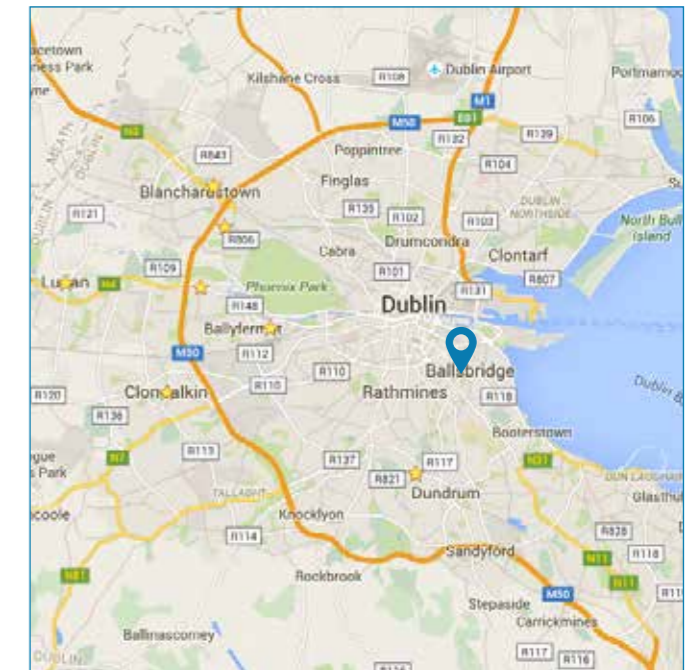
St Conleth's College



Situated in the affluent Dublin suburb of Donnybrook, only 10 minutes walk from the city centre, St Conleth's College is a unique institution. It has been a family-run school since its foundation in 1939 – with the daughter of the school's founder currently being the Head of School and overseeing the educational and pastoral programme for the 260 students. This family legacy provides for a nurturing educational environment and is supported by a dedicated team of 20 teachers, who are committed to providing a caring, disciplined and happy school climate.



- School population of 260, ensuring small class sizes with individual attention.
- Offers wide array of sporting pursuits - from hiking, to golf, to athletics and squash.
- Well-renowned for its strong debating tradition, competing nationally and internationally through English and French.
- Religious instruction follows a Catholic programme under the guidance of an education coordinator and the school chaplain.



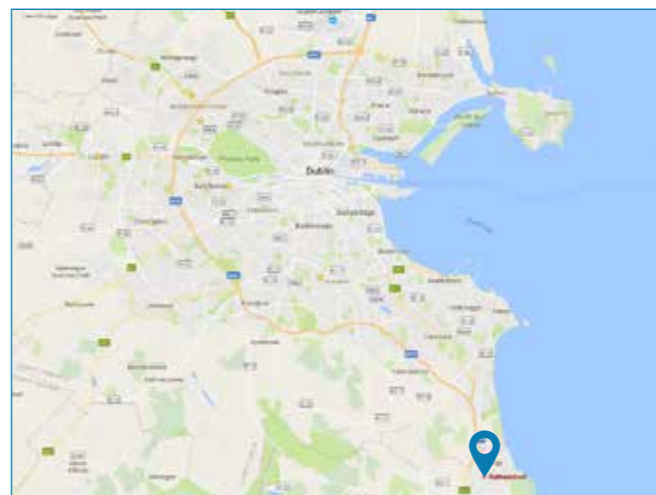
John Scottus School

📍 20km 🌳 150 ☀️ 👤 PV

Founded in 1986 by a group of like-minded parents studying philosophy, the School's ethos has a philosophical base, and at its centre holds the aspiration that each pupil will see themselves as unlimited, empowering them to discover their own unique talent. Self-discovery, Resilience and Universality are at the heart of a John Scottus education. In this way, John Scottus offers an extremely unique educational experience. It is one of the smaller schools on our portfolio with 150 students enrolled. The school sits on an elevated tree-surrounded site of 14 acres with views stretching out to Dublin Bay.



- Mindfulness, resilience and meditation is taught at the school to 'instil in pupils a robust inner self-belief.'
- International and multi-denominational ethos: students & staff come from over 18 countries representing 24% of the school population.
- Offers a unique Classics programme, including Sanskrit, Greek, Latin & Philosophy studies.
- Boasts a Senior Cycle Academy, providing personalised academic mentoring, career guidance & advice on maintaining well-being & personal development.
- A private school-bus will take students to local rail / bus stations and to the city centre twice daily.



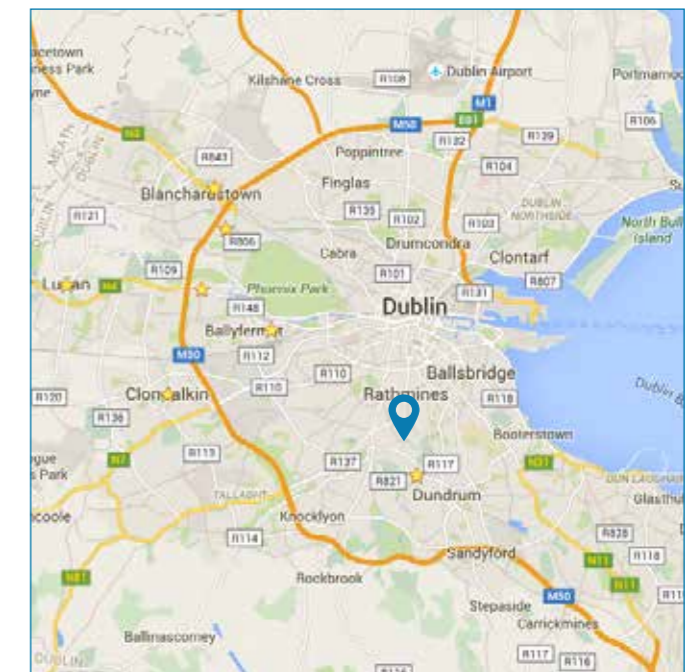
The High School

📍 6km 🌳 750 ☀️ 👤 PV

The High School is a vibrant, dynamic, and highly successful coeducational secondary day school of almost 750 pupils. Located in Rathgar, in South Dublin, 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 and extracurricular education for all their pupils. Their first-class educational offering is supported by its dedicated teaching faculty and strong Pastoral Care Team made up of Guidance Counsellors, the Support for Learning Coordinator, Form Teachers, Year Heads and Deputy Principals.



- Strong academic record with 100% entry to third level education.
- Extracurricular activities include, orchestra, choir, chess, photography, The President's Award and the impressive international Model United Nations programme.
- Proud sporting heritage, competing in rugby, hockey and cricket, but also kayaking, equestrian pursuits, rock-climbing, table tennis, badminton, swimming and orienteering.
- Superb sporting facilities on-campus, including rugby pitches, hockey pitches and a cricket oval.



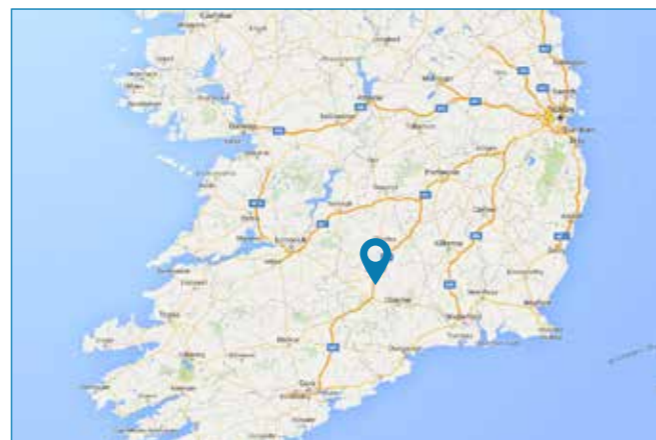
Rockwell College

164km 850 PV

Situated six kilometres south of Cashel, Co Tipperary, Rockwell College is located on a large estate of approximately 350 hectares. It is part of the Golden Vale, an area of rich farmland and major centre of the dairy industry. The College looks out on the impressive vista of the Galtee and Knockmealdown mountain ranges. Rockwell College is a Catholic, co-educational school, where boys and girls can grow and develop in a caring and supportive atmosphere. The pupil body comprises boarders and day-boarders educated in the Spiritan tradition.



- Recently modernised dormitories provide facilities which house single and double bedrooms.
- Boarders can avail of an in-house cinema and weights room.
- Rockwell College boasts a 25 metre indoor heated swimming pool; a nine hole golf course; a gymnasium, and basketball courts.
- Other facilities include a weights room; 20 acres of sports pitches; 3 tennis courts, a lake covering 23 acres; a full size all-weather sports pitches with floodlighting facility.
- Over the past five years circa 25% of the College's Leaving Certificate students have achieved over 500 points on an annual basis (maximum: 625 points).
- They offer 21 subjects on their curriculum for Leaving Certificate, ensuring provision for a diverse range of interests.



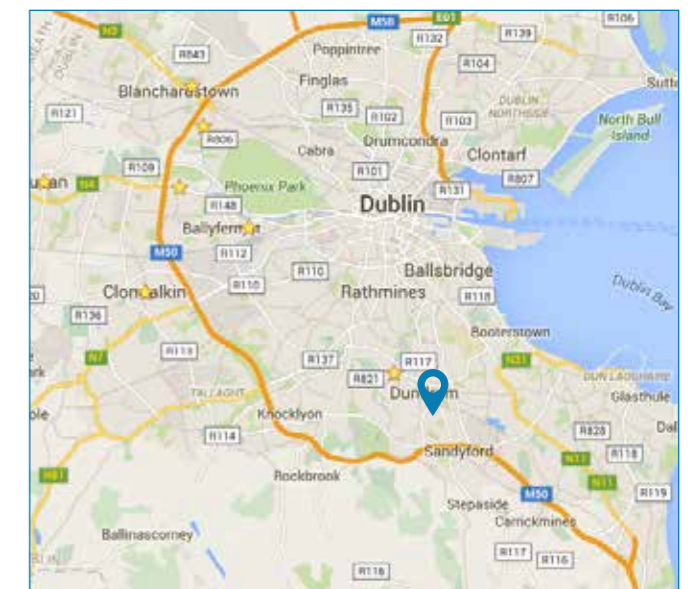
St Tiernan's Community School

6km 350 ST

St. Tiernan's Community School is a co-educational, state school with a school population of approximately 350 students. It is well-serviced by bus and tram transport links. The school has a Catholic ethos but is open to and welcomes students of all denominations and none in an inclusive environment. At St Tiernan's Community School they offer a wide range of subjects, both academic and practical. They foster the moral development of students through a school ethos based on respect for the dignity of each individual.



- They have a holistic approach to the student, and aim to develop a well-rounded individual with a healthy physical, social, and spiritual outlook on life.
- The school hosts Evening Study, Homework Club and Maths Club every day after school to encourage and assist students in their academic pursuits.
- Boasts an active library, supported by a student library committee with visiting authors, readathons and writing workshops.
- Nurture a sense of respect and pride in each individual in the school and in the community, especially through their sporting teams and fundraising work.



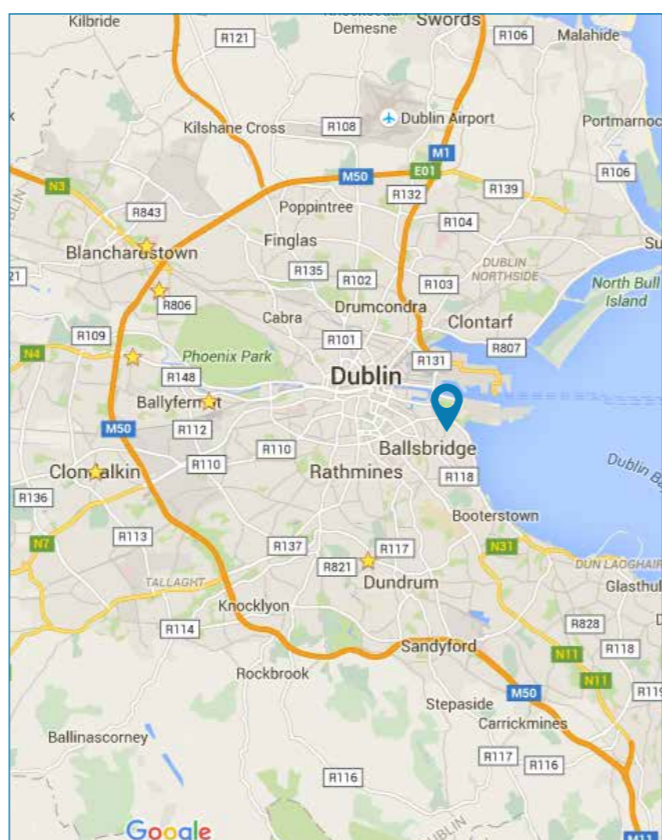
Marian College

📍 3km 🌳 420 ☀️ 👤 ST

Marian College is a Marist Brothers Catholic secondary school for boys, located on Lansdowne Road in Ballsbridge, Dublin – 3km from Dublin’s city centre. The school was founded in 1954 and has a student population of 420. The school motto is Optimum Optare - the pursuit of excellence. This motto is upheld through a holistic educational experience which aims at the highest standards of learning and behaviour for all students – irrespective of background or means.



- Non-fee-paying secondary school.
- Choice of sporting and extracurricular activities - from soccer, to basketball, to rugby and more.
- Has its own swimming pool on-campus where the school’s water-polo team practises.
- Motto is ‘Optimum Optare’ - the pursuit of excellence and their mission is to promote the fullest realisation of each student in the light of the Gospel values.



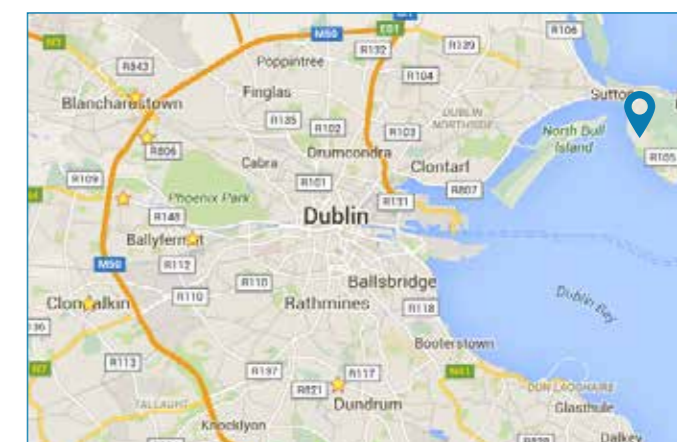
Sutton Park School

📍 15km 🌳 300 ☀️ 👤 PV

Sutton Park School is a coeducational, multi-denominational school located in Sutton, close to Howth on the northside of Dublin. It is an international day school, with students from ages 4 to 19 attending from 22 countries. Founded in 1957, it was one of Ireland’s first multi-denominational schools and is one of the most expensive schools in the country.



- The school is fully accredited by the Council of International Schools (CIS), the European Council of International Schools (ECIS) and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) – one of only two schools with such accreditation in Ireland.
- Approximately 30% of the 300-student population in the secondary school are international students.
- Nightly study prep offered for all students.
- Boasts a Design Centre with a network of 20 computers all carrying the latests CAD/CAM software.
- The School fosters and motivates a love of reading and promotes book clubs, research sessions as well as offering a space for quiet, supervised study in the School Library.
- Excellent science laboratories and dedicated ICT rooms with latest equipment.



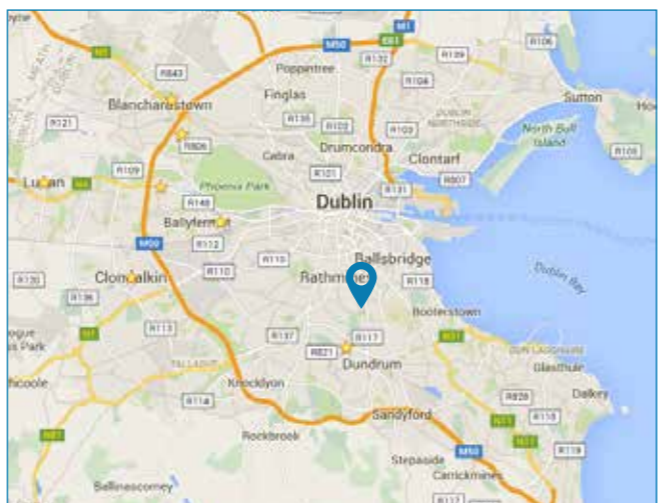
Alexandra College

📍 6km 🌳 460 🏠 ☀️ 👤 PV

Founded in 1866, Alexandra College has been one of Ireland’s leading day and boarding schools in Ireland for over 150 years. Alexandra College is a private all girls Junior and Senior school situated on a stunning 12 acre campus 6km south of Dublin City, in the affluent suburb of Milltown. The student population of 460 girls enjoy the College’s outstanding sporting facilities – some of the best in the country. It is a firm belief in the natural place of women as equal partners in all aspects of society that sets them apart and makes them different.



- Outstanding sporting facilities: 2 state-of-the-art hockey pitches, soccer pitch, 10 tennis courts and a brand new multi-purpose sport hall at the Henrietta White Centre on campus.
- Known for its academic reputation, over 50% of the Alexandra College class of 2014 received over 500 Leaving Certificate points.
- Extensive guidance options available to students at all stages.
- Sport, music and drama play a central role in the life of the College.
- Employs an Irish-owned, locally based supplier of fresh, organic and hand-produced food to provide the food options for the students in the café and restaurant.



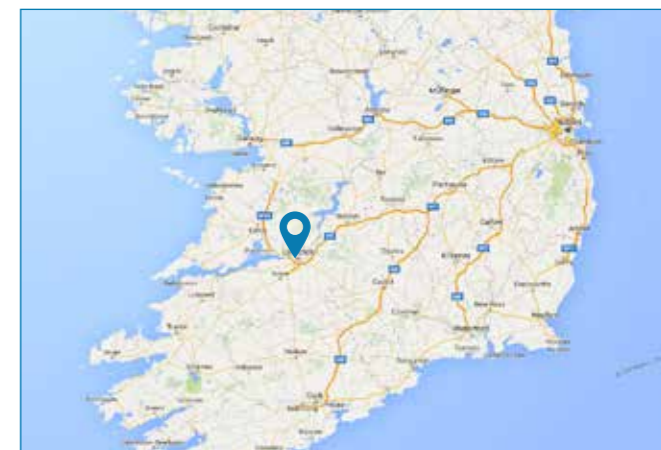
Villiers School

📍 208km 🌳 600 🏠 ☀️ 👤 PV

Villiers School is a co-educational, fee paying, boarding and day secondary school, located in Limerick. The traditional values of the school is balanced with modern, state of the art educational facilities, to develop an environment which engenders growth on an academic, cultural and social level. Villiers School is a diverse school with boys and girls, boarders and day students, many nationalities, cultures and creeds.



- Prides itself on providing a learning environment in which pupils can achieve the standards of excellence appropriate to their potential and ability. In this regard, the three core areas of cultural, creative and intellectual development are promoted and incorporated into every area of school life.
- Renowned for its unrivalled choice of extracurricular activities which are seen as an important part of the development of the whole person.
- Offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) – only one of two Schools in the Republic of Ireland to provide the Diploma Programme for Senior Cycle students.
- Participates in the Active School programme, a nationwide initiative to promote physical activity in all aspects of school life.



Rockford Manor

11km 330 ☀️ 👤 ST

Rockford Manor Presentation Secondary School was founded in 1958 by the Presentation Sisters and is located in the affluent suburb of Blackrock, in Co Dublin. They place great value on the sense of community in the school and actively encourage a warm, friendly and supportive environment. Their educational aims combine academic excellence with a varied extracurricular programme. Rockford Manor’s dedicated team of staff encourage the students to do their best in whatever they do, both in and out of the classroom.



- International students are warmly welcomed at Rockford Manor – students from Holland, Spain, Germany and Italy are currently in attendance.
- Rockford Manor has a vibrant Transition Year Programme, with social care placements and work experience placements, alongside many cultural trips and activities like Zumba, yoga and First Aid.
- Art plays a central role in the life of Rockford Manor with many of the students’ pieces on display on the corridors of the school.
- The school has competed successfully in Basketball, Badminton, Athletics and Volleyball.
- All classrooms are equipped with an Interactive Data Projector and Computer with Internet access. There are also two fully equipped computer rooms.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a minimum level of English that students applying for the High School Programme should have?

Junior Cycle (Years 1-3/ ages 12-15)

Elementary level is accepted but additional support is recommended. We would also advise an intensive course before students start their High School Programmes.

Senior Cycle (Years 4-6 / ages 15-18)

For entrance into 4th year in 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 studies are more demanding at these stages.

Students can check their English level on our website: <http://www.atlaslanguageschool.com/online-placement-test/>

Will there be any academic entrance exam for high school students?

No, there is no academic entrance exam for students, but the Principal of the school may wish to interview the student on Skype before enrolment is confirmed.

How do students get their school uniforms and books?

Students don’t have to do anything. We will purchase the uniform and books for our high school students before arrival; we just need the student’s measurements (Height, Chest, Waist and Inside leg). The uniform and books will be paid from the Expenses Fund.

When can students choose their subjects?

With regard to the subjects we will send out further details in June and will then of course help our high school students to make the best decisions for their subjects.

Can students get additional English classes?

Yes, of course, extra English language tuition can be arranged at an additional cost, just get in touch.

Should students bring their own money?

Yes, students have to bring their own money. We recommend that parents get a debit card for their child which they can deposit funds on a weekly or monthly basis. We do not hand cash to students under any circumstances.

Can students purchase insurance through Atlas?

Yes, students can buy insurance through us.

Visa required students

Visa required students must have private medical insurance (in English) which they can either organise themselves or book through us at an extra cost of €100 per term or €150 per year.

Non visa required students

We strongly recommend that all students take out private medical/travel insurance. All European students must apply for the European Health Insurance Card prior to coming to Ireland and provide details of this prior to arrival.

How far from the school will day students live?

We try to place the students as close as possible to the school. They can be either within walking distance or a short bus ride away (maximum 30 minutes). Students that need a bus can travel by Dublin Bus for a reasonable fare. We can purchase a student travel card for them and give it to them on arrival with permission from the parents.