

Rathdown School - Dublin, Ireland

Rathdown School is an Independent School for girls founded in 1973 and incorporated four original schools. The school caters for both Senior and Junior (from age three) students.

The school is based on a 16 acre campus in a residential suburb of south Dublin. The original school building dates to the 17th century.

However the Board of Management have undertaken one of the most extensive building programmes of any school in Ireland, starting in 1973, and in 2002 opened its most recent development. A new Senior Girls boarding house opened in 2005.



Key Facts

LOCATION

- Dublin, IRELAND
- Population: 525,000
- Nearest Airport: Dublin

SCHOOL TYPE

- IREPS / IREBS
- Girls Only, Multi-denominational

SIZE

- 510 students

ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay & Boarding

UNIFORM

- Compulsory

AGE RANGE

- 3-18

EFL LESSONS

- Available at extra cost



Facilities

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Modern classrooms
- iPads in classrooms
- State-of-the-Art Music school
- Performance rooms
- Science laboratories
- Language rooms

SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES

- All-weather flood-lit tennis courts
- Hockey pitches
- Multi-purpose modern Gymnasium
- Table-tennis facilities
- Playing fields for cricket and rounders
- Volleyball
- Optional extra sports facilities such as canoeing, squash and horse-riding

Rathdown School Mission

Our aim is to offer a high-quality, modern, challenging and liberal education. In an inclusive and friendly environment, Rathdown School hopes to foster a love of learning which will enable each student to develop her own unique potential. Our purpose is to support and promote the student's academic, cultural, sporting, creative, musical and spiritual capabilities.

Being a boarding school and welcoming foreign students, Rathdown helps to promote an awareness of cultural diversity and aims to generate tolerance for and recognition of the value of difference. In a community of mutual respect, ideals of good citizenship prepare our students to leave Rathdown, not only as confident mature women in their own right, but also as women able and willing to make a contribution to their society.



Subjects Offered

The curriculum is the Irish Department of Education for the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. Subjects offered include the following:

English, French, German, Spanish, Irish, Latin (by arrangement), History, Geography, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home economics, Art, Business, Music and Musicianship. The school recently (2012) introduced Mandarin Chinese to the curriculum.

All subjects are taught to Higher Level and students are encouraged to take these within their capabilities. The school is committed to providing high academic standards with a wide choice of subjects. A comprehensive and professional guidance service helps students plan their future studies and careers

Boarding Experience

Rathdown offers seven-day boarding to girls aged 11 – 18 years old. Currently, we have 116 boarders, 78 residing in Hillcourt House and 38 senior pupils residing in Innismore, our new senior boarding residence. Activities and outings are organized on Saturday afternoons and a movie is usually shown after supper on Saturday evenings. Every month the boarders enjoy a day trip such as the steam train to Mullingar, visit to the Newbridge Museum and National Stud, Ice skating and a trip to the Panto to name but a few.

