

Castleknock College - Dublin, Ireland

Castleknock College is a Catholic boys' secondary school. The College is under the direction of the Vincentian Fathers and is located on one hundred acres of parkland, adjacent to the Phoenix Park and about 5 miles west of Dublin city centre. The college was founded in 1835 and is based in the historical part of the 12th century Norman castle of the Tyrrell family. The building and facilities have been extended and modernised to meet the demands of the school.

The college places particular emphasis on the provision of a wide variety of sporting and non-sporting activities. Many of the social and cultural activities are direct extensions of the curriculum and include projects on Computer Studies, Business Studies, Art, Classical Studies, Geography, Languages, Music and Pottery. Drama is encouraged throughout the college and two major productions are staged each year by fifth and sixth year students.



Key Facts

LOCATION

- Dublin, IRELAND
- Population: 1,000,000
- Nearest Airport: Dublin

SCHOOL TYPE

- IREP
- Boys Only, Catholic (accepts all faiths)

SIZE

- 523 students

ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay

UNIFORM

- Compulsory

AGE RANGE

- 4-18

EFL LESSONS

- Available at extra cost



Facilities

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Recently refurbished Science labs
- Refurbished Chapel
- Modern classrooms with interactive whiteboards and data projectors
- Two state-of-the-art Computer laboratories
- Large Art studio
- Technical Graphics room
- One of Ireland's largest school Libraries
- Restored Concert Hall

SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES

- Set within 70 acres of beautiful mature parkland
- Rugby and Soccer pitches
- Running track
- Tennis courts and Cricket pitch
- Gymnasium and Swimming pool

Subjects Offered

The curriculum is that which is laid down by the Irish Department of Education for the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. Subjects taught include:

English, Irish, Mathematics, Geography, History, General Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Music, Art, Mechanical Drawing, Business Organisation, Economics, Applied Mathematics, Technical Drawing, Religious Studies, Physical Education, Civics and Political Development.

Languages: French, German Spanish, Latin (on request as an extra)



Extra Curricular Programme

Other activities include: French & German clubs, woodwork, quiz clubs, debating societies, a film club and the music department promotes choral concerts, guitar recitals and a military band.

Tuition is provided in a variety of musical instruments. Field trips, visits to the theatre, museums, art galleries and other places of interest are part of college life. A major European tour takes place each year.

Sports Facilities

The college provides a wide range of facilities for indoor and outdoor sports. The outdoor facilities include rugby and soccer pitches, a running track, hard and grass tennis courts and a cricket pitch. There is a riding school in the college grounds.

Indoor facilities include a modern gymnasium and a swimming pool. Basketball is played to a competitive level. There are three badminton courts.

