

**ATLAS
JUNIOR**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

IRELAND

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

At Atlas Language School 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 across every aspect of our young learners' time with us.

For me, our High School programmes are a life learning experience which gives young learners the opportunity to challenge themselves personally and academically. They provide an excellent opportunity for students to improve their English while experiencing the lifestyle and culture of a new country. The high school experience not only helps students to develop an awareness of their academic and professional passions but also develops their character, helping them to become more independent and acquire life skills that can't be learned in a classroom.

Our High School students become better equipped for their future - whether it be in school, on the job or in their personal lives. For us, it is very rewarding to see how our students on these programmes take this opportunity to learn and grow.

With its world-class standards and the warmest of welcomes, Ireland provides the perfect environment for high school students and offers them a vibrant student and cultural life that they can enjoy during their stay.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Atlas High School Programmes in 2016!



Alan Brennan
Director



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Why Atlas?

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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. We are dedicated to ensuring each child reaches their potential and to that end, develop an **Individual Education Plan** for each child. 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.



Features of Atlas High School Programmes

- Carefully selected partner schools that provide the highest educational standards.
- Detailed needs analysis of each student's requirements before arrival.
- Individual orientation programme on arrival and ongoing, consistent support throughout the year. Regular coaching sessions and pastoral service with students.
- Development of an Individual Education Plan (IEP) over course of student's studies to help achieve learning goals.
- Regular feedback and updates. Parents are constantly kept abreast of their child's welfare and academic progress through monthly and termly reports.
- The Atlas guarantee that each student receives the individual care and attention they require as they pursue their academic goals away from home.

Individual Education Plan (IEP)

At Atlas each student's educational journey is very important to us. That is why after the first month, once the student is settled, we develop an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in collaboration with the student, parents and teachers. An IEP outlines the individual needs of each student and highlights the resources needed to ensure their educational goals are reached. It's reviewed regularly and is an important way of assisting us in realising the student's learning potential throughout the year.

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	BUSINESS STUDIES
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



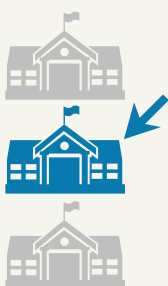
STEP 1: High School Application Form

We ask students and parents to complete our High School Placement application form. This provides us with detailed information about each student's background, interests, and learning objectives. At this stage we also request the student to complete our online English level test.



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 a selection of 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, co-curricular 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 bring students shopping for the school uniform, text books and any other necessary items. 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 every week for 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 regularly 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.





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, public and private.

ICON KEY



Boarding school



All girls school

PV Private



Day school



Boys and girls

PB Public



All boys school



Distance from
Dublin city centre



School population

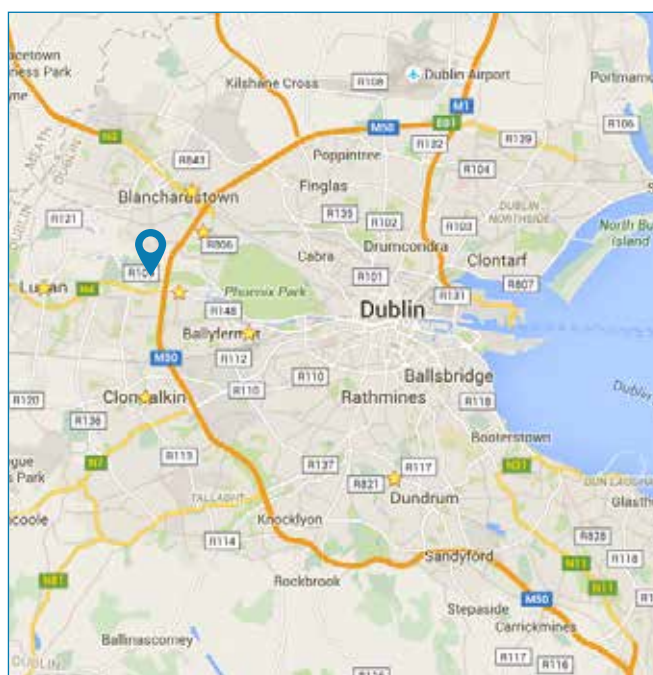
The King's Hospital



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 extra-curricular 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 career-guidance.



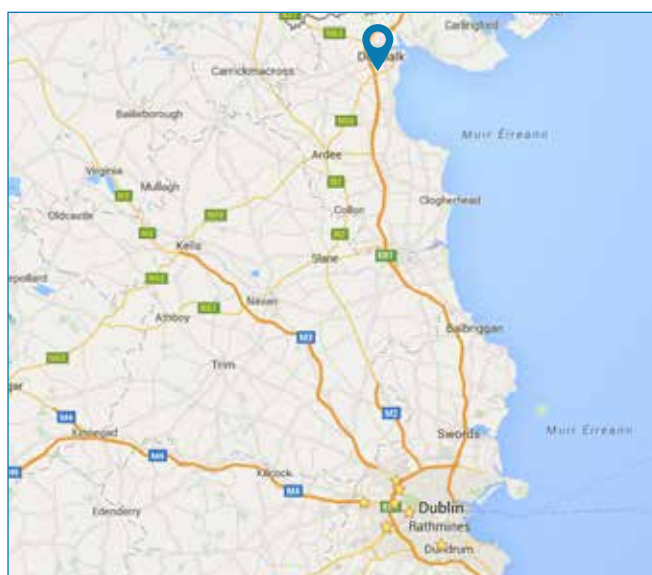
Dundalk Grammar School



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.



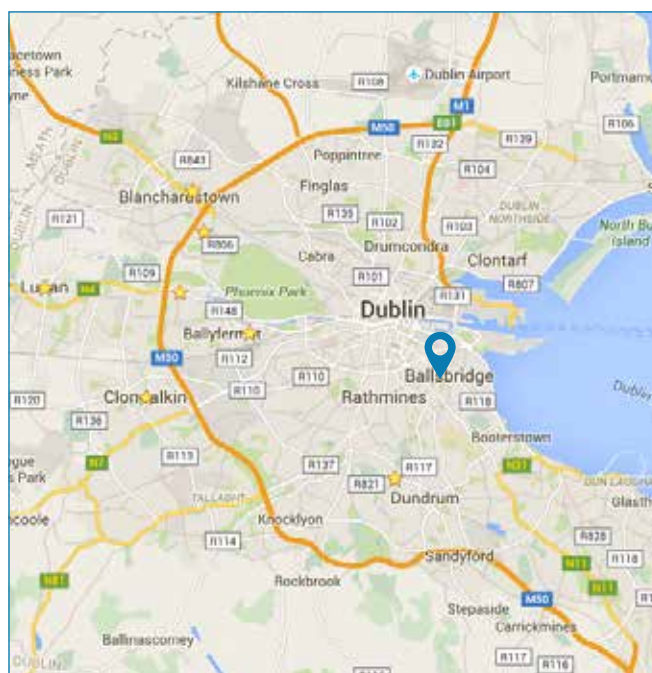
St Conleth's College



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.



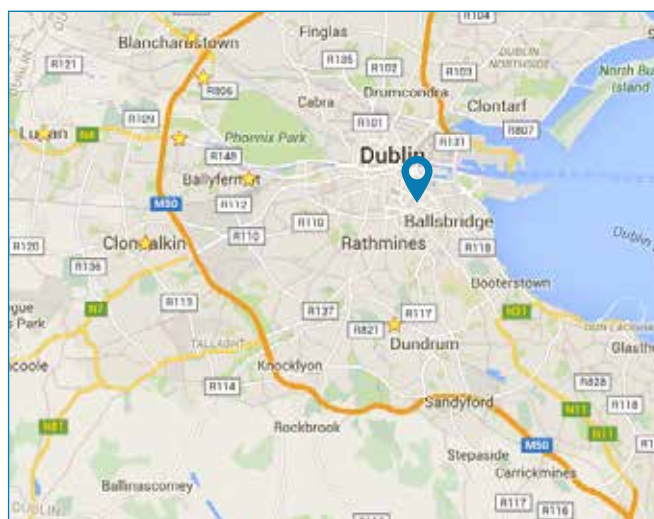
John Scottus School



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 is housed in a beautiful Georgian building on the main route to Dublin's city centre.



- 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.
- Very well-served by public transport and only 1km from Dublin's city centre.



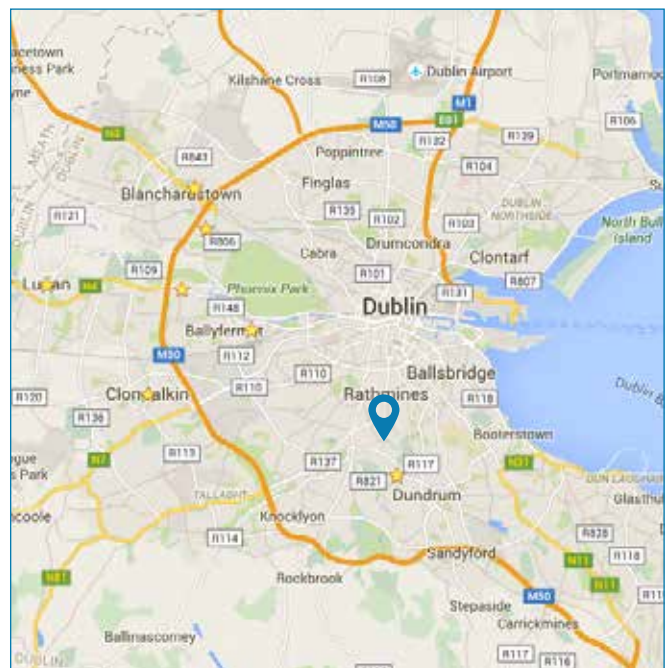
The High School



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.



Newpark Comprehensive



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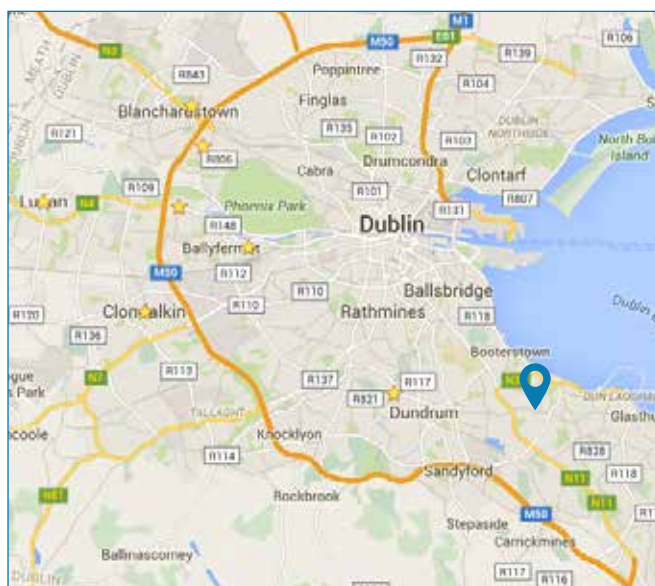
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Newpark Comprehensive School is an 850-student secondary school, situated in the South County Dublin suburb of Blackrock. It is housed in a state-of-the-art, modern building, recently completed during 2015. A pluralist community, Newpark welcomes students from all backgrounds and embraces social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. Newpark also offers the Leaving Cert Applied and Leaving Cert Vocational Programmes, alongside the Leaving Cert Established - meaning a wider choice for students of different aptitudes. Its ethos and offering makes Newpark a supportive and compassionate community in which students are provided with every opportunity to achieve their chosen goals.



- Boasts a European section, where students can learn French to the highest level possible through immersion and teaching of the language through native French speakers.
- They have an association with Avoca Hockey Club – one of Ireland's oldest hockey clubs.
- Also boasts a 25m swimming pool, a fitness centre, basketball courts and a rugby pitch and tennis courts.
- Strong emphasis on The Arts - Dance, Music, Art, Drama and Creative Writing.
- Educational reputation for innovation, creativity and diversity.



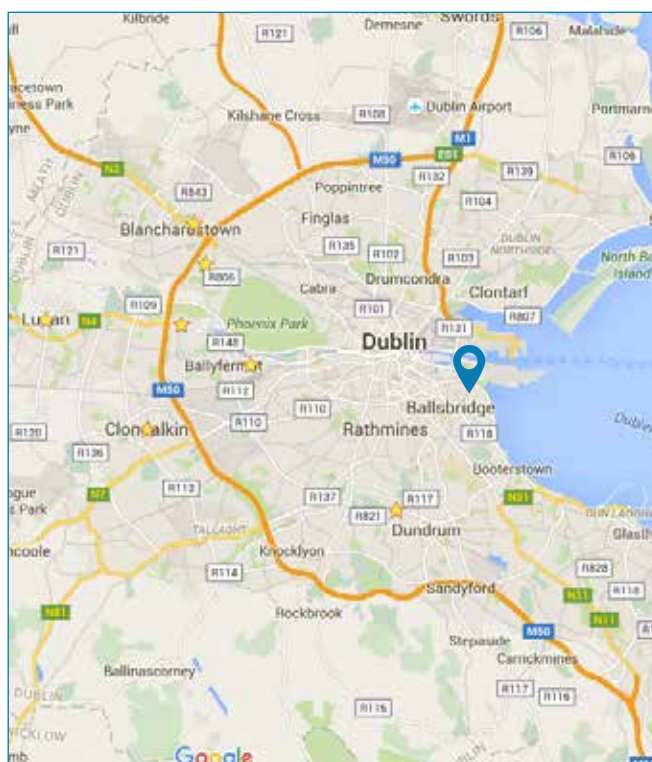
Marian College



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 extra-curricular activities - from soccer, to basketball, to rugby and more.
- Has its own swimming pool on-campus where the school’s water-polo team practise.
- 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.



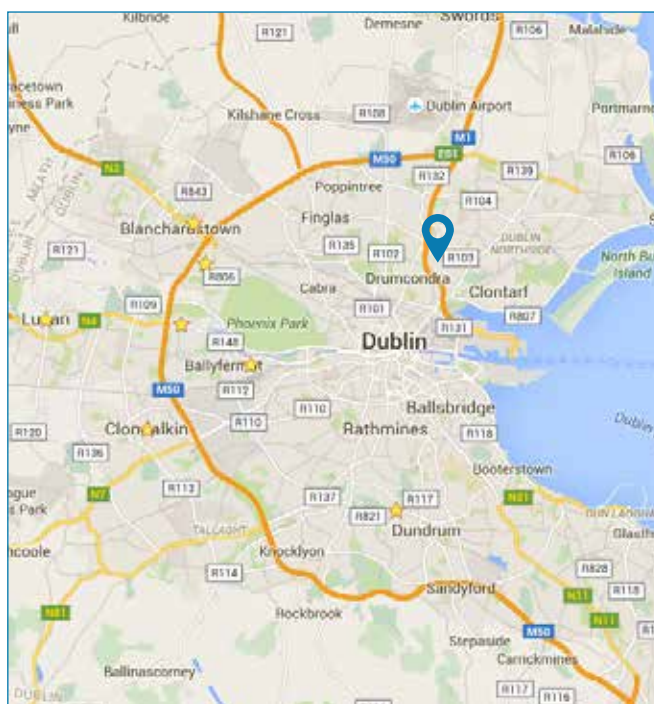
Sion Hill



Dominican College Sion Hill is one of the oldest girls' secondary schools in Ireland. It was founded in 1836 in Blackrock, County Dublin. Its approach to education is based on the Dominican ideal of developing the whole person. Dominican College Sion Hill aims to help each of its 400 students to achieve her full potential academically, spiritually, emotionally and socially in a happy secure environment. Sion Hill has a long tradition of playing hockey. They have teams participating in the Leinster Schoolgirls competitions. The teams are professionally coached and use the facilities of a brand-new hockey pitch as part of their new multi-sports facility.



- Full and comprehensive academic and extra-curricular programme.
- Daily after-school, supervised study provided.
- Brand new sports grounds and pitches, completed in 2015.
- Strong emphasis on social awareness, volunteering and charity work.
- Debating is a popular activity with many successes in various competitions debating in English, French and German.



Meet the Team

We are dedicated to ensuring every aspect of your programme is perfect. Here are some of the members of our team:



Alan Brennan

School Director

Alan is one of the directors of Atlas and oversees the operations of all our High School Placement Programmes.



Arthur Godsil

Programme Director

Arthur is our Programme Director. He has vast experience of the Irish education system and is well known and respected within the Irish education sector.



Emma Godsil

Lead Welfare Officer

Emma has extensive experience dealing with students and is our Lead Welfare Officer and is the main point of contact for students after they arrive in Ireland.



Kathi Gerth

Marketing Manager

Kathi deals with our European markets and is here to help with any questions you have about our schools and programmes.



Paul McMahon

**Marketing Manager
Spain and Latin
America**

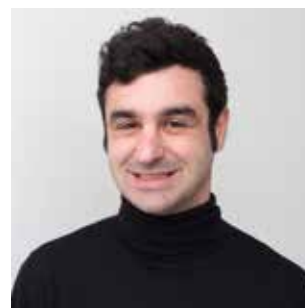
Paul deals with our Spanish speaking markets and can provide further information about the High School Programmes and any other courses at Atlas Language School.



Shimpei Takashima

**Marketing Manager
Japan**

Shimpei is our manager for the Japanese market. He can answer your questions about our programmes and helps our students from Japan settle into life in Ireland.



Matteo La Manna

**Marketing Manager
Italy**

Matteo is our Marketing manager for Italy. He can give you further details about the High School Programmes and answer any questions regarding the courses at Atlas.

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