

KING'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Information for prospective International students



General Information

Description of School:	King's Hospital School is a co-educational independent boarding and day school situated in Palmerstown, Dublin, Ireland
Location:	Palmerstown, Dublin. Approximately 20 minutes from Dublin Airport.
Number of Students:	Boys: 407 Girls: 315 (2015/16)
Principal:	Mr John Raffler
Telephone:	+ 353 1 6436500
Fax:	+ 353 1 62303429
Website:	http://www.kingshospital.ie/
Email:	info@ccr.ie
Average Class Size:	20

School History

The school was founded in 1669 as The Hospital and Free School of King Charles II and was located in Queen Street, Dublin. King's Hospital was a continuation of the old Free School of Dublin. On 5 May 1674, the school opened with 60 pupils, including 3 girls. From 1783 to 1971, the school was located in Blackhall Place, Dublin, currently the headquarters of the Law Society of Ireland.

The take-over of Morgan's School (1957) contributed to steadily increasing numbers of students, and by 1970, a need for extra space and facilities led to the move from the city centre to a modern purpose-built school set in its own 100-acre (400,000 m²) site on the banks of the River Liffey in Palmerstown, County Dublin.

The annual calendar includes a number of special days and events forming part of the school tradition. One of these is Charter Day, when the Headmaster or Headmistress delivers an annual address to the school, and academic prizes are presented, commemorating the granting of the School's Charter in 1671.



International Students

The King's Hospital has long been a sought-after destination for International Students wishing to immerse themselves in an Irish school setting. Overall, International Students constitute about 20% of boarding school enrolment in the school. The school community today is truly a mosaic of cultures and traditions, brought together under the common rubric of delivering a world-class education that will open doors the world over. Incoming International Students benefit greatly from immersion in the language and culture of The King's Hospital school, and will often find themselves in a position of real strength when applying to universities in Ireland, Great Britain and throughout the world.

International Students are accepted into Forms 1, 2, 4 (TY) and 5. Please refer to our Academics section and particularly the Transition Year (TY) Programme that takes place during Form 4, for more information. A student wishing to enter Form 5 must commit to staying for two years and completing their Leaving Certificate exam.

In our Admissions UK section you will also find favourable comparisons to the UK Independent School system and more information about our curriculum.

As part of our International Student Programme, The King's Hospital provides English as a Second Language (ESL) classes during the week and as part of the Weekend Programme and each student is given personalized attention and individual learning advice. A student may also opt to take classes, at an additional cost, to prepare for the Cambridge English test and they will be brought to sit the examination at the beginning of May.

We also offer a variety of activities to engage and connect with our students, and promote an atmosphere of diversity and acceptance. Every one of our students represents a different culture and background and we encourage this diversity in our classrooms, in our sports and in our Staff.



Curriculum

King's Hospital offer the full range of subjects for the Junior and Senior Cycles including:

- English
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- French or Spanish
- History
- Geography
- CSPE
- Home economics
- Information Technology

Transition Year

A Transition Year offers pupils a broad educational experience with a view to the attainment of increased maturity, before proceeding to further study and/or vocational preparation.

It provides a bridge to help pupils make the transition from a highly-structured environment to one where they will take greater responsibility for their own learning and decision making. Pupils will participate in learning strategies which are active and experiential and which help them to develop a range of transferable critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills.

Educational Tours

Educational tours and excursions form an important part of the Transition Year Programme in The King's Hospital.

The excursions range from short excursions to venues of educational and cultural interest which are built into the weekly Transition Year timetable to longer day trips and overnight tours.

The highlights of the Transition Year in this regard are the annual three day trip to Killary Adventure Centre taking place each year in early September and the educational tour abroad in March or April.

Such tours and excursions play an important part for Transition Year students in The King's Hospital to gain valuable educational and cultural knowledge as well as worthwhile social experiences.

Co-Curricular Activities

Music

Music is an outstanding feature of life at the School and the Music Department has experts in a wide range of musical instruments and music types as well as singing coaches for vocalists.

In addition to improving their own musical abilities, pupils are encouraged to play in the Orchestra, Jazz Band and other impromptu bands. Participation in feiseanna and concerts is a feature for musicians and singers who also undertake the various examinations for the Royal Irish School of Music gradings.

The Choir is central to the musical aspects of the School and performs at Chapel Services and annual events such as Charter Day, Confirmation, Harvest Festival and Carol Service.

Speech & Drama

Active participation is what we strive for in our Speech and Drama classes. From the moment they arrive, our students are taught how to think, explore, sense and experience through the medium of creative drama. Speech and Drama is perfect for helping young people to acquire confidence, effective communication and developing life skills. Areas explored include:

- **Improvisation** - developing imagination, communication and problem solving skills. Building confidence, trust and the ability to work effectively in a group.
- **Voice Work/Public Speaking** - working on good pronunciation, effective breathing, posture, projection, clarity and distinct speech in communication.
- **Reading skills** - developing the ability to read at sight, maintain good eye contact with the listener, to express and enliven the text using variety of tone and emphasis. These skills are essential to any budding actor as reading at sight is central to the auditioning process.
- **Character and Acting** - The students work on developing characters in many ways from creative play and script analysis to senior students learning professional acting techniques such as Method Acting. These skills are put into practise by performing monologues, dialogues, scenes and plays.
- **Script Writing** -Development from original ideas to structured scenes to final scripts. Our students have won several awards for their original scripts which have been performed at National Competitions.



King's Hospital College Emblem



Useful Links

<http://www.kingshospital.ie/>

<http://www.kingshospital.ie/international-students>

www.dublin.ie

<http://www.dublinairport.com/home.aspx>

www.aerlingus.com

www.ryanair.ie

www.iberia.com