

Sutton Park School

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Welcome

Sutton Park School has a significant international community comprising of 21% of the entire student body. It is our intention to speedily and effectively provide a clear and structured learning platform that enables all our international students to access and fully enjoy the academic and co-curricular programme we offer to the full and with complete confidence.

Many of our older international students choose to sit the Irish Leaving Certificate and use this qualification to attend universities in Ireland and the United Kingdom and many European universities. The Leaving Certificate enjoys a good reputation in Europe, is more accessible than many IB courses and is recognised by most universities. In recent years students from France, Spain, Germany, Japan, Korea and Russia have used this option to take up places at Trinity College, University College, Dublin and Dublin City College as well as Cambridge University, a wide range of London Universities, Sussex, Durham and York. Others have used this route to gain access to their local universities in Germany and Spain or those with an international reputation for Business such as St Galen and Maastricht.

All new students are tested by our EFL teacher, allowing for her to devise a personalised programme of study for each student. Sometimes this will involve following an officially recognised qualification such as the First Certificate in English or the International English Language Testing System. On other occasions she supports essay based work in leaving Certificate subjects such as History or the History of Art and works closely with the English Department to steer students through the full Leaving Certificate course.

Students are currently being prepared for:

FCE: This is an ideal exam for Intermediate/Upper-Intermediate students who want an officially recognised qualification in English, which is valid for life

IELTS: This is an internationally recognised qualification for those Upper-Intermediate students who want to enrol in universities or other higher educational institutions in an English speaking country.

TOEFL: This is the most widely renowned English language test in the world enabling Upper-Intermediate students acceptance into university.

Or

Higher and Ordinary Level English at Leaving Certificate.

Our groups are small, usually ranging from 5 to 10 and concentrate on acquiring strong oral and written skills. A wide range of teacher generated materials are used and we have extensive practice papers and vocabulary resources in our dedicated classroom base. This room has been specifically designed to provide a warm and intimate learning environment for the students and is housed in the Georgian House that is the centre-piece of the school.



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Sutton Park School is fully accredited by:
European Council of International Schools and the New England Association of
Schools and Colleges



www.neasc.org



All these courses are provided inclusive of our overall fee.

We aim to provide all our international students with access to mainstream English classes in addition to their EFL studies. This enables the students to follow a wide ranging English curriculum that includes Literature, film appreciation, drama and poetry. The success of the EFL and English programme can be gauged by the number of international students who chose to study essay based subjects for the Leaving Certificate. The most popular subjects include, History, Business and Economics, Biology and Classical Studies – German students with a good background in Latin often chose this subject.

The school offers up to 16 subjects at Leaving Certificate level including the following:- Multiple combinations of these subjects can be arranged:

- Languages
- English
- French
- German
- Sciences
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- History
- Design Technology Graphics
- Music
- Nutrition and Food Science [Home Economics]
- Art & Art History
- Economics
- Music Technology
- Geography
- Business
- Classical Studies
- Mathematics
- Applied Maths

Results are excellent and standards extremely high. Nearly 30% of our students achieved over 500 points – the equivalent of 5 A grades. Nearly 60% scored 400 points or the equivalent of 4 A grades and well over 95% go on to follow university courses after the sixth year. Our Library is extremely well stocked and provides all our students with a beautiful and calm learning environment, perfect for preparing them for the independent study habits necessary for success at university. 20% of our 6th Year applied successfully for entry to Trinity College Dublin over the last two years.

We have a sensitive and well structured Learning Resource Department that supports students with learning difficulties and have an inclusive admissions policy.

In May 2009 we were successfully visited by the accreditation teams of the New England Association of Schools and the Council for International Schools. The rigorous re-accreditation process has presently been granted to 150 schools world wide. Accredited schools are subject to regular monitoring through routine progress reports and visits and must undergo a full re-evaluation every ten years. CIS accreditation is accepted throughout the world, including in the USA through the recognition program of the National Association of Independent Schools [NAIS].

The full report commends the school for developing our English as a Foreign Language programme and providing access for international students in all divisions. It also commends our well resourced classrooms and extensive ICT facilities, our strong positive ethos based on mutual trust and the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer that enhance student learning, particularly during Transition Year.

We offer a small and intimate boarding facility that fosters a family atmosphere and provides that students with many opportunities to acquire independence and confidence. Our close proximity to Dublin allows plenty of opportunity for students to experience at close hand the cultural delights of a thriving and vibrant European city.

For further information contact Sutton Park School, details are on the front of this information leaflet.

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