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WELCOME

The High School is an inclusive and highly successful centre of learning which provides an outstanding education for boys and girls from the ages of 12-18. The High School is an exceptional environment for all students since it values the development of the whole person. For this reason we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which is complemented by our extensive range of extracurricular opportunities. Our key values include honesty, integrity, kindness, respect and our ultimate goal is to enable pupils to take their place in society as responsible, informed, thinking, and tolerant human beings. The High School is a safe, secure and challenging environment for girls and boys to learn and grow academically, emotionally and personally. I would strongly encourage parents and prospective pupils to visit the school and experience it for themselves. I look forward to welcoming you in person in the near future.

Mr G A Forrest, Principal

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ETHOS

In keeping with our liberal Church of Ireland heritage, we provide a first-class education for girls and boys from Church of Ireland families and other Protestant denominations. We also welcome applications from those of other Christian denominations, those of other faiths, and those of none who support our key values.

I am developing my strengths

Each student is supported by specialist teaching and pastoral staff to reach their full potential. We understand the importance of teaching in a way which ensures that all students are supported and challenged.

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Teaching and Learning - I am achieving

At The High School, excellent Teaching and Learning is at the core of our community. We believe in using a range of teaching methodologies and learning styles to intrinsically engage students in their studies. Our primary aim is not to teach to the test, but to enable students to engage in independent thought and meaningful critical reflection. Such skills naturally support students in their learning journey and not surprisingly translate into superb examination results.

Record Leaving Certificate Results 2015

Record Junior Certificate Results 2013

100% access to third level education (on average)

Junior Cycle

Students in Forms 1-3 attend classes in the following subjects. Currently students sit the public examination awarded by the State Examination Commission at the end of Form 3.
English; Irish; Mathematics; History; Geography; General Science; Civic, Social, and Political Education (CSPE); Religious Education; Physical Education; Social, Personal, and Health Education (SPHE); and Musicianship.

Two further examination subjects are chosen and studied until the end of Form 3, one from each of the following option groups:

Group A - Art, Craft, and Design; Business Studies; Classical Studies; French; Home Economics; Materials, Technology (Wood); and Music.

Group B - Art, Craft, and Design; Business Studies; French; German; and Technical Graphics.

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Transition Year

The Transition Year (TY) programme provides students with the opportunity to discover their own talents and abilities whilst developing skills and competencies within a well-defined academic structure.
It will challenge students to accept responsibility for their own learning, to improve their performance in core areas, explore new subjects, develop their own interests, and to evaluate their progress. It will also introduce students to the world of adult work. Key skills such as working with others and managing time are central to all TY courses.

Core curriculum: Irish, English, Maths, Science, Computer Applications, History, Geography, Physical Education, Games, Social, Personal, Health Education (SPHE), Form period.

Students also choose two full year options and attend Life Skills courses. Two personal enrichment and confidence-building courses are studied each for half the year.

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The Leaving Certificate - Senior Cycle

The Senior Cycle curriculum is delivered in Forms 5 and 6 leading to a public examination awarded by the State Examination Commission.* All pupils take English, Irish, and Mathematics; four further subjects should be chosen, one from each of the option groups W, X, Y, and Z. In addition two periods per week are allotted to option group V.

Core	English, Irish and Mathematics
V	Art, Computer Applications, Geology, Irish (Higher), Physical Education, Relationship and Sexual Education, Woodwork
W	Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Art, French, Geography
X	Art, Business, Geography, History, Home Economics, Physics, Spanish
Y	Biology, Chemistry, Construction Studies, Economics, History, Music
Z	Classical Studies, Design & Communication Graphics, French, German Home Economics, Music

*Subject choice and groupings may change to meet the needs of the school.

I am contributing

We encourage our students to get involved in a variety of extracurricular pursuits to complement their academic studies. Such activities are very important in fostering friendships across the year groups and support the feeling that The High School is a community.

We currently offer: Choir/Orchestra/Chess/Drama/ Photography Club/Debating/ Science/Film/Gaisce - The President's Award/Model United Nations/European Youth Parliament/Erasmian & Diocesan Times/Enterprise/ Christian Union/Art Club/Green Schools Committee.
Pupil voice is very strong within The High School and their views are collectively expressed through the Student Council.

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Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team is made up of the Guidance Counsellors, the Support for Learning Co-ordinator, Form Teachers, Year Heads, and the Deputy Principals. While each member of the school staff has a duty of care to their students, the Pastoral Care Team brings all of the school support services together to ensure the highest quality provision of student care is in place.

The Guidance Department consists of two full time specialist staff and endeavours to support all students in their journey through secondary education. Their role involves counselling, providing information, educational guidance, career guidance, individual appointments and providing for the personal, educational and social development of all our students.

Sport

We are proud of our sporting heritage and are thrilled by our recent success at provincial and national level.

We offer:
Rugby
Hockey
Badminton
Swimming
Basketball
Table Tennis
Kayaking
Equestrian
Cross Country
Orienteering
Hill-walking
Rock Climbing
Outdoor Pursuits

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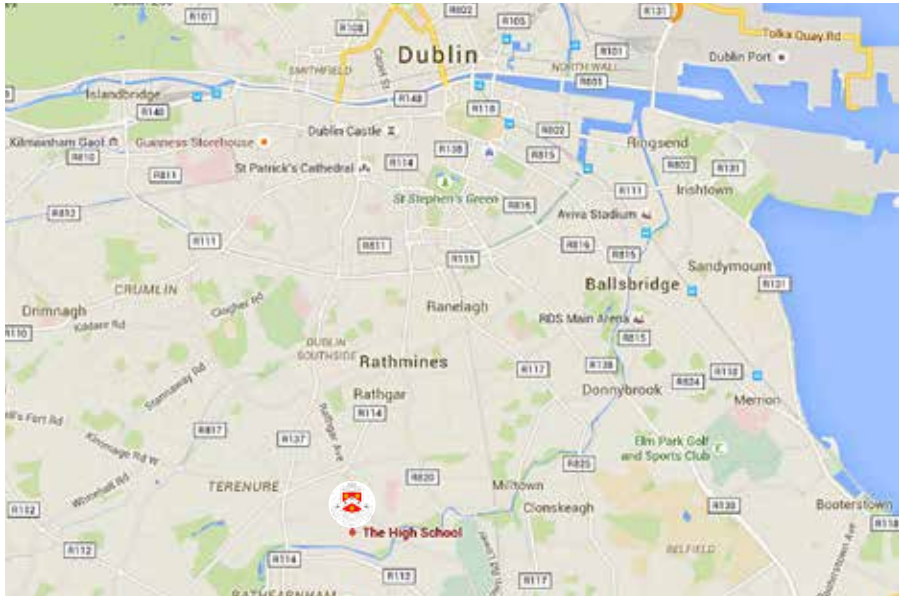
Transport



The High School serves families based throughout the city of Dublin and beyond. We educate pupils who travel from north and west of the city in addition to those who make the journey from South Dublin and County Wicklow. The school is conveniently located and readily accessible by car, coach, Luas, DART, and bus.

We currently run a **school bus** service from both West Dublin and North Wicklow and have a **shuttle bus** which picks students up from local Luas and DART stations.

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