

St. Columba's College, Dublin

Principal (Warden)

Dr. Lindsay Haslett

School Type:

Private, coeducational,
boarding & day school

Accreditation:

To the Irish Department of
Education & Science

Enrolment:

300 aged 11 to 18

Academic Staff: 42

Subjects

Irish, English, Mathematics,
French, History, Geography,
Science, Computer Studies,
Art, Music, Classical
Studies, Technical
Graphics, Physics, Biology,
Chemistry, Business
Studies, Accounting, Latin,
Spanish, Physical
Education, Social, Personal
and Health Education,
Religious Education.

Graduate Destination

Over 95% of its graduates
go on to third level
institutions, including major
universities in Ireland, U.K.,
Europe and further afield

Sport

Rugby, hockey and

The College offers a wide range of opportunities for its pupils, not only academic but also sporting, artistic and cultural. Its aim is to provide a varied and balanced education which is stimulating and fulfilling, and we aim to do this in a setting which is attractive and inspiring. Our teacherpupil ratio of 1:7 and our average class-size of 12 are instrumental in enabling us to achieve these aims. The College is a Church of Ireland foundation with a full-time Chaplain, but we welcome members of all Christian denominations and all faiths. The ethos of the College is informed by the Christian values of tolerance, kindness and selflessness that are so important within a close-knit community.

Life at St. Columba's is busy and rewarding. From classes to sports, play rehearsals to choir practices, debates to personal study time, every week is full of activity. The school believes in stretching its pupils as much as possible, and in encouraging participation in every area of College life.

Central to this demanding existence is the close-knit nature of its small community in a seven-day boarding environment. In helping every individual boy and girl to flourish, the vocational commitment of its largely resident teaching staff is immense. St. Columba's is particularly proud of its recent record in a series of outstanding annual results in the Department of Education Leaving Certificate examinations.

crosscountry;
in the summer term
these are replaced by
athletics and cricket.
Basketball, badminton,
volleyball, archery, indoor
football and hockey, and
winter cricket nets.

Facilities

There is an aerobics room
and a fully-equipped fitness
suite. Elsewhere on the
grounds are a floodlit
astroturf hockey pitch
spacious rugby and cricket
pitches, outdoor hard tennis
courts, an outdoor
swimming pool, fine
crosscountry
mountain runs, and
the College's own golf
course.

Boarding Facilities

In September 2004 the
impressive new Grange
Building opened.
Two Houses - Glen for
senior boys and Hollypark
for senior girls – are
accommodated separately
here, with space for over
100 boarders, sleeping two,
four and six per room. Each
dormitory has its own ensuite
washrooms and
toilets. In addition there are
extra facilities for day boys
and girls, eight common
rooms and kitchens for
leisure time, computer

Pupils are divided into seven Forms. The youngest enter
Primary (aged 11), and benefit from its small size. They
are thus able to settle into College life in a relatively
protected way. The next three years build up to
the Junior Certificate examinations at the end of Third
Form; most pupils enter at Primary, First or Second Form
level. Transition Year in Fourth Form; is an academically
rigorous time, in which pupils are stretched in a
variety of interesting and different ways. Although formal
academic examinations take place at Christmas and
Easter, there is no public examination at the end of this
year, and pupils can and do develop a great deal
academically without the pressures that this entails.
There is a considerable emphasis on extracurricular
activities and personal development. We see this year as
crucial preparation for the final years at the College. Fifth
and Sixth form pupils take the two-year Leaving
Certificate course. Throughout this process they benefit
from small classes and close attention. We feel strongly
that they also gain crucially from extracurricular
opportunities: pupils who succeed academically are often
those who also participate most outside the classroom. At
every level, we encourage the ability to work
independently, to learn research skills in the Library and
on the internet, to co-ordinate project work, and to
present work orally.

The attention to the academic development of pupils
extends beyond the classroom. While Housemasters and
Housemistresses are the key figures in this support,
pupils are also monitored and advised by academic tutors,
guidance counsellors and our learning support

areas, changing rooms, and adjoining accommodation for supervising House staff.

Extra Curricular

There are annual junior and senior plays, a biennial Shakespeare Society production, drama workshops and shows. There is also an active video drama club, and public speaking is encouraged through debating. Current clubs include : Art, Bridge, Fishing, Mountain Biking, Photography, Pottery, Woodwork, Computers, Film, Yoga and Karate. Individual tuition is available in a range of musical instruments, such as piano, guitar, brass, woodwind, violin and on the chapel organ, as well as individual singing.

department. Each pupil is regularly given an effort mark in each subject: this system means that the school can quickly address any problem areas. Every term detailed assessments are made through formal examinations, and full written reports on these are provided for parents.

Within the overall 'village' atmosphere of the school, the House system fosters a special sense of community. Four boys' and three girls' Houses are spread around the College in separate buildings. Each House has its own living and sleeping quarters and routine; each House also has its own distinct identity. A Housemaster or Housemistress, assisted by at least one House Tutor, is in charge and acts in loco parentis in every aspect of the pupils' welfare during their years at the College, and is the main point of contact between



parents and the College.

The musical life of the College is particularly vibrant. Over half the pupils take individual tuition on musical instruments including piano, brass, guitar, strings, woodwind and the fine Chapel organ, as well as singing and theory. In addition, individual pupils frequently perform in concerts, there are active Chapel, Chamber and Festival choirs, an annual Gala Concert, foreign tours (recently to Salzburg and Budapest), and to cap it all once a year every pupil in the College performs in the intensely competitive House Singing

The Library is spacious and elegant. Two large reading rooms flank the main collection of 10,000 books. The computer facilities are connected to the College network, and pupils studying here with laptops also have wireless access to the internet.

The pupils are supported by two qualified Guidance Counsellors in examining their career options; indeed, the College is happy to continue to provide this service after pupils have

left the College. There is a six-year programme of assessment and counselling, which culminates in the last two years, as third-level choices are made. Housemasters and Housemistresses are also valuable sources of advice, and, in the final Leaving Certificate year, each pupil has a special academic tutor, to help with college applications and work priorities.

Zahlen & Fakten St Columba's College, Dublin

Länge / Preise	Zeitraum	Standard	Premium
3 Terms	Sep. – Juli	29.400 €	29.900 €

Leistungen	Standard	Premium
Kostenlose Beratung	✓	✓
Bewerbungsinterview bei dir oder in deiner Nähe	✓	✓
Hilfe bei der Flugsuche	✓	✓
Hin- und Rückflug (bis 400€) ab 10 Teilnehmern als Gruppenflug	✓	✓
Flugbegleitung durch min. 1 deutschen Betreuer ab 10 Teilnehmern	X	✓
Infomaterialien (u.a. Studenthandbook)	✓	✓
Vorbereitungstreffen (1 Tag) Alleine, bei dir oder in deiner Nähe	✓	X
Vorbereitungscamp (2 Tage) mit allen Teilnehmern, möglichst in deiner Nähe	X	✓
London-Trip	X	✓
Flughafentransport	✓	✓
Orientierungstreffen in Irland	✓	✓
Boarding + Vollverpflegung	✓	✓
Schulplatz	✓	✓

Ständige Kontaktperson vor Ort	✓	✓
Betreuung in Irland und Deutschland	✓	✓
24- Stunden Notrufhotline	✓	✓
Nachbereitungscamp (2 Tage) mit allen Teilnehmern, möglichst in deiner Nähe	✓	✓
Zertifikat	✓	✓
Sicherungsschein nach § 651 BGB,	✓	✓
Elterntreffen	✓	✓
1 Jahr kostenlose Vereinsmitgliedschaft	✓	✓
GYG-Travel-Shirt	✓	✓

Nicht inklusive:

- ggf. Reisekosten,
- Schulmaterialien,
- Schuluniform
- Taschengeld,
- Ausflüge,
- Versicherungen (meisten zählen die Versicherungen aus Deutschland)

Optional:

- Vorbereitungscamp (+ 100€),
- Flugbegleitung (+ 250 + Flugticket),
- monatliche, vierteljährliche oder halbjährliche deutschsprachige Betreuung vor Ort (Preise auf Anfrage)
- Versicherungspaket (+ 50 p.M.)
- Reiserücktrittsversicherung (+ 250€)
- London Trip (+ 250€)

Bewerbungsfrist:

Ausreise im Januar: 30. September des Vorjahres

Ausreise im August: 30. April

Spät Bewerbung: Auf Anfrage

Rabatte:

Frühbucherrabatt: 200€ (Bei einer Bewerbung bis 3 Monate vor Bewerbungsfristende)

Geschwisterrabatt: 300€ (Bei gleichzeitiger Teilnahme oder zurückliegender Teilnahme eines Geschwisterkindes)

Freundschaftsrabatt: 80€ pro Freund/in (der/die durch dich an einem Programm teilnimmt.
Der Betrag kann geteilt werden, dadurch profitiert ihr beide)

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