



Educate Together
second-level schools
Enabling your child to achieve their best



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Welcome

Educate Together provides a new type of second-level school, one that places the student - your child – at its centre. We aim to create a vibrant, welcoming school community to which every student feels a real sense of belonging. We use the best teaching and learning methods to enable each individual student to reach their full academic and social potential.



What we offer

- Highly qualified and experienced teachers and school leaders
- Strong ethos, based on values of equality, human rights and citizenship
- Innovative approaches to teaching the curriculum
- Supportive, caring school community
- Open and inclusive school management process
- Rich range of sporting and extra-curricular activities
- Modern, attractive and flexible learning environment



Curriculum

We recruit enthusiastic, highly qualified and innovative teachers to help students realise their full academic and social potential. Using the new Junior Cycle Framework, teachers develop innovative courses that enable students to work in teams on interdisciplinary projects.

Active, engaging teaching and learning methods are used throughout Junior and Senior Cycle. Teachers place a strong emphasis on students developing key skills in literacy and numeracy, creative and critical thinking, communication, teamwork, research and leadership. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is used as a tool for learning across all subject areas.

An inclusive school

In keeping with our ethos, our schools are multi-denominational and co-educational, welcoming girls and boys from all backgrounds and abilities on an equal basis. We work closely with local primary schools, parents and students to make the transition from primary to second-level easier, holding taster days, study skills workshops and summer sports camps before the start of the new school year. We provide a caring and supportive school community that nurtures each student's personal and social well-being throughout their school career.

Individual Learning Needs

We recognise the needs of each individual student, and use Individual Learning Profiles to provide parents and students with regular updates on progress. For students with additional learning needs, we help, support and challenge them to achieve the very best they can. We provide enrichment programmes for gifted and exceptionally able students so that they can be stretched and challenged to realise their potential.



Sport

All our students participate in a variety of sporting activities, both indoor and outdoor, team and individual, including: GAA games, rugby, soccer, basketball, badminton, hockey, gymnastics, swimming and athletics.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Students are encouraged to join one of the many clubs on offer at lunchtimes or after school, such as foreign languages, cookery, film, drama, art and craft, chess, music, science and technology. Students also have opportunities to participate in programmes such as the Young Scientist competition, Young Social Innovators and An Gaisce.

Bright, Modern Facilities

The school building and campus provides the best possible teaching and learning environment for our school community. Flexible learning spaces, bright, well-equipped specialist classrooms and labs, sports areas, social spaces for students, areas for extra-curricular activities, even storage facilities - all are carefully planned so that students are enabled to learn in a building that is attractively designed and suits their needs.

“ You want to choose the right school for your child. An Educate Together second-level school will enable your child to achieve their full potential and be best prepared for life in the 21st century. ”

Our Ethos

Educate Together schools are committed to the values laid down in Educate Together's Charter.¹ Our schools are learner-centred, multi-denominational, co-educational and run democratically. This means that all members of the school community, whatever their social, cultural or belief background, work together in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Students follow an ethical curriculum, which includes learning about different religions and belief systems. Our ethos provides a strong moral, ethical and spiritual framework for the whole school community, and informs all policies and practices in the daily life of the school.



¹ Educate Together Charter - formally launched on 12th May 1990 at the Aula Maxima, University College Galway, Ireland. Amended on April 17th 1999 at the first Annual General Meeting of Educate Together, Bray Co. Wicklow. For more information, go to: <http://www.educatetogether.ie/about-2/charter/>

School Management

At an Educate Together second-level school, the management process is open to all members of the school community. The school Principal provides dynamic, positive leadership, with students, teachers and parents being able to participate in policy planning. As well as having an active Parents Association and Student Council, the school's board of management includes two associate student members.



About Educate Together

Educate Together is an established school patron body with a thirty-five year track record of excellence in Irish education. The patron represents the owners of a school and can be an individual or a group, a Board of Trustees or a Limited Company. A school patron is responsible for:

- Appointing the school's Board of Management
- Defining the school's ethos or characteristic spirit
- Supervising staff appointments
- Being responsible for financial and legal matters

Second-level Schools opening in 2014

Ballymakenny College, Drogheda, Co Louth

Educate Together and Co Louth VEC are joint patrons of this new type of community school.

Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School, Ongar, Dublin 15

Educate Together is sole patron of this Voluntary Secondary School.

Kishogue Community College, South Lucan, Co Dublin

Co Dublin VEC is the school patron, working in formal partnership with Educate Together.



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