



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE
DUBLIN

Junior School

Located in a separate building on campus, the Junior School has girls aged from four to twelve years in classes ranging from Kindergarten Lower up to our Senior Year, J6.

Our approach to education is progressive and encourages the girls to explore and share in a very open manner. We apply the principles of Friedrich Froebel, who recognised the importance of childhood to healthy human development. We understand that play, activity and creativity are powerful elements in the girls' learning environment. Our teachers have a deep understanding of the stages of child development, and we offer a broad curriculum that reflects the needs and abilities of the girls as they grow. We follow the National Curriculum as set by the Department of Education & Skills and we cover academics, creative arts, music and sport. Our core subjects include English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Social, Personal & Health Education and French from J3 class onwards.

Girls' artistic creativity is encouraged as they learn about drawing, painting, printing and working with clay, fabric and fibre. They also get a great introduction to reading and writing music, as well as classes on singing and playing instruments. The Junior School has its own choir and orchestra that perform regularly. And we help the girls to enjoy games both as participants and as spectators. They have classes on gymnastics, games and swimming, as well as ballet and Irish dancing.

Our ethos

- We follow Froebelian principles, recognising the importance of play and creativity in the girls' education
- Our curriculum has a balance of academic, creative, musical and sporting challenge
- Our system of 'family groups' teaches girls about teamwork, responsibility and social skills
- We help to develop learning habits based on curiosity, challenge and fun

During their time with us the girls learn they are part of a diverse, vibrant community and they form strong and lasting friendships. As well as being in their traditional year groups, the girls are also organised into ten 'family groups' that each contain a mix of pupils aged from four to twelve years. The family group system aims to stimulate collective working, develop social skills, create a sense of responsibility and respect and so create a bully-free environment in the school. Within this safe environment they learn to be independent thinkers, to work with others, to love learning and to think widely about the world beyond the school gates.

It is at this early stage that girls develop learning habits that will last a lifetime, which is why we encourage them to have enquiring minds, to seek understanding and to never be afraid to ask questions. At Alexandra College they will learn to be challenging and curious and to develop their potential from their first day at school. Almost all of our girls progress to the Attending Alexandra College Senior School once they complete their primary education in J6. And the values, skills and habits they have learnt with us prove a true foundation for success in their formative teenage years.

