



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  
DUBLIN

## Arts and drama

Arts and drama give students a chance to express their imagination, intellect, empathy and courage in a tangible way.

### *Understanding and experiencing art*

Art has long been an area of strong interest for our students. We aim to give them a balance between experiencing, making and understanding art and design, with emphasis also on its history and appreciation. We offer a broad range of techniques from painting and drawing to ceramics, textiles, graphic design and photography



Through project work we give students a wide variety of creative experiences that appeal to a broad range of ability levels and styles, and they get full scope to explore their ideas, techniques, media and skills. This means that their artistic creativity becomes linked with competence and enterprise and they become confident in their work.

### *Drama department*

The Drama Department in Alexandra College is a vibrant and growing department with many activities and events throughout the school year. Students can choose between speech and drama classes, joining the Drama Club, taking the drama or effective communication modules in Transition Year, or taking part in local and national public speaking competitions. We also run an annual Festival of Poetry & Drama, we take part in the One Act Drama Festival in St. Andrews College and we encourage students to enter exams twice a year in a number of different disciplines.

In the Drama Club first and second year students build confidence and learn about co-operation and how to develop technique. It is a great introduction to the areas of creative drama.

The annual Festival of Poetry & Drama runs for three days and includes competitions in solo acting, poetry speaking, duologue drama and Shakespeare. At that time we also stage our Drama Club play and our entry from the One Act Drama Competition. It gives an exciting opportunity for all our girls to perform in front of an audience.

Every two years, we stage a large-scale musical that is open to all fourth and fifth year girls, who audition to take part. Months of rehearsal lead up to five full performances that are one of the highlights of the school year. Recent years have seen performances of Anything Goes, The Pajama Game and Oklahoma, and girls have delighted in the opportunity to be involved in a full, complicated musical production.



### **Art techniques offered:**

- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Graphic design
- Painting
- Photography
- Textiles

### **Drama options offered:**

- Drama Club
- Festival of Poetry & Drama
- One Act Drama Festival
- College Musical
- Public speaking competitions
- Transition Year Modules
  - Drama & Stage Management
  - Effective Communication
  - Filmmaking module