



# St Vincent's Castleknock College

Castleknock College was founded in 1835 by the Vincentian Order.

It was set up originally as an all-boys boarding school.

In 1987 day-boys were accepted along with boarders for the first time. In 2006 the boarding house was closed permanently and today we are a pure day-boys school.

There are around 550 students in the school and 40 teachers.



[www.castleknockcollege.ie](http://www.castleknockcollege.ie)

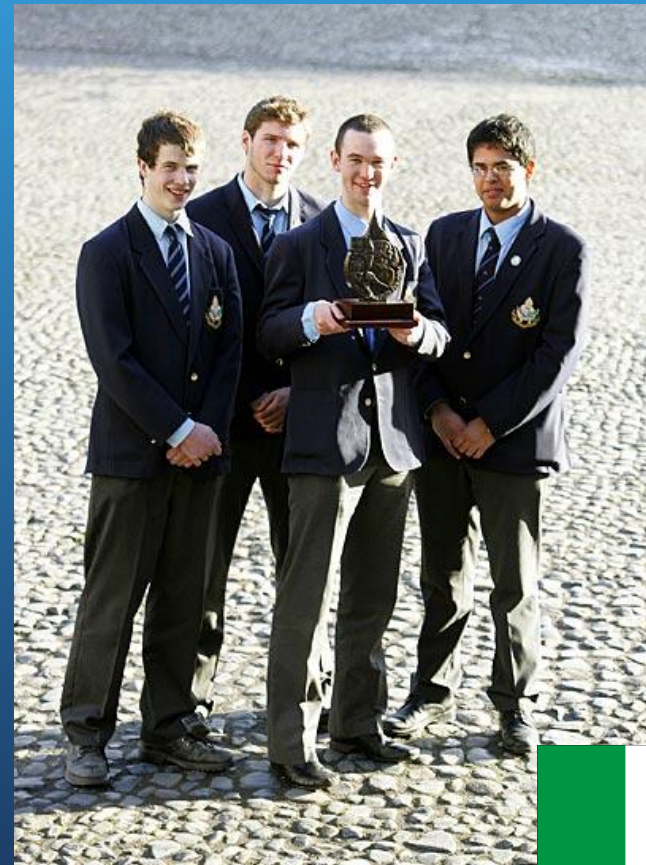




# Irish Educational System

The Irish Educational system is divided up into three parts:

- Primary School
- Post Primary
- Third Level





# Primary School

- Students aged 5-12 years.
- Irish is the national language and is obligatory
- Numeracy and Literacy are the main focus in recent years
- Single sex and Co-ed systems
- Both private and public schools
- No official state exams





# Post Primary

- Students aged 12-18 years.
- Obligatory to 16
- Six year cycle
- Irish national language obligatory
- Very broad selection of subjects
- Two state examinations - Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate
- Single sex and co-ed systems





# Third Level

- 18 Plus
- Degree Courses vary from 3-7 years
- Ordinary Bachelor
- Honours Bachelor
- Master Degree
- Doctorate





# Our City Dublin

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland and was originally founded as a Viking settlement.

The name *Dublin* comes from the Irish name *Dubhlinn* or *Duibhlinn*, meaning "black pool"

The city covers a land area of 115 square kilometres.

The city is sited on the estuary of the River Liffey. This river empties into Dublin Bay which opens onto the Irish Sea.

The population of Dublin 1.66 million

