



LORETO COLLEGE  **St. Stephen's Green**



Historical Background and Present Location

In 1833, the Loreto Sisters (the Irish branch of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary) opened a school for girls at 58 Harcourt Street, Dublin. Shortly afterwards this school transferred to its present address at 53 St. Stephen's Green where, despite the dramatic change in recent decades in the lifestyle of the capital city, it has continued to grow and prosper.

When fire destroyed the college and convent in June 1986 – tragically claiming the lives of six Loreto sisters – the pupils were again accommodated in Harcourt Street, this time in a new office block at number 79, leased for two years.

Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green re-opened in Summer 1988. It is a combination of old and new, retaining the beautiful Georgian features of the original buildings while providing all that modern education requires in the new building.

At Loreto College the education of girls has over 150 years of tradition, and in a sense it did not begin even there. As far back as 1609 Mary Ward, Foundress of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pioneered apostolic religious life for women when she undertook the work of Catholic education on the Continent and in England.

The first foundation in Ireland was made by Mother Teresa Ball at Loreto Abbey, Rathfarnham in 1821. Today the Loreto Sisters work in 39 schools in Ireland as well as in many others worldwide.



School Management

The School is under the trusteeship of the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters). The trustees established an eight person Board of Management to oversee the management and development of Loreto, St. Stephen's Green. Of these eight people, four are directly appointed by the trustees, two are elected parents and a further two are elected by the school's teaching staff. The school Principal acts as Secretary to the Board of Management.

Each board serves for a three year period. The Board functions in accordance with the Articles of Management for Catholic Secondary Schools. The Board of Management delegates responsibility for the day-to-day running of the school to the Principal.

The Management Team

Principal:	Ms. Triona Barrett
Deputy Principal:	Ms. Mary McAteer
Assistant Principals:	Ms. Grainne Barton Mr. Declan Campbell Mr. David Hobson Ms. Martina Kelly Ms. Elaine O'Connor Ms. Maria O'Leary Ms. Claudine Prendergast Ms. Mary Tierney



Ethos

We provide a holistic education wherein we strive for excellence in the pursuit of knowledge. Social concerns and spiritual values are central to our educational philosophy, while sporting and cultural endeavours are encouraged. Each student is challenged to realise her full potential and to recognise the dignity of each human being.



Pastoral Care

The care of each student is of utmost importance to all at Loreto College and our Student Support Services emphasise the personal, emotional, spiritual, vocational and educational development of all students. There is a strong caring structure involving the Chaplain, Guidance Counsellor, Year Heads and Class Tutors, the Principal and Deputy Principal. Learning support is provided by the Board of Management for students experiencing academic difficulties.

The Code of Behaviour policy sets out the arrangements for a fair but firm disciplinary system designed to ensure good order and a happy and secure environment.

The College places great emphasis on having good relations with parents. Both formal and informal meetings are arranged each year and the Parents' Association plays an important role in the College.

Curriculum

The school curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students of all abilities. The College employs approximately 40 dedicated teachers, including a Guidance Counsellor and Chaplain. The Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations are taken at the end of third and sixth years respectively.

We offer a curriculum that is balanced, integrated and stimulating and continually adapting to the requirements of a changing world.



Junior Cycle

For the Junior Certificate examination, the following subjects are offered for examination:

Irish	History	Civic, Social & Political Education
English	Geography	Religious Education
Mathematics	Science	

In addition, before commencing First year, students choose three additional subjects from the following:

Business	Home Economics	Spanish
Art	French	Latin
Music	German	

All students participate in P.E., Social Personal & Health Education and Choir. All classes are mixed ability. In Second year, an Ordinary level class is created for Maths and in Third year for Irish, allowing students to take subjects at their own level.



Senior Cycle

During a two year cycle, all students are prepared for Leaving Certificate.

Irish, English & Mathematics are core subjects

In addition, students choose four subjects from the following:

Accounting	Biology	French	Art
Business	Chemistry	German	Music
Economics	Physics	Spanish	Home Economics
Applied Maths	History	Geography	

At Senior level, students may opt to take a subject at Higher or Ordinary Level

All students have Career Guidance and PE classes weekly and Choir is optional.



Academic excellence is rewarded at the end of the school year with prizes for First, Second and Third place in every class. Awards are made to individual students for outstanding achievements in all subjects as part of a Ceremony that recognises contribution in all areas of school life.



Transition Year

All our students participate in Transition Year.

The programme for Transition Year in Loreto College provides an exciting and challenging year for the students. It has three main aims – the personal development of the student in a stimulating focussed way, new skills learning and some experience in the adult and working life. It provides a year long personal exploratory journey in which students can learn more about themselves – their talents, abilities and attitudes to others and to society in general.

In addition to studying the core academic subjects, students have an opportunity to sample the full range of Leaving Certificate subjects. They also enjoy Transition Year specific modules, examples of which are:

- * INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- * PHILOSOPHY
- * AEROBICS
- * CRAFT
- * RUSSIAN
- * CULTURE & SOCIETY IN NORTHERN IRELAND
- * MINI COMPANY
- * YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS
- * YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST

In addition, all students are provided with a range of activities on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. These include: Aromatherapy, Golf, Pitch & Putt, Samba Drumming, First Aid, Fire Safety, Make-up Workshop, Public Access to Law, Walking Tour of Dublin, Ski-ing on Artificial Slope, Martial Arts, Sailing.

Students have an opportunity to explore the world of work in a two-week work experience placement. A further Community Service placement for two weeks is an essential component of the year.

Our experience is that students find the year helpful on so many levels – an enjoyable, if challenging, time on their school journey !



Extra-Curricular Activities

At Loreto College, academic work is complemented by a range of extra-curricular activities. Physical Education is an integral part of the curriculum. Outside class hours, students may pursue a range of sports including hockey, basketball, tennis, athletics, gymnastics, swimming.

Music plays a very large part in the life of the College. There are a number of choirs, an orchestra and instrumental groups. Tuition is available in a range of instruments.

Students may join a number of clubs and societies including Drama, Debating, Chess, Ceili, Pony and participate in a number of national competitions include Young Scientist.



Facilities

The College buildings are a combination of old and new, retaining the beautiful Georgian features in the chapel, entrance hall, staircase and some classrooms. The new buildings contain a modern science department with three laboratories, a geography room, a library/resource centre, an arts and crafts room and a concert/assembly hall. Canteen facilities are available from early morning.

Although Loreto College is situated in the heart of Dublin, the sports facilities include a sportshall with changing rooms, showers etc. and an Astroturf pitch which is used for hockey, tennis and athletics.



Further Information

We hope that this prospectus will give you helpful information about the College. If further information is required, please contact us at:

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