



# ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

## DUBLIN

3rd Year Information Pack  
2023/2024



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## Senior School Term Dates 2023/2024

The dates of term are in line with the D.E.S. standardisation of the school year.

### Christmas Term 2023

Wednesday 23 August	New 1st Year Boarders arrive to Res from 3 pm - 5 pm
Thursday 24 August	1st Year Induction Day 10 am to 12 pm. Parents attend from 10 am
Friday 25 August	1st Year Induction from 10 am to 12 pm (students only)
	2nd Year Parent Information Meeting 9 am to 10 am
Sunday 27 August	2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th Year Boarders arrive to Res 2 pm - 4 pm
Monday 28 August	3rd Year Parent Information Meeting 9 am to 10 am
	Full School Day for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th Year
Tuesday 29 August	5th Year Parent Information Meeting 9 am to 10 am
Wednesday 30 August	6th Year Parent Information Meeting 9 am to 10 am
Sunday 3 September	Transition Year Boarders arrive to Res 2 pm - 4 pm
Monday 4 September	TY Parent Information Meeting 9 am to 10 am
	Term starts for Transition Year
Friday 29 September	No School for Students. Res remains open
Friday 27 October	School finishes at 2 pm. Res closes at 3 pm.

*Half Term Break - Monday 30 October until Friday 3 November*

Sunday 5 November	Boarders return to Res after 5 pm
Monday 6 November	School Reopens

Monday 4 December	No School for Students
Friday 22 December	Term ends for Christmas Holidays

*Christmas Holidays - Monday 25 December 2023 until Friday 5 January 2024*

### Easter Term 2024

Sunday 7 January	Boarders return to Res after 5 pm
Monday 8 January	School Reopens
Monday 5 February	Bank Holiday - College Closed
Friday 9 February	School finishes at 2 pm. Res closes at 3 pm.

*Half Term Break - Monday 12 February until Friday 16 February*

Sunday 18 February	Boarders return to Res after 5 pm
Monday 19 February	School Reopens

Thursday 14 March	School finishes at 2 pm.
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*Friday 15 March and Monday 18 March - St Patrick's Bank Holiday Weekend - No School*

Friday 22 March	School finishes at 2 pm. Res closes at 3 pm.
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*Easter Holidays - Monday 25 March until Friday 5 April*

### Summer Term 2024

Sunday 7 April	Boarders return to Res after 5 pm
Monday 8 April	School Reopens

*Monday 6 May and Tuesday 7 May - Bank Holiday Weekend - No School*

Friday 24 May	TY Term ends
Friday 31 May	Term ends

## **Parent Teacher Meetings**

All parent-teacher meetings take place in the Concourse from 4:15 pm - 6:45 pm. These dates are provisional and will be confirmed in August.

1st Year	Thursday 25 January 2024
2nd Year	Wednesday 4 October 2023
3rd Year	Thursday 9 November 2023
5th Year	Wednesday 10 January 2024
6th Year	Wednesday 22 November 2023

## **College Exams**

Christmas Exams (5th Year)	27 November - 8 December
Mock Exams (3rd & 6th Year)	26 January - 9 February
Summer Exams (1st, 2nd & 5th Year)	20 May - 31 May

N.B. While 1st and 2nd Year students do not have formal exams at the end of the Christmas term, they will have in-class assessments. These assessments will be scheduled by class teachers from the week of 27 November through the end of the Christmas term.



# ALEXANDRA COLLEGE DUBLIN

## Senior School Uniform

The full school uniform is compulsory from 1st to 4th Year.

Only the sports uniform is compulsory for 5th & 6th Years. 5th & 6th Years do not otherwise wear a school uniform. While we wish the girls to be comfortable and to make their own decisions about what they wear, we reserve the right not to allow clothing which is deemed to be unsuitable for school.

All uniform clothes and shoes are available from [Uniformity](#).

<b>Senior School Uniform List</b>	<b>CHECK LIST</b>
<b>1st to 4th Years only Compulsory School Uniform</b>	
Alex Jacket - Red	
Alex Pullover - Brown	
Alex Skirt - Brown	
Crested Long Sleeved Blouse	
Knee High Socks - White	
Shoes - Brown or Black	

<b>1st to 6th Years Sports Wear – compulsory for all year groups 1st to 6th Year</b>	
Red Tracksuit Bottoms	
White Hockey/PE Shirt	
Red Hockey Skort	
Hockey/PE Socks - Red	
College Tracksuit Top - White	
Red PE Shorts	
Trainers – no black soles	

<b>Optional Uniform</b>	
Crested Short Sleeved Blouse	
White t-shirt - worn underneath shirt in cold weather	
College Scarf	
Base layer for sports	
Basketball Top and Shorts	
Astro shoes	
Hockey sticks, gum shields, shin pads are available from sports shops	

Hair fastenings, if worn, should only be brown, red or white.

Jewellery should be discreet. Nose studs and body piercings are not permitted.

Please also refer to the [Code of Behaviour](#).



# ALEXANDRA COLLEGE DUBLIN

## 3rd Year Book List 2023/2024

Books are available to order online from [Book Haven](#)

Subject	Book
Art	<p>All <b>new</b> art students will be supplied with an art pack on arrival in art class in August. Each student will pay for the art pack through their fees. It is the students responsibility to store and maintain their art packs, replacing items themselves as and when they need to.</p> <p><b>Students who studied art in 2nd Year</b> in the College must ensure that their art pack is complete and that any items missing have been replaced</p>
Business Studies	<p>Retain: <b>Time for Business</b> (Junior cycle Business Studies) and <b>Student Activity Book</b> (Same Title) <b>2nd Edition</b> (Edco) Publishing Stafford, Joe; O'Sullivan, Siobhan; Henry, Ultan; Cumiskey, James (2016) Also, a set of <b>Edco Examination Papers</b> for the New Junior Cycle (Common Level).</p>
English	<p>Retain all 2nd Year books and buy Junior Cycle English Exam Papers (Edco) <b>Novels:</b> <i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck <i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe <i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton <b>Skills for Exam Success</b> by Pauline Kelly (Gill Publications)</p>
French	<p>Retain: <b>Ça Roule 1</b> (Text book) <b>Ça Roule 2</b> (Text book) Purchase: <b>Exam papers</b> (Edco)</p>
Geography	<p>Retain: <b>Geography in Action: Textbook and Activity Book: Lenihan &amp; O'Brien</b> (Educate.ie) <b>Hardback notebook, Colouring Pencils &amp; 30cm Ruler</b> Buy: <b>Edco Exam Papers Geography Common Level</b></p>
German	<p>Retain: <b>Alles Klar</b> (<a href="#">educate.ie</a>) (Text book) Purchase: Exam papers (Edco)</p>
History	<p>Retain: <b>Artefact and Artefact Skills workbook published by <a href="#">educate.ie</a></b> Skills for Exam Success by Stacy Stout. (Gill) A4 Hardback Notebook.</p>

<b>Home Economics</b>	<p>Retain from 2nd Year</p> <p><b>Skills for Life</b> by Carmel Enright &amp; Maureen Flynn (Folens) Textbook &amp; Workbook. Apron or white coat Large tupperware lunchbox Purchase: Edco Junior Cycle Home Economics exam papers</p>
<b>Gaeilge/ Irish</b>	<p><b>Ardleibhéal/Higher level</b> Turas 3 - 2nd Edition (set) Educate.ie exam papers (sample papers) Úrscéal (Novel) Cúpla le hÓgie Ó Céilleachair "Staighre" (Magazine). Will be ordered through school. Please bring in €15 upon return.</p> <p><b>Gnáthleibhéal/Ordinary Level</b> Turas 2 - 2nd Edition (set) Educate.ie exam papers (sample papers)</p>
<b>Classics</b>	<p><u>Please obtain hard copies of all textbooks:</u></p> <p>'<b>Cambridge Latin Course, Book I</b>' (Publishers: Cambridge University Press) '<b>Cambridge Latin Course, Book II</b>' (Publishers: Cambridge University Press) '<b>D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths</b>' by Ingri &amp; Edgar Parin d'Aulaire (Doubleday Books 1962) '<b>By Roman Hands: Inscriptions and Graffiti for Students of Latin</b>' by Matthew Hartnett (Focus – an imprint of Hackett Publishing Company; 2nd Edition, 2013)</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p><b>Higher Level students:</b> Retain book from 2nd Year: <b>Connect with Maths Junior Cycle Higher Level Edco</b></p> <p><b>Junior Certificate Examination Papers for higher level (Edco)</b> Squared Maths Copybooks Geometry Set Formulae and Tables Book Calculator - Casio FX83GT Plus Natural Display</p> <p><b>Ordinary Level students:</b> Retain book from 2nd Year: <b>Connect with Maths Junior Cycle Higher Level Edco</b> (It is higher level. The higher-level book has all the same questions as the ordinary plus some extra which will not be covered by ordinary level students.)</p> <p><b>Junior Certificate Examination Papers for ordinary level (Edco)</b> Squared Maths Copybooks Geometry Set Formulae and Tables Book Calculator - Casio FX83GT Plus Natural Display</p>

<b>Music</b>	Music Book: <b>Maestro</b> by Nathan Barrett (Educate.ie) Ring binder Folder (Small), <u>Music</u> Manuscript Copy, A4 Refill Pad, Dividers Apps: Garageband (EdCo) Junior Cycle Music papers for <b>2023</b> examination.
<b>Religion (Physical &amp; eBook)</b>	<b>A World of Beliefs</b> by Shuna Hutchinson-Edgar & Mary-Deirdre Kinsella. (Folens), A4 hardback copybook, A4 document holder/folder.
<b>Science</b>	<b>1 White Cotton Coat (Essential)</b> Retain <b>Nature of Science (1st Edition)</b> (Textbook + resources & revision) (Mentor books). Edco Exam Papers new syllabus Junior Cycle question bank volume 1 workbook <a href="http://www.jcsquestionbank.com">www.jcsquestionbank.com</a> A4 hardback copy
<b>Spanish</b>	Retain <b>Aprendemos 1 and 2</b> , hardback and softback copy. (EdCo) Junior Cycle Spanish papers for <b>2024</b> examination.
<b>Social, Personal &amp; Health Education (SPHE)</b>	Textbook <b>Compulsory; Health &amp; Wellbeing: SPHE 3 (EDCO)</b>
<b>Italian</b>	<b>Dieci A2</b> , (libro + ebook interattivo) Ean: 9788861826823, Almaedizioni, the best way to buy it is from the publisher website: <a href="#">Dieci A2</a> <b>Same book as in 2nd Year</b>
<b>Learning Support</b>	Students attending Learning Support classes please purchase <b>The Keyword Journal</b> by 4schools.ie





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## Quick Links and Helpful Information

### Quick Links

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[Parent Hub](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Canteen Menus](#)

[Payments](#)

### Communications

Regular school communications are sent to parents and guardians through the School App. Incoming parents and guardians will receive an SMS invite to download the app in August.

If parents and guardians have queries or concerns, the first port of call is to contact the student's Form Tutor by emailing [info@alexandracollege.ie](mailto:info@alexandracollege.ie) marked F.A.O. [Form Tutor]. Issues may be escalated to Year Head, Deputy Principal, or Principal if appropriate. We will share your daughter's form tutor with you in August along with her timetable and the schedule for the Induction Days.

### School Timetable

The school day begins at 8:45 am each weekday. Classes finish at 3:48 pm on Monday - Thursday, and 2 pm on Friday.

Monday - Thursday Schedule	Time	Friday Schedule	Time
Period 1	8:45 am - 9:43 am	Period 1	8:45 am - 9:42 am
Period 2	9:43 am - 10:41 am	Period 2	9:42 am - 10:39 am
Assembly	10:41 am - 10:51 am	Period 3	10:39 am - 11:36 am
Break	10:51 am - 11:06 am	Break	11:36 am - 12:06 pm
Period 3	11:06 am - 12:04 pm	Period 4	12:06 pm - 1:03 pm
Period 4	12:04 pm - 1:02 pm	Period 5	1:03 pm - 2:00 pm
Lunch	1:02 pm - 1:42 pm		
Register	1:42 pm - 1:52 pm		
Period 5	1:52 pm - 2:50 pm		
Period 6	2:50 pm - 3:48 pm		

## Attendance

Students are expected to stay on the campus until the end of the school day: 3:48 pm Monday to Thursday and 2 pm on Friday, unless formal permission has been given to leave early.

If a student needs to leave the premises during the school day she must:

- have a written request for permission to leave the school premises from a parent or guardian addressed to the Form Tutor; or
- Have formal permission from the Principal or Deputy Principal.

Under no circumstances may a student leave the campus without having first obtained permission. Students who absent themselves from the School premises without permission will incur an automatic after-school detention, and may be suspended from school.

Family holidays should not be planned for times during which the College is in session. Where a student is to miss school for a trip or holiday, a formal request to the Principal, in writing from the student's parent or guardian is required at least 2 weeks in advance.

As far as possible, medical and other appointments should only be made for times outside of class or examination time.

## Signing In or Out

All students must sign in or out at Reception if they are leaving the campus early or arriving late. Students will not be allowed to leave the campus without written permission from a parent or guardian.

## Debitrak

We use Debitrak, a cashless lunch card system, in the College Canteen. New students will be posted their Debitrak fob prior to the beginning of the new school year. Parents can top-up their child's lunch card through our secure online system by credit or debit card. For more information on setting up a new fob and topping up, please see [our website](#).

## Class Changes

Other than for Irish and Maths, students are assigned to mixed ability classes. If a student wants to move from one level to another in a particular subject or to change subjects, she must contact the Deputy Principal.

Students will not be permitted to change classes or ask to be in particular classes based on preference for one teacher or another. Students may only transfer from one level to another within a subject or from one subject to another with formal permission from the school and having followed the procedures in place.

## Phones

Mobile phones and smartwatches cannot be used from 24 August 2023. This is a decision that has been taken for the girls' well-being. They will be required to lock their phones in a pouch and cannot access it at all during the day. If a student arrives late, she must go to reception to have it locked in her pouch. The same applies if she needs to leave early: pouches will be unlocked at reception. After the school day is over, the girls can unlock their pouches at various stations in the Concourse and around the school. The locks are strictly timed.

If a student infringes this new phone policy, her phone will be confiscated immediately, and one of her parents/guardians will have to retrieve it in person from the College Reception. Detention will also be imposed.

No photographs or recording, either video or audio may be made on a phone or other device while on the school premises without express permission from a teacher.

If a student uses a mobile phone to bully others after school hours, by sending offensive messages or calls, the matter will be investigated under the School's Anti-Bullying policy and appropriate sanctions will apply. It should be noted that it is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone to menace, harass or offend another person.

## Lockers

Every student is supplied with a locker and one padlock.

Each student is responsible for keeping all of her possessions other than hockey bags in the locker and for keeping her locker locked at all times other than when she is accessing it herself. Any belongings left outside the locker will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. A bad report will be given for repeated breaches.

Damp and wet gear should not be left in lockers overnight.

A padlock may be cut open on the payment of a fee and the issue of a replacement padlock at Reception.

Lockers may not be accessed between classes; students may only collect necessary books from the lockers before Register Class and during morning and lunch breaks.

Lockers are the property of the College and are to be treated with respect. Students who damage lockers must pay for the cost of the repair or replacement.

At the end of the school year each student should empty her locker and leave it open for inspection.

## Substance Abuse

No student is permitted to smoke or vape while:

- on the campus;

- in the school environs;
- wearing the school uniform; or
- she is together with a group of students who are recognisable as a group of students of the College.

If any student breaches this provision, she will get detention for a first offence and suspension for any subsequent offences.

The possession, use, consumption, sharing or sale of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs or vaping equipment is forbidden at all times. Students are not permitted to be on school premises or attend any school activity while under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drugs. The school will take disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for breaches of this provision. The school will inform the Gardaí as appropriate.

[More information about College policies and procedures can be found on our website.](#)