



# ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

## DUBLIN

5th 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.

*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.

*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.



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## 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

## 5th Year Book List 2023/2024

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

Subject	Book
Accounting	"Accounting for Senior Cycle" Textbook and Student Activity book - EDCO - Davin Kielthy
Agricultural Science	Breaking Ground (New specification) (Edco) White Coat, - Essential A4 Hardback Science Copy. Rooting for Knowledge - Student Book (Lettertec Ireland) Rooting for Knowledge - Experiment Book (Lettertec Ireland)
Applied Maths	Fundamental Applied Mathematics (3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition) Oliver Murphy
Art	New Appreciating Art for Leaving Certificate, Áine Ní Chárthaigh's - Gill Education  All 5th year 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.
Biology	Biology Plus Michael O'Callaghan (Edco) White Coat (essential) Edco Exam Papers
Business	Kielthy, David and O'Byrne, Lisa. Inside Business for Leaving Certificate. Edco Publishing 2019.
Careers	1 hardback copybook
Chemistry	Chemistry Live 2nd Edition textbook and workbook Exam Papers (Edco) 1 White cotton coat Other Materials: A4 Ringbinder with poly-pockets and refill pad.
Classical Studies	Arrian, 'The Campaigns of Alexander' (translated by Aubrey de Sélincourt, Penguin Books). Julius Caesar, 'The Conquest of Gaul' (translated by Jane F. Gardner, Penguin Books). Euripides, 'Medea and Other Plays' (translated by Philip Vellacott, Penguin Books). Homer, 'The Odyssey' (translated by E.V. Rieu (revised edition), Penguin Books). Horace, 'The Complete Odes and Epodes with the Centennial Hymn' (translated by W. G. Shepherd, Penguin Books).

	<p><b>Plato, 'The Last Days of Socrates'</b> (translated by Hugh Tredennick, Penguin Books).</p> <p><b>Plutarch, 'The Age of Alexander'</b> (translated by Ian Scott-Kilvert, Penguin Books).</p> <p><b>Plutarch, 'Fall of the Roman Republic'</b> (translated by Rex Warner, Penguin Books).</p> <p><b>Sophocles, 'Electra and Other Plays'</b> (translated by David Raeburn, Penguin Books).</p> <p><b>Virgil, 'The Aeneid'</b> (translated by David West, Penguin Books).</p>
<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>Computer Science Textbook for Leaving Certificate</b> by Brett A. Becker & Keith Quille, Golden Key Educational Publishing, ISBN: 9781999829315
<b>Economics</b>	" <b>Positive Economics</b> " - Hayes-Culleton, Susan; Murray, Trudie; and O'Connor, Brian. Edco Publishing: 2019. NB: This book has been written to take into account the New Leaving Certificate Specification in Economics which was introduced in September 2019 and therefore this new book contains essential updated subject matter.
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Single Text:</b> 'William Shakespeare's <i>King Lear</i> – Full Text &amp; Study Notes', published by Forum Publications</p> <p><b>Comparative:</b> <i>Where the Crowdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens <i>Sive</i> by John B. Keane</p> <p><b>Poetry:</b> <i>This is Poetry – Higher Level – 2025</i> by Brian Forristal and Billy Ramsell, published by Forum Publications</p> <p><b>Language:</b> <i>Expression – A Complete Guide to Leaving Cert English Paper 1</i> by Brenda Collins, published by Forum Publications</p> <p><b>Other Materials:</b> A4 Ringbinder with poly-pockets and refill pad. One large hardback copy</p>
<b>French</b>	<b>Tout Va Bien</b> 3rd Edition (Folens)
<b>Geography</b>	' <b>Earth</b> ' by <b>Michael Organ</b> 2nd Edition Set - Textbook and <b>Elective 5 Human Environment</b> pack (educate.ie)
<b>German</b>	<p><b>Deutsch Komplett</b> (Folens)</p> <p><b>Thematisch</b> (CJ Fallon)</p> <p><b>Die Mündliche</b> (Folens)</p>
<b>History</b>	<p><b>Nation States &amp; International Tensions 1871-1920</b> by Sean Delap Publisher Folens</p> <p><b>Movements for Political Social Reform 1870 to 1914</b> by F T Holohan Pub by Folens</p>
<b>Home Economics</b>	<p><b>Complete Home Economics</b> (2nd edition) by Leanne Gillick and Laura Healy. Educate.ie (Text book &amp; workbook)</p> <p>Apron. Tupperware container for cookery.</p>
<b>Gaeilge/Irish</b>	<p><b>Ardleibhéal /Higher Level</b> Fiúntas Nua Ardleibhéal (Edco) A4 Hardback copy Ringbinder with poly pockets</p>

	<p><b>Gnáthleibhéal / Ordinary Level</b>  Fuinneamh Nua Gnáthleibhéal (Edco)  A4 Hardback copy  Ringbinder with poly pockets</p>
<b>Italian</b>	<p><b>Nuovissimo Progetto Italiano 1, A1-A2</b>, Edilingua, (compulsory). The best way to buy these is from the <a href="#">publisher's website</a> or online on Book Depository)  Prescribed novel: <b>Marcovaldo</b> by Italo Calvino (English version)  Exam papers (made to order)  Optionals: <b>Italian verb drills</b> (Paola Nanni-Tate)/  <b>Nuova Grammatica pratica della lingua italiana</b> (Susanna Nocchi).</p>
<b>Latin</b>	<p>'<b>The Revised Latin Primer</b>' (Kennedy &amp; Mountford; Longman).  <b>A Latin dictionary</b>, e.g. 'The Oxford Latin Minidictionary' (Editor: James Morwood; Oxford University Press)</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p><b>Higher Level students:</b>  <b>Active Maths 4 Book 1 &amp; 2</b> (Folens)  Squared Maths Copybooks  Geometry Set  Formulae and Tables Book  Calculator - Casio FX83GT Plus Natural Display</p> <p><b>Ordinary Level students:</b>  <b>Active Maths 3</b> (Folens)  Squared Maths Copybooks  Geometry Set  Formulae and Tables Book  Calculator - Casio FX83GT Plus Natural Display</p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>All scores of the Prescribed set works on course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bach- Cantata BWV 78- Eulenberg Edition</li> <li>• Barry- Piano Quartet No.1</li> <li>• Tchaikovsky- Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture- Eulenberg Edition</li> <li>• Queen- Bohemian Rhapsody</li> </ul> <p>(These are not always available in mainstream bookshops so sometimes have to be ordered from music shops)  A4 Lever Arch Folder, 8 dividers, manuscript</p> <p>Notes melody workbook (Higgins and Higgins)  Notes harmony workbook (Higgins and Higgins)  available online <a href="https://higginsandhiggins.ie/leaving-cert-music/">https://higginsandhiggins.ie/leaving-cert-music/</a> and not in mainstream shops Check website as stocklists can change each year</p>
<b>Physics</b>	<p><b>Real World Physics</b> (Latest Edition) Dan O'Regan  Leaving Cert Physics Experiment Book , Dr. Karen Young (Edco)  White Coat  (Edco) Exam Papers</p>



<b>Politics &amp; Society</b>	<p><b>Text Book: Power and People</b> (J.MacBride &amp; M.T.McBride) (Educate.ie)  <b>Skills Book: Power &amp; People</b> (J.MacBride &amp; M.T.McBride) (Educate.ie)  A4 Ring binder folder, dividers, A4 punched pockets</p>
<b>Religion</b>	<p><b>The Search for Meaning and Values:</b> Paula Goggin (Veritas)</p> <p><b>Faith Seeking Understanding,</b> Paula Goggin: Ellen Moisselle, Donal O'Neill &amp; Colette McCarthy Dineen (Veritas)</p> <p>A4 hardback copybook, A4 ringbinder.</p> <p>All books available on veritas.ie</p>
<b>Spanish</b>	<p><b>¡Venga!</b> (Edco)  <b>Cuéntame - Edco</b> Oral and Aural Prep Book  Leaving Certificate Spanish higher level examination papers (EDCO)</p>
<b>Physical Education (LCPE)</b>	<p>Mentor - On Your Marks  Jason Carey and Jimmy Kiernan  (iPad or laptop, project work 6th Year)</p>



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## Quick Links and Helpful Information

### Quick Links

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[Parent Hub](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Canteen Menus](#)

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### 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.](#)