









# Educate Together Second-level Schools

Enabling your child to achieve their best







# Welcome

Educate Together provides a new type of second-level school, one that places the student - your child – at its centre. We aim to create a vibrant, welcoming school community to which every student feels a real sense of belonging. We use the best teaching and learning methods to support students' social, emotional and academic development and wellbeing.



What Educate Together Offers

- Highly qualified and experienced teachers and school leaders
- Strong school ethos, based on values of equality, human rights and citizenship
- Innovative approaches to teaching the curriculum
- Supportive, caring school community
- Democratic and inclusive school management process
- Rich range of sporting and extra-curricular activities
- Unique Ethical Education curriculum

One of my favourite things about teaching in this sector is the relationship that I have with my students. I have never taught in a happier, more respectful environment.

Gill, Educate Together teacher

## Curriculum

We recruit enthusiastic, highly qualified and innovative teachers to help students realise their full potential. Embracing a cooperative approach, teachers work together to develop innovative courses that enable students to work in teams on interdisciplinary projects. Active, engaging teaching and learning methods are used throughout Junior and Senior Cycle. A strong emphasis is placed on supporting students to develop key skills in literacy and numeracy, creative and critical thinking, communication, teamwork, research and leadership. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is used as a tool for learning across all subject areas. I love the way the teachers encourage and celebrate individuality and sharing who you are as a person.

Sadbh, Educate Together student

## **Inclusive Schools**

Reflecting the Educate Together ethos, our schools are equalitybased and co-educational, welcoming girls and boys from all backgrounds and abilities on an equal basis. We work closely with local primary schools, parents and students to help students make the successful transition from primary to second-level. Our learner-centred model ensures that all students' needs are met and their abilities are nurtured in a caring and supportive school community.

Teachers teach in a fun but educational way, they are always there to talk about your problems.

Shannon, Educate Together student

# **Extra-curricular Activities**

Educate Together second-level schools participate in a range of activities. Students are encouraged to join in one of the many sports or clubs on offer at lunchtimes or after school, such as GAA, rugby, soccer, basketball, badminton, hockey, drama, music, science, debating, coding, choir, dance and art. Students' ideas for new clubs and activities are also always welcomed.

Students also have opportunities to participate in programmes such as the Young Scientist Competition, Young Social Innovators and An Gaisce President's Award.



### **School Management**

At an Educate Together second-level school, the management process is open to all members of the school community. The school Principal provides dynamic, positive leadership, with students, teachers and parents being able to participate in policy and decision making.



### **Our Ethos**

Educate Together schools are committed to the values laid down in the Educate Together Charter. Our schools are learner-centred, equality-based, co-educational and democratically-run. This means that all members of the school community, irrespective of their beliefs, social or cultural background, work together in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Students follow an Ethical Education curriculum, which includes themes on values, worldviews and beliefs, global citizenship education, diversity, migration and equality, including gender equality. Our ethos provides a strong moral, ethical and spiritual framework for the whole school community, and informs all policies and practices in the daily life of the school.

### For more information, go to

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#### **About Educate Together**

Educate Together is an established school patron body with a forty year track record of excellence in Irish education. The patron represents the owners of a school and can be an individual or a group, a Board of Trustees or a Limited Company.

A school patron is responsible for:

- Appointing the school's Board of Management
- Defining the school's ethos or characteristic spirit
- Supervising staff appointments
- Managing financial and legal matters