

THE KING'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL BEST IN CLASS

Celebrating 350 years, one of the country's oldest boarding schools was built on a bedrock of strong values.

American singer David Allan Coe once said: "It is not the beauty of a building you should look at; it's the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time."

When the groundworks for The King's Hospital School were laid in Dublin in 1669, they were built on a bedrock of strong values and a clear vision.

Who was to know then that, in 2019, we would be celebrating 350 years of an institution that has not only survived the most turbulent of times throughout history, but has thrived – building upon the dream to become one of the top boarding schools in Ireland.

Speaking at a service of celebration in St Patrick's Cathedral, newly appointed headmaster Mark Ronan said: "As part of the year, we are commemorating the school's eventful history and reaffirming the values which have helped it survive and prosper; producing many generations of proud former students.

Looking back crystallises what is most important to us moving forward

Headmaster Mark Ronan

ECONOMY

And looking forward is what we are good at. As the economy again begins to gather momentum, and parents look for the best options for their children's education – enrolment in boarding schools is on the rise.

Ours is not just a school. It is a close-knit, supportive community focused on providing an education that develops the whole person both within and beyond the classroom.

"Teaching practices, the courses we teach, and the facilities which enrich our students' learning, will continue to evolve to ensure they leave KH equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of a changing world," Mr Ronan says.

Academically, our results speak for themselves with over a quarter of our students going to Trinity College Dublin each year and others to Cambridge, MIT and London School of Economics.

As part of our mission to help pupils to become well-rounded, confident young adults, we encourage them to participate in the school's wide range of extra-curricular activities and enrichment programmes, which extends from rugby to choir, hillwalking to hockey, debating to dance, and a myriad of others in between.

Our past pupils are testament to a successful teaching style and ethos, with many featuring prominently in politics, arts and entertainment, science, business and sport – including the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, TV presenter Kathryn Thomas, professor of chemical physics at Trinity College Jonathan Coleman, and five Olympians who lined out at the 2016 Games in Rio.

IDEAL SOLUTION

Sending your child to boarding school can be a tough decision, but if you are trying to juggle longer work days with commuting and getting to your child's activities on time, boarding school can be the ideal solution.

With five- and seven-day options, boarding can be the most wonderful and enriching experience for a child.

With superb student accommodation, incredible facilities, and over a quarter of our staff living on campus, we are more than a school, we are a community.

Mr Ronan also points out that by having the right study structures in place on campus and strict rules on the use of mobile phones, time spent at home is often of greater quality.

Talking about the overall success of the school, he adds: "I will consider our school's success by the ability to educate, in an inclusive environment, young men and women who make a positive difference to the lives of others; and are known for their compassion, honesty, and respect for diversity in all its forms."

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7 REASONS TO CHOOSE BOARDING SCHOOL

- 1 Students flourish in a community of learners, and are more willing to experience and explore new things.
- 2 A balanced approach of academics, sports, the arts and wellbeing is paramount for a healthy mind and body.
- 3 Students enjoy significant personal growth, independence and increased self-confidence.
- 4 Support and encouragement is always available from staff and peers.
- 5 Inclusivity and diversity introduces students to different cultural perspectives, on a global scale.
- 6 The quality of facilities is often better than many colleges and universities.
- 7 Friendships are ones you will make for life.