

## **FAQ**

### **What is the fee structure?**

Fees are set annually by the Board of Management. Fees for 2025/2026 are set at €5,745. A non-refundable deposit of €1,500 is payable on the offer of a place. If you have a current sibling in Rosemont or Rockbrook, a non-refundable deposit of €500 is payable on the offer of a place. The deposit will be offset against 6<sup>th</sup> year fees. Please visit our website for more information on payment options.

### **Will our daughter be in the same class as her friend?**

It is not possible to guarantee that particular friends will be in the same class. Students are urged to mix freely and to make a number of friends in Rosemont. Students will have opportunities to mix with students in other classes during option subjects and extra curricular activities.

### **What subjects are studied by 1<sup>st</sup> Year students?**

1<sup>st</sup> year students will study for the new Junior Cycle Student Award. Subjects on offer include English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Religion, Science, P.E., French, Spanish, Home Economics, Business Studies, Art, Music, SPHE, CSPE.

### **Are students streamed?**

We are mixed ability school. In 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, an ordinary level class in Mathematics and Irish is available.

### **How are option subjects decided upon for the Junior Cycle?**

Students study all subjects but must pick three option subjects from Business Studies, Home Economics, Art, Music, Spanish and French. A booklet will be sent to Parent(s)/Guardian (s) in January and students will select 3 subjects via VS Ware which is the school's student management system. Students may amend their subject choice at any point up to the October mid term break.

### **Is learning support provided for those who need it?**

If a student is gifted or has a known learning difficulty, the school should be advised of this, so that learning support can be provided. This information can be provided via the online application process. A meeting will be arranged prior to the student joining the school so that the necessary support is provided. Assessments administered by the school during 1<sup>st</sup> Year may pick up challenges undetected until this point. Communication between the AEN Coordinator and parents about support ensures that

the student reaches her potential. Learning support may take the form of team teaching or a student's withdrawal from class for individual or small group tuition.

### **Is Guidance & Counselling provided?**

Our Guidance Counsellor is available for all students and a comprehensive guidance and counselling programme is an integral part of the school's curriculum. The Guidance Counsellor and work with the Student Support Team to ensure that our students' pastoral needs are met.

### **What is the Coaching System?**

Coaching is unique to Rosemont and central to Rosemont's ethos and success. Each student is assigned a coach who will meet with them every four weeks. The coach will also meet with Parent(s)/Guardian(s) twice a year. The purpose of coaching is to help a student take ownership of her own learning, to set goals in her academics and in all aspects of her life. Coaches promote a growth mindset amongst students and to help them to navigate the day-to-day events of life.

### **Are iPads used in the classroom?**

We are not an iPad school. We have two trolleys containing 30 laptops in each. These are used to help students complete Class Based Assessments (CBAs) in Junior Cycle, International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) in TY and Additional Assessment Components (AACs) in Senior Cycle.

### **Are phones permitted in school?**

Students must switch off their mobile phones before entering the school building in the morning. Students may not use their phones in the atrium or in the school building once they arrive at school. A student may keep their phone in their school bag and not on their person (such as kilt or jacket pocket). Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones for any purpose in the building, including break and lunch time unless directed to do so by a teacher. Students may have their phone to access food village at break and lunch, but they are only permitted to use their phone for the food village app, and they may only use the phone in line to access food village.

### **What sports are played in the school?**

It is compulsory for 1<sup>st</sup> Years to play at least one sport. While P.E. is part of the curriculum, sports take place after school. Hockey and Netball are the two most popular sports in the school with Gaelic football, Camogie, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis, Athletics and Badminton also available.

## **What other extra-curricular activities are available?**

1<sup>st</sup> Year students are encouraged to involve themselves in a range of extra-curricular activities.

We offer:

- Model United Nations
- Debating
- Gael Linn
- Spanish Club
- Philosophy Club
- Green Schools Committee
- Creative Club
- Choir Club
- Book Club
- Chapel Squad
- Musical

## **Is supervised study provided?**

Supervised study is offered post school Monday to Friday from 3.50-6.20pm (1.30-4.00 on Wednesdays). Study takes place in the school library.

## **What do students do during lunchtime?**

All students other than Fifth and Sixth Years remain in school for morning break and during lunch. Students are encouraged to bring healthy food and drink for break times, or avail of the wide variety of hot food and snacks available to order from Food Village, our in-school food provider. Lunchtime activities including some sports, clubs and committees provide an opportunity for students to become engaged in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities as well as make friends.

## **What is the length of the school day?**

Roll call begins at 8.30 a.m. Classes begin at 8.35 a.m. There is a short break from 10.35 to 10.55 a.m. Lunchtime runs from 12.55 p.m. to 1.35 p.m. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays school finishes at 3.35 p.m. On Wednesday classes finish at 12.55p.m.

## **How is contact maintained between school and parents?**

In Rosemont we work very closely with parents to keep parents up to date with their daughter's progress and specific subject content in the following ways:

- Communication is via email or the school app.
- Coaches meet students every 4 weeks.
- Formal Parent/Teacher meetings are held once a year.
- Teachers give formative feedback on student's progress on assessments issued in October, December, March and June.
- The website contains updated information on the school.