



St. Kilian's
Deutsche Schule Dublin



SCHOOL BROCHURE



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Welcome to St. Kilian's



Ethos

St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule is a co-educational, inter-denominational School spanning the full educational cycle from Kindergarten to Leaving Certificate. Our environment is nurturing, safe and caring. We respect and affirm the integrity of our students and we welcome those of all

cultures, traditions and beliefs to share our community and educational experience. We value tolerance and difference, and we embrace democratic values. We live a European educational experience through the languages of German and English and through our shared Eurocampus.

Mission Statement

Guided by our ethos, we support our students to become individuals of integrity, to be independent in thought, open-minded and confident. We foster personal responsibility and promote active citizenship in Europe and the world. Dein Weg. Our Mission

Our School in Numbers

800
Pupils

100
in Kindergarten
(Junior & Senior
Infants)

300
in Primary School
(Classes 1-6)

400
in Secondary
School

40+
Nationalities

20%
German

50%
Irish

30%
International

European Tradition

Since its establishment in 1952, St. Kilian's has developed into a modern and forward-thinking European campus, welcoming boys and girls of all nationalities, cultures and religions. The school stretches the entire educational cycle from Kindergarten (Junior Infants) through to Leaving Certificate.

While we follow the Irish curriculum and teach mainly through English, we also place a strong focus on the German language which is taught intensively throughout the School. German is not a requirement to enrol into Kindergarten, Primary School or 1st Year Secondary School.



A Global Family

St Kilian's is one of 140 German schools Abroad with a total of over 84,000 students in 72 countries throughout the world, creating a truly global family. Together we have built a global campus that allows us to participate in overarching projects between schools on an international basis. This provides our

students with many opportunities for foreign language and cultural exchanges.

As a German School Abroad our teaching staff includes several specialist teachers seconded from Germany, many of whom have worked in other countries and are able to employ their international experience for the benefit of our students.



Eurocampus

St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule and the Lycée Français International (LFI) together form the **Eurocampus Dublin** - one of Ireland's most exciting and innovative educational projects. During Junior Cycle, St. Kilian's students are taught in mixed classes with their peers from the LFI.

The Eurocampus provides a unique European learning experience in which students not only study together, but they forge friendships and develop an in-depth understanding of each other's language and culture.

It also creates a learning environment in which different European traditions mutually enrich each other to create an awareness and acceptance of diversity. The Eurocampus students come from about 40 different countries.



Kindergarten & Primary School

Junior & Senior Infants

Caring support, holistic development and multilingualism are the cornerstones of our bilingual Kindergarten. The guiding principle for our curriculum is to raise independent and self-sufficient children who, by the end of the two years, are fully prepared to enter into 1st class of our Primary School.

Elements of the German Kindergarten education are combined with those of the Irish curriculum, thus providing a learning context in which the children are supported holistically.



One Teacher - One Language

Our **One Teacher – One Language** approach means that we have two teachers in each Kindergarten group, with one teacher communicating exclusively through German and one through English.

Through this method of immersion, language acquisition happens without pressure and uses the natural, intuitive learning abilities of children.



Active Children

Our Kindergarten pupils have their own exclusive playgrounds which they get to use extensively throughout the day.

They also have a weekly PE class in the School's gym.

They go on regular nature walks in the neighbouring UCD campus and also enjoy two annual School outings – **Wandertage** – and a trip to the theatre where possible.



Afternoon activities for Kindergarten children:



Art classes



Dance



Music



Tennis



Celebrating Language & Culture

In St. Kilian's, we celebrate our Irish and German roots throughout the school year.

We mark traditions and events from both countries: we celebrate **Halloween**, **Karneval** and **St Patrick's Day** with festivals of music, dance and drama.

Our younger pupils celebrate **Sankt Martins Tag** with a parade of lanterns and they are visited by **Sankt Nikolaus** in December.

Our annual **Sommerfest** marks the culmination of the school year where the Primary School community comes together to socialise.

A great annual highlight is our **German Christmas Market** which is a very popular event for the school and wider community.



Primary School

We guide and support our pupils in a trusting and nurturing learning environment and equip them with the best tools to achieve their full learning potential.

Our Primary School follows the Irish curriculum and teaches mainly through English but there are a number of important differences which set St. Kilian's apart from other primary schools in Ireland:

German is taught intensively from 1st class by mother tongue teachers, with separate classes for native and non-native language learners. Additional support classes for German are offered to pupils as required;

Classes are taught by a mix of Primary School teachers and **specialist teachers** for subjects such as German, Music and PE, thus allowing our pupils to benefit from the teachers' varied and specialist experience;

From 5th class our students have the opportunity to join our **German Curricular Stream** in addition to the Irish curriculum.

Irish is introduced in 3rd class and all pupils are encouraged to participate in a week-long trip to an Irish College in the West of Ireland in 6th class.

Outside the Classroom

Hockey
Soccer
Multi-Sports
Choir & Music
French
Dance
Drama
Fencing
Board Game Hour
Computer Club
Green School Project
Kinder musizieren
Swimming lessons
Tennis
Cycle Safety Training
Chess Club



Sport in Primary School

Sport is an integral part of our core curriculum and is taught by specialist PE teachers. From 1st to 4th class our pupils have a scheduled PE lesson every day, in 5th and 6th class they have three periods per week.



Academic Excellence

St. Kilian's follows the Irish curriculum for the Junior and Leaving Certificate and teaches predominantly through English, with the exception of the German Curricular Stream.

We are proud that our students consistently achieve excellent academic results in the Irish State Examinations. We place equal emphasis on the wellbeing of our students and provide them with access to guidance, counselling and other assistance and support, if required.



We give our pupils the opportunity to develop their interests and talents. We prepare them for their final exams and their future careers and equip them with the tools to perform to the best of their ability. Our average class size in 5th and 6th year is 16-18 students; These small groups are very conducive to learning and have enabled our students to consistently perform significantly above average in State examinations.

The combination of a broad curriculum, individual support and excellent results places our students in a strong position to achieve their goals in Ireland, Europe or beyond when they graduate from St. Kilian's.

Many of our students go on to study in Germany and work for German companies. Our pupils are headhunted for their international experience, high standard of education and German language skills.

Leaving Certificate

The curriculum in St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule Dublin is taught at Higher Level for the Leaving Certificate.

75% of our students regularly achieve H1 or H2 grades. 98% to 100% of our students progress to Third Level and continue their studies at universities and colleges in Ireland, UK, Germany and other countries around Europe and internationally.



Citizens of Europe

We celebrate diversity and foster an appreciation for different cultures and opinions. The Eurocampus illustrates this in its day-to-day school life.

Each year we offer our secondary school students the opportunity to take part in a variety of school trips and exchanges with schools in Germany and other German schools abroad. Examples of past trips include exchanges with Würzburg, Cologne, Bremen, The Hague and Brussels as well as study trips to Paris, Berlin and New York. We are also proud to participate in the Erasmus+ programme on a regular basis, partnering with and visiting schools all over Europe.

Special annual highlights are also our German work placement programme in Hamburg and our career guidance trip to German Universities:

Hamburg Student Exchange (TY)

This is a unique three-week exchange during Transition Year. Students live with a German family and undertake a work-experience placement for two weeks. Students enhance their language proficiency and knowledge of the German culture, which are key components of the **Sprachdiplom** exams and the Leaving Certificate programme.

Study Trip to German Universities (5th year)

Our 5th year students get the opportunity to take part in a study trip over 5-days where they visit six German Universities in Munich, Würzburg and Mainz as part of Careers Guidance. The trip allows our students to learn about study and career opportunities in Germany, to get information on how to apply and to get an idea of German universities.



International Competitions

Jugend musiziert – A German music competition under the patronage of the President of Germany. The first round is held in Dublin, the second round in another European capital.

Nordeuropa filmt! – Film making competition with students from other German schools abroad.

Europaspiele - A sports competition with students from other German schools abroad. Usually takes place in Brussels.

Elysee Treaty Debate – A joint debate for senior cycle students of St. Kilian's and the LFI to mark the anniversary of the treaty of friendship between Germany and France.

Numbers Race – A Mathematics competition for classes 5-10 in both Eurocampus schools. The winners are invited to a reception at the French or German Embassy.

Model Council of the European Union Debate – The Model Council is designed as a simulation of a meeting of the Council of the European Union. Each school takes on the role of one of the 28 EU Member States. Schools are asked to adopt a stance either in favour or against the proposal and encouraged to research and to adopt the official position of the assigned Member State.



German Education

German is taught at many different levels to suit native speakers as well as foreign language learners of different exams. Through intensive and enhanced German lessons in small groups, our students achieve a level of German language proficiency that is above the level of the Leaving Certificate.

Ambitious students have the additional opportunity to follow our German Curricular Stream alongside the Irish curriculum up to 4th Year and they can choose to sit a **Bilingual Leaving Certificate**, which is unique to St. Kilian's.

Sprachdiplom

All students are given the opportunity to sit the Sprachdiplom, a German language certificate that certifies standards of German language skills required to study or work in Germany. The Sprachdiplom is a passport for entry to German universities and thus opens up options for studies in Germany.



Subject choices

JUNIOR CYCLE:

Core subjects:

English, Computer Studies, Irish, German, Maths, History, Geography, SPHE (Social, Personal & Health Education), German History and Literature, Science, Art, PE, CSPE.

Elective subjects:

Students can choose between Business Studies and French.

SENIOR CYCLE:

Core subjects:

German, Irish, English and Mathematics.

In addition, students choose up to four choice subjects according to their interests:

Bilingual History, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Business, French, Art, History, Geography, Applied Maths, Music, PE.

Bilingual Leaving Certificate

Our students can choose the **Bilingual Leaving Certificate** which requires them to study two subjects, German and History, through a mixture of German and English. This subject is approved by the Department of Education and is unique to St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule Dublin. The Bilingual Leaving Certificate has supported our students into undergraduate programmes at Irish, German and international universities, including Cambridge, Oxford and Georgetown University.

What makes our Secondary School stand out?

- Multi-cultural environment of the Eurocampus
- Quality and extent of German language teaching and learning
- Additional academic opportunities for ambitious students
- Student exchange programmes in 1st, 2nd and 4th year.
- Deutsches Sprachdiplom
- Bilingual Leaving Certificate

Transition Year

The modular structure of our Transition Year allows students to experience a wide range of extra-curricular activities in addition to their academic subjects. Our students are encouraged to complete the Gaisce Award and enjoy an overnight stay in an outdoor facility at the beginning of the School year as well as week-long explorer course at the end of the year.

The highlight of Transition Year is a three-week student exchange to Hamburg which includes two-weeks' work experience, a trip to Berlin and other outings and activities.

TY modules & workshops*

Cookery, Photoshop, Drama, Dance, Sailing, Pilates, Film Studies, Barrista course, Photography, First Aid, Self-Defence, Skiing, Driving Theory, Philosophy

**choice varies each year*



Transition Year



Sport & Activities in Secondary School



Outside the Classroom

- Hockey
- Soccer
- Green School Project
- Handball
- Debating – proud winners of the All-Ireland Concern Debate 2018
- Linguistics Club – proud winners of the All-Ireland Linguistics Olympiad 2023
- Drama
- Fencing
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Chess Club
- Student Blog
- K-Factor Talent Show
- Film Club & Short Film Festival



School Campus



School facilities

- Bright classrooms with smartboards
- Well-stocked children's library with books in German and English
- School canteen
- Multipurpose hall
- Assembly area with stage
- Specialist rooms for Music

Sports facilities

- All-weather floodlit soccer and hockey pitches
- Basketball court
- 3 all-weather tennis courts
- Fully equipped gym
- Table tennis area
- Children's playgrounds



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