STUDENT PROSPECTUS

Muhammad Mahmoud
Our Eight H1s Student in
Leaving Cert 2017
Principal

John Winters

"At Ashfield College we don’t believe in overcrowded anonymous classes"

Ashfield College has a long and proud tradition of preparing students for the daunting challenges posed by the Leaving Certificate. This tradition of excellence continues to the present day. We believe that a combination of expert teaching and excellent class notes, focused on the skills needed to excel in the Leaving Certificate, are amongst the secrets to success.
WELCOME

For more than 40 years Ashfield College has been the home of excellence in education. Our students have a proven track record of exceptional achievement in their Leaving Certificate exams.

Our dedicated teaching staff, excellent support structures and state-of-the-art premises provide an ideal environment for success.

The real story of our success is told by our graduates, in 2017 Muhammed Mahmood was one of only 13 students in Ireland to gain eight H1 grades in the Leaving Certificate, achieving a phenomenal 100 per cent in Chemistry. Muhammed’s results are exceptional but not unusual here at Ashfield College. Not all students achieve maximum points, but our students regularly achieve in excess of 600 points and all students report grade improvements based on previous academic performance.

Over the years, Ashfield College has produced leaders in numerous fields and industries and guided thousands of students towards personal and professional success.

Our students succeed because we focus on their individual success and ensure they are suitably prepared for the state-exams. Our teaching staff are exceptionally experienced in their subject disciplines and are experts in exam preparation.

Ashfield College students also benefit from a programme of social, cultural and educational activities designed to deliver a more holistic educational experience.

We welcome students and parents to make an appointment to visit us at Ashfield College in Dundrum where you can see for yourself what the Ashfield experience can do for you.

Call us at 01 490-4050 for further information.
Aidan Kelly

A graduate of our two year full-time programme, Aidan Kelly achieved the 610 points he needed to study Medicine in Trinity College Dublin. (Pictured collecting his results with his proud mother Helen, Inset: Aidan in Trinity College Dublin)

THE EVOLUTION OF ASHFIELD COLLEGE:

1977

Established in 1977 by Joe Griffin in South Dublin providing expert grinds to Leaving Cert exam students.

Ashfield College rapidly evolved into an educational tour-de-force on the Southside of Dublin.

In the Irish Times Education League Tables, Ashfield College was lauded as the No. 1 Feeder School to Universities in Ireland, Top Grinds School and Top Points Courses.*

Thousands of students passed through the doors of Ashfield’s Campus as full-time students, or to enjoy the exceptional grinds and revision courses on offer.

Due to demand, in September 2015 Ashfield College moved its operations to a state-of-the-art premises at Dundrum Town Centre.

In September 2017 The Academy of Grinds @ Ashfield officially launched to provide a personalised service to students who choose our evening and part-time course options.

Since then we have welcomed a whole new generation of full-time, grinds and online students to the Ashfield Experience.

*2013 was the last year in which private Leaving Certificate Colleges in this category were included in the Irish Times League Tables.
WHY ASHFIELD?

- Outstanding Teachers
- Friendly Environment
- Personal Attention
- Consistent Communication
- Excellent Student Feedback
- Brilliant Location
- State-of-the-Art Facilities
- Supervised Study
- Focus on Student Success
ASHFIELD COLLEGE is renowned for providing a wide ranging subject choice to students. Classes are interspersed with supervised study periods throughout the day which allows students to complete daily academic activity before returning home each evening. This improves work-life-family balance during this busy life period.

SUBJECT CHOICES

All the subjects we offer:

- Accounting
- Agricultural Science
- Applied Maths
- Arabic
- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Design & Communication
- Economics
- English
- French
- Graphics
- Geography
- German
- History
- Home Economics
- Irish
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics
- Religious Education
- Spanish

Other Schools Timetable

ASHFIELD Customised Timetable

Choose any combination of subjects:

- Accounting
- Business
- Geography
- History
- Art
- English
- Maths
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Core Maths
- Greek
- Latin
- Religious Education
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5TH YEAR FULL-TIME PROGRAMME

At Ashfield College we recognise that Leaving Certificate success is built on a strong foundation of carefully directed work and effort.

Our two-year Leaving Certificate programme is designed to help our students graduate from a Junior cycle and transition year mindset into well-adjusted and well-prepared Leaving Certificate candidates with a keen sense of certainty about their future direction.

Changing schools can be a daunting prospect but when you come to Ashfield College for 5th year you’re part of a group of students who are all new to the school. This makes for a really welcoming and open environment. Our students regularly mention this as something that made coming to Ashfield College a really positive experience.

The two-year Leaving Certificate programme at Ashfield College is designed to cover a large portion of the Leaving Cert syllabi with constant monitoring and continual assessment of individual students’ progress in their chosen subjects.

Our teachers are hugely experienced and respected in their fields. They have guided many of Ireland’s most academically gifted students to success and enabled thousands of others to achieve results beyond expectations.

Parents receive written reports four times per year and have the opportunity to meet with all teachers face-to-face in the first term and on a second occasion later in the school year.

Students entering in 5th year are given support to ensure they choose subjects suited to their personal and career objectives. Our timetables are built around student choices, enabling students to study subject combinations that may not be available to them elsewhere. We give our students the option to maximise their potential by selecting subjects that show off their abilities and maximise points potentials. Our wide range of subject choice and the option to make subject changes based on academic requirements is one of the hallmarks of the Ashfield experience.

5th Year is also the time when students have the chance to develop personally and socially. We undertake a series of extra-curricular activities in this period to develop their sense of community, leadership and social skills.

Previous events have included cultural and educational trips to European cities, museum visits, university tours, debating, theatre visits and social activities like mountain climbing, ice-skating and go-karting.

Rufus Tenali

Rufus comes from Lisdoon as the Ashfield this every day to participate in our two year programme and receive expert tuition in Maths and Physics for his future.

- Two-Year Full Time Programme.
- 5th Year Student.
- Aiming for Engineering in University College Dublin.

Ava Foley

Ava came to Ashfield after her Junior Cert to join our two year programme giving her the best possible opportunity to excel in her Leaving Cert.

- Two-Year Full Time Programme.
- 5th Year Student.
- Aiming for Law & Business in Trinity College Dublin.
Sacha Oriet

Sacha was a Computer Science apprentice in Switzerland before he came to Ashfield to obtain a Leaving Cert that would qualify him for college in London.
- Full Time Leaving Cert Day School Programme.
- 6th Year Student.
- Aiming for SOAS University of London.

Megan Yoder

Megan came to Ashfield in October having decided that she would have better opportunity to reach her full potential in her Leaving Cert with Ashfield College’s excellent facilities.
- Full Time One Year Leaving Cert Day School Programme.
- 4th Year Student.
- Aiming for Linguistics in University College Dublin.

6TH YEAR FULL-TIME PROGRAMME

Whether you are undertaking the Leaving Certificate for the first time or repeating to improve your results, Ashfield College is an excellent choice.

This vital year of study can be described as the key to unlocking the direction of your future education, so it’s important that you choose wisely when deciding where to study. Our 6th Year programme is open to several categories of student: graduates of our 5th Year programme; students who have completed 5th Year elsewhere; and students choosing to repeat the Leaving Certificate.

Our 6th Years receive an exceptionally comprehensive education in their chosen subjects with a special focus on exam preparation and technique. This gives our students an edge in the exam hall.

The calibre of our teaching team is one of the key benefits of attending Ashfield College. Our academic staff includes senior state examiners, textbook authors, teacher trainers and leaders in their fields.

Our teachers guide students in techniques to answer exam questions with HSC solutions. Students benefit from our dedicated Ashfield College subject manuals and from access to extra notes and resources through the Moodle platform.

Students get individual attention from teachers and have access to extra revision classes and other resources, such as our HPAT preparation course, throughout the academic year.

Our guidance counsellor and other support staff offer assistance with projects, CAO and UCAS applications and other educational supports.

Our approach prepares students to take responsibility for their exam success in a way that prepares them for a successful transition to third level education, while ensuring that the appropriate levels of vigilance, guidance and security are in place.

Ashfield College is the recipient of The Irish Times League Table awards in the categories of: No 1 School; No 1 Feeder School for Colleges; and No 1 Grinds School.
THE TEACHERS

Our teachers are serious about your success.

“What all good teachers have in common is that they set high standards for their students and do not settle for anything less.”

Marva Collins, author and educator

A great teacher will reach beyond the classroom and inspire a student throughout their life. At Ashfield College, our academic staff invest in the individual progress of each student and take a personal interest in ensuring that each person has what they need to achieve their potential.

Our teachers have written textbooks, been state examiners, written supplements for national newspapers and reached the highest bar of their careers.

Here you regularly encounter students and teachers working over a text book in the canteen during their downtime, or on the corridor between classes, discussing an aspect of the syllabus. Our teachers believe that teaching involves more than classroom time, it means offering regular feedback to students and their parents, recognising individual areas for improvement and working on them, creating online support materials for Ashfield students to use when they get home. It’s that little extra nudge that gives our students a real edge in the Leaving Certificate.

Respect is a byword here at Ashfield College. Students are on the cusp of adulthood and our teaching approach is designed to give them the support they require as second level students while preparing them for the independent thought and study habits required for third level education.

Above all, our teachers simply love teaching.
Philipp Curry
- Business, Economics & Accounting

John Kilroy
- English, History & Classical Studies

Peter Jackson
- Biology & Chemistry

Jenny Skelly
- Geography & English

Anne Scully
- Biology

Sarah Clarke
- Art

Nicky Dowling
- French & German

John Sullivan
- Student Mentor

"John’s classes are so engaging. I have come to greatly respect him. He is one of the best teachers I have had."
Myles Brougham - Leaving Cert

"The love Peter has for everything Science is obvious. His notes are spectacular and his knowledge of the exam is going to be a big advantage in June."
Lisa Doherty - Leaving Cert

"I love Art as a subject and the fact Sarah genuinely cares so much about each student really helps, she is excellent at explaining concepts and inspires us to think differently."
Lucy Dillen - Leaving Cert

"Anne makes even the most difficult concepts clear and memorable."
Alyson Kelly-Byrne - Repeat Leaving Cert

"Student life is about more than simply education and John Sullivan is on hand to ensure that Ashfield College students engage in all the opportunities available to them. A talented and experienced mentor, John has been working with Ashfield College students for a number of years and assists them in achieving Leaving Certificate success."
Connor Kelly - Repeat Leaving Cert

"Nicky’s notes are the best notes I’ve ever seen, her classes have an excellent atmosphere and everyone learns very well."
Gianni Carasso - 5th Year

"Jenny is very helpful and explains the material very well. She is very encouraging if you doubt yourself and she makes me really enjoy going to class."
Conor Kelly - Repeat Leaving Cert

"Philip has an amazing talent for focusing on exactly what we need for the exam."
Tom Burke - Leaving Cert

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We asked our students to tell us the first words that come to mind when they think of ASHFIELD COLLEGE, here are the most frequently used words.

- Positive
- Helpful
- Resilience
- Academic
- Focused
- Welcoming
- Respect
- Diligent
- Unique
- Modern
- Considerate
- Enjoyable
- Intensive
- Productive
- Beneficial
- Accessible
- Independent
- Success
- Friendly
IT FACILITIES

Our state-of-the-art campus in Dundrum has the latest in hardware and software technology available to students. Our Computer Lab facilitates a wide range of project work as well as enabling students to access learning supports during their study periods. The Computer Lab is also the home of subjects like Design & Communication Graphics.

SCIENCE LAB

Next door, future doctors and scientists work away in our purpose-built science lab, fully equipped for all senior science subjects, and also home to our very popular Agricultural Science programme.

MUSIC ROOM

Ashfield College has a thriving musical community each year and many of our students have graduated to study music full-time in some of Ireland’s top programmes. Our dedicated music room with its warm and bright aspect, provides the ideal atmosphere for the study of music for the Leaving Certificate.
Study Hall

The college’s study hall is open to all students during the academic year. It is a quiet and peaceful environment where students can focus on their studies without distractions. The study hall features comfortable seating, study materials, and a quiet atmosphere that is ideal for concentration.

Canteen & Recreation

The college’s canteen offers a variety of healthy and nutritious meals throughout the day. Students can choose from a range of options, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The canteen also offers snacks and beverages to keep students energized and focused on their studies.

Recreational facilities including a gym, swimming pool, and sports fields are available for students to engage in physical activities and relieve stress. These facilities help students maintain a healthy lifestyle and stay equipped with the necessary tools for academic success.
WHAT PARENTS SAY

Student Camille Christie is pictured with her mother Brenda Power. Camille is a graduate of the class of 2017, achieving more than 600 points in her Leaving Certificate. Both speak highly of their Ashfield College experience. But the best endorsement comes from the fact that Brenda says she will have no hesitation in encouraging her other two children to undertake their Leaving Certificate studies at Ashfield College.

BRENDA POWER
& Daughter
CAMILLE

“In choosing Ashfield College, Dublin for my daughter Camille’s Leaving Certificate and one of the best decisions we have ever made. Everything from the excellent, dedicated and caring teaching staff to the fantastic school facilities and wonderful parental care and support has made Ashfield College a place where my daughter has thrived and where she felt confident to pursue her potential in an exceptionally safe, happy and welcoming environment.”

In recent years, Ashfield has educated hundreds of students, all working together to achieve an excellent Leaving Certificate result. Pictured are Celene, Chegane and Dina Gablehau who are currently studying in our two-year programme.

Ashfield is a family affair for other siblings too, notably the Gablehau sisters from Templeogue. The three sisters have all attended Ashfield College and, along with their parents, feel that Ashfield College has been an excellent choice for their education.
Ashfield College has been guiding students to Leaving Certificate success for 40 years and many of our students have achieved great success in their studies and careers in that time. You’ve already met Aidan Kelly, a graduate of our two-year Leaving Certificate programme who is currently studying medicine in Trinity College Dublin. Another success story in the field of medicine is our three Ashfield students from 2015 who are now studying medicine together at the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin.

Muhammad Mahmoud is a graduate of our two-year Leaving Certificate programme. His results reflected the work put in by this exceptional student – maximum points with 8 H1 grades, and 90% per cent result in Chemistry higher level. Muhammad is now studying medicine in Trinity College Dublin.

Another past student is well on the way to achieving her ambition of becoming a Vet. Sophie Wan (960 Points LC 2013) is currently a student in the School of Veterinary Medicine at UCD.

Our graduates are represented in the top tiers across a broad range of disciplines in Science, Law, Finance and the Arts.

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The CEO of Ashfield College, Philip Burke, B.A., LL.B., Barrister, is a graduate of Ashfield College. Several members of our top teaching staff are also graduates of our full-time programme.

Shawn Bigger Irish Youth International & Shamrock Rovers Senior Soccer Player

At Ashfield College we also recognise that sporting excellence does not mean giving up academic hopes – our flexibility has allowed a number of world class sports stars to excel in their Leaving Cert while pursuing various sports at international level. This year Ashfield College are proud education partners of Shamrock Rovers brightest young stars.

Ashfield College creates an environment where the unique talents and aspirations of each student are nurtured and they are guided to aim higher and reach further than they ever imagined possible.
At Ashfield we have a long and proud tradition of providing evening and weekend grinds classes and intensive revision courses to supplement students subject preparation. Our Academy of Grinds specialises in the delivery of the highest quality grinds to exam students in Dublin and Online.

Ashfield notes are offered exclusively for our grinds and revision course students and are updated every year. They are highly prized and synonymous with success.

Revision Courses take place at the end of August, at Christmas and Easter holiday time and there are other occasional supplemental classes throughout the year such as Oral Exam Revision classes.

Students may join classes at any time during the year subject to availability, but please note that our most popular subjects always book up quickly.

Ashfield College has been running a very popular programme of Extra Subjects where external students can cover the syllabus of a subject and be exam ready in the course of a single school year.

These options are popular for students wishing to avail of subjects not on offer in their own school, or for those who have the ability to study more than the number of subjects available to them. It offers the opportunity to maximise CAO points in the Leaving Certificate.

These subject classes run in the evening, twice weekly to accommodate school timetables.


The Ashfield College 12-week HPAT Course is one of the most popular course choices for those hoping to pursue medicine as a career. While most colleges offer short weekend courses, Ashfield College offers students a truly immersive preparatory experience. Our experienced lecturer imparts exam techniques, pattern recognition techniques and provides continuous practice experience to participating students.

Our HPAT course is streamed live nationwide and recorded so that students from across Ireland can review their registered classes again and again as the exam date draws closer.
OTHER INFORMATION

Timetables

The school term at Ashfield College runs from early September to late May across three terms every academic year. All students receive a student journal at the beginning of the year outlining the important dates such as holidays, parent-teacher meetings, and exam dates.

School begins promptly at 08:30. Finish times are dependent on individual timetables and supervised study is open until 18:00 on weekdays and from 09:00 until 13:00 on Saturdays during term time.

Attendance & Punctuality

At Ashfield we believe that consistent attendance and punctuality for all classes is an essential part of academic success. A system is in place so student attendance is monitored for each class and parents/guardians will be notified of all absences.

Student & Family Support

Ashfield College hosts an annual information talk for parents and students on CARE and Career Guidance topics. There is also a dedicated career guidance officer who offers one-to-one and group coaching to students and parents. We also have a Student Mentor and a range of consultants available to our students specializing in careers, wellbeing, and psychology.

Host Families

Every year we welcome students who do not ordinarily reside within a comfortable daily travelling distance of Ashfield College. We keep a list of trusted Host Families who will assist students who require living accommodation during term time. This high-quality accommodation is within easy travelling distance of Ashfield College campus in Oquarium Town Centre. A third-party guardianship service is also available through Ashfield College should it be required.

Anti-Bullying Policy Statement

Ashfield College strives to provide a nurturing and welcoming environment where students and academic staff work positively and harmoniously together.

Bullying or intimidation in any form will not be tolerated and the College’s bullying policy, outlined in the Student Journal, is strictly enforced.

Code of Conduct

The Ashfield College Code of Conduct is made available to all applicants and agreement to adhere to this is an important part of ensuring a successful experience for all students. Breaches of the Code are considered serious and will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.
STUDENT SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Throughout the year students are invited to participate in social and cultural events to enhance their educational experience. Past events include a five-day trip to Edinburgh, Go Karting, Mountain Climbing, Ice Skating, University Visits, Historical Walks and Treasure Hunts.
GETTING TO ASHFIELD COLLEGE

Serviced by Dublin Bus routes 14, 17, 44, 61, 75

Dundrum Town Centre has ample parking available

Dedicated cycle lanes from every direction and an indoor bicycle rack for students opting to cycle

Conveniently located 200 metres from Balally Luas stop

Less than a five minute drive from the M50 (just 2km) with a drop off point directly outside the school

The Ashfield Express Bus route is updated each year to accommodate students travelling from areas not serviced by direct public transport links (check online for pick up locations)

*Full route & booking online

Ashfield Express Bus Service

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3500 spaces
Like to know more?

If you’d like to learn more about our full-time Leaving Certificate Programmes you can make an appointment to meet our Principal, John Winters and visit our campus in Dundrum by calling **+353 1 490-4050** or by emailing info@ashfieldcollege.ie

You can get up-to-date details of our academic calendar and other aspects of our activity on our website at www.ashfieldcollege.ie
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