



Blackrock ETSS: Dublin's newest secondary school

Blackrock ETSS is a new state funded post primary school under the patronage of Educate Together which took in its very first cohort of first year students in 2021. As an Educate Together school, we are equality based, child centered, co-educational, and democratically run. Our school is committed to delivering the highest standards of teaching and learning in an atmosphere where innovation and creativity are promoted. Student voice is an important aspect of life at Blackrock ETSS where students are encouraged to contribute their ideas to initiatives and policies. A core aim of our school is that every student will achieve their potential in a friendly, inclusive, and respectful environment.

A broad and diverse curriculum

We provide a broad and diverse curriculum at Blackrock ETSS. As well as studying the core subjects of English, Irish, Maths, PE, SPHE, CSPE, History, Geography, Science and Spanish, students can choose from a wide range of option subjects including Wood Technology, Business, Home Economics, Art, Music and Graphics.

Students also have a choice of short courses that they can study including Philosophy, Artistic Performance, Coding, Debating, and Horticulture. Our curriculum is designed to support our students in developing the key skills and knowledge necessary to face the challenges of the 21st century.



An extensive extra-curricular programme

Blackrock ETSS is committed to providing a vast array of extra-curricular activities catering for the diverse range of talents found in our student body. During lunchtime each day, students and staff engage in various clubs devoted to academic, performative, and sporting pursuits, whereas Wednesday afternoon sees the school finish with a half day to facilitate a broad programme of extra-curricular events. Our extra-curricular clubs include:

- Basketball Club
- Art Club
- Debating Club
- Soccer Club
- Gaelic Football Club
- Volleyball Club
- Board Games Club
- Book Club
- STEM Club
- Athletics
- Music Club
- Knitting Club
- Student Council
- Model United Nations
- Table Tennis
- Scifest
- Chess
- Green Schools Committee

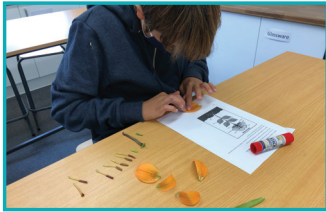




Cherrywood to Blackrock: the location of Blackrock ETSS

Blackrock ETSS is proud to serve the communities of Blackrock, Booterstown, and Dún Laoghaire. While our permanent school is to be built on The Abilene Property, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock, the school's temporary home is in Cherrywood, Dublin 18.

Until such a time as our campus in Blackrock is fully developed, a school bus will be provided free of charge to transport students from Blackrock, Booterstown and Dún Laoghaire to Cherrywood, Dublin 18, where our broad-based curriculum and extra-curricular activities will be provided. Please consult blackrocketss.ie for more information.





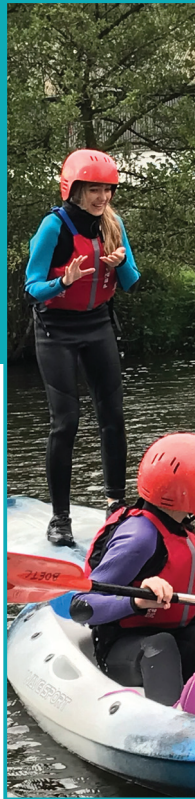
Blackrock ETSS: a digital school for the future

The integration of technology into learning and teaching is a cornerstone of the academic ethos of Blackrock ETSS.

To equip students with the skills to succeed in a digital world, all teachers and students use approved devices to engage with our broad-based curriculum.

Teachers employ innovative and dynamic strategies using these devices to engage students and to provide effective feedback to assist learning. The use of devices allows students to make use of a broad range of accessibility functions and provides more interactive modes to submit assignments and work.

Digital learning will become second nature to our students as we prepare them for the technological age.



Student voice and democracy at Blackrock ETSS

As well as equipping our students with the knowledge and skills that they will need to face the future challenges of further education and the workplace, we want our students to be active citizens who understand the importance of the role that they can play in their communities and society.

We encourage our students to not only value their own individuality but also to recognise that they are part of a vibrant school community where their collective actions can bring about positive change. Students will have the opportunity to influence change at Blackrock ETSS where they will be part of the decision-making process and student voice will permeate school life.

This democratic approach will extend to our parent body whose support and input will be essential in our mission to develop a vibrant, inclusive, and successful school.



Why choose Blackrock ETSS?

1. Dynamic teachers who use innovative teaching, learning and assessment methods.
2. A friendly, warm, respectful school atmosphere where everyone is welcomed.
3. A democratic culture where student voice is central to school life.
4. An inclusive school where a differentiated approach to teaching and learning ensures that every student achieves their potential.
5. A broad and diverse curriculum that supports students in developing the knowledge and skills that they will need in the future.



Blackrock ETSS Mission Statement

Blackrock ETSS is a student-centred, democratic school community that celebrates difference and creativity in a dynamic and vibrant learning environment defined by equality, integrity, and respect.

Admissions

Visit the admissions page on www.blackrocketss.ie for information about applying for a first year place in 2025/26.