



ANNUAL INFORMATION



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Rockport is a co-educational independent school for pupils
from ages 2 ½ to 18.

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 Ms. C. Hunter
 Miss. G. McChesney
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Pianoforte
 Guitar
 Drums
 Singing
 Piano; Woodwind
 Violin; Viola; Cello, Irish
 Traditional

ORGANISATION

Rockport is co-educational throughout and is situated on its own private estate on the shore of Belfast Lough. All parts of the school are located on the same site, with some shared facilities.

	Year Group	Age	Entry Level	National Curriculum
Nursery	Playgroup	2 ½-3	Yes	Early Years
	Reception	3-4	Yes	
Junior School	R1	4-5	Yes	Foundation
	R2	5-6	Possible	
	R3	6-7	Possible	Key Stage 1
	R4	7-8	Possible	
	R5	8-9	Yes	Key Stage 2
	R6	9-10	Possible	
	R7	10-11	Yes	
Senior School	R8	11-12	Possible	Key Stage 3
	R9	12-13	Possible	
	R10	13-14	Yes	
	R11	14-15	Yes	Key Stage 4
	R12	15-16	Possible	
	Lower Sixth	16-17	Possible	Key Stage 5
	Upper Sixth	17-18	No	

Number of Pupils	Total	Full Boarders	Weekly Boarders	Day
Pupils	269	28	7	234
Boys	119	10	4	105
Girls	150	18	3	129
Nursery	11	-	-	11
Junior School	80	3	1	76
Senior	178	25	6	147

ENQUIRIES, REGISTRATION & ENTRY

ENQUIRIES

The School Office is responsible for all admissions enquiries, registration and entry procedures.

ETHOS

Rockport aims to find the best in every child, offering a rounded and supportive educational framework which is high in expectations but also demands that traditional standards like good manners and appearance are met. We employ modern technology, best teaching practice, and a strong pastoral team that guides and supports the child, enabling them to gain the confidence required to navigate through their lives. We encourage acceptance and embrace diversity. As a member of the Round Square organisation, we are an international community based on core values that aims to create happy, caring, and tolerant individuals. Our students have a keen sense of responsibility and service - both to their fellow citizens and to the environment.

VISITS

Prospective pupils and their families are encouraged to visit the school as early as possible; we believe that this is the only way to fully appreciate the lovely grounds and excellent facilities, but also to understand the very happy and fulfilling all-round education provided at Rockport.

A personal visit can be arranged with the School Office. Taster Days are available for prospective pupils with no obligation to register.

We also hold a number of Open Days throughout the school year. Please see the school website for details.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Rockport is a selective school and admission is based upon academic merit, however our selection process is designed to identify pupils who are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school, rather than by narrow entrance exams alone.

Visit

All prospective pupils and their families are expected to visit Rockport prior to registration; this may be during one of the school's Open Days, or preferably by arranging – through the School Office – a personal visit.

Registration

A Registration Form accompanies the Prospectus and this should be completed and returned to the School Office, along with a registration fee of £250 UK (£500 for pupils from outside the

UK). This reserves a provisional place for your child and enters your details on our database. You will then receive termly updates on events such as concerts, open days, plays, school matches and curriculum development. This will enable us to keep open channels of communication.

Confirmation

Confirmation forms will be issued to all registered families at the appropriate time in the year prior to admission. This will guarantee your child a place, subject to satisfying the relevant entrance requirements.

Meeting with the Headmaster

Prospective pupils will be invited to come to Rockport to meet with the headmaster and the nature of the meeting will be:

Method of Entry	
Nursery (PGR & REC)	No formal assessment. Parent interview with Headmaster.
Junior School (R1-R7)	No formal assessment. Informal meeting with class and class teacher. Parent interview with Headmaster.
Senior School (R8-R11)	No formal assessment. Informal meeting with class and teacher. Interview with Headmaster and satisfactory report from previous school.
Senior School (Sixth Form)	GCSE Results, Satisfactory reference from previous school. Interview with Headmaster

The purpose of these meetings is to ensure that we have an outline understanding of each pupil's relative academic strengths and weaknesses.

'Taster Day'

Those prospective pupils who have not already spent time at Rockport as part of the enrolment process will be invited to spend a day in school with their prospective year group. Boarders are invited to stay overnight.

References

A reference from a prospective pupil's current school will be requested at the time of application.

Acceptance

Once a place has been formally offered, families are asked to complete an Acceptance Form, parent contract, and forward a £500 deposit (£2,000 for pupils from outside the UK). This deposit is refundable on completion of the child's education at Rockport.

SIBLING POLICY

Most siblings join us at Rockport and we believe that this enhances the family atmosphere of the school. However, admission is not automatic, and there may be occasions when we will judge that a sibling is likely to thrive better in a different environment.

There is an automatic discount of 10% remission of fees for the second child, 20% for the third child and 30% for the fourth child.

EQUAL TREATMENT

Our aim is to encourage applications from candidates with as diverse a range of backgrounds as possible – ethnic, social and religious. Rockport is a truly non-denominational school. This enriches the school community and is vital in preparing our pupils for today's world. Generous bursaries and scholarships are offered in order to make it possible for as many as possible to attend the school.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Rockport welcomes pupils with special educational requirements, providing that our Learning Support Department can offer them the support required.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Fees are payable in advance by monthly Direct Debit.
- One term's notice is required before removal of a pupil or one term's fees in lieu thereof.
- Pupils entering post-primary (Year 8) are contracted for a minimum attendance of two years.
- The school reserves the right to apply fee increases from time to time (with notice).
- Parents are required to notify the school if their children have been in contact with any infectious diseases.
- As a fully independent establishment, the school has complete discretion over the admission of pupils; the Headmaster's decision will be final in this regard.

FEES, 2025-2026

	Year Group	Day Fees (per term, 3 terms per academic year)	Boarding Fees (including tuition per term, 3 terms per academic year)			
			WEEKLY	FULL		
Nursery	Playgroup (3 days per week)	£2,005	N/A			
	Playgroup (5 days per week)	£3,205				
	Reception	£3,205				
Afternoon Day Care	Available 14.00-18.00 each day for pupils in Nursery & R1-R4	£11.50 per hour				
Junior School	R1	£4,260				
	R2	£4,824				
	R3	£5,400				
	R4	£6,078				
	R5	£6,786	£10,452	£12,486		
	R6	£7,608	£11,250	£12,948		
	R7	£8,154	£11,796	£13,776		
Senior School	R8 – R10	£8,850	£12,534	£14,244		
	R11 – R14	£9,222	£13,236	£14,958		

All fees inclusive of VAT where applicable.

INCLUDED IN FEE

Break and school lunch provided

English as an additional language (for overseas students)

Exercise books

Golf tuition (up to Key Stage 3)

Transport for curriculum purposes

Prep supervision (from 4.30pm-5.30pm)

Internal clubs

COMPULSORY EXTRAS

External examination entry fees

Special items or courses

P.T.A. membership - £20 per year

Weekly Boarders' outings

Airport transfers – Dublin £50, Belfast £15

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Flexi-boarding - £50 per night

Individual Music lessons (singing or instrumental tuition) C. £18 per session

Learning Support - £27 per session

Voluntary activities (e.g. trips to theatre, recreational activities and other syllabus-related visits)

Supper (for Day Pupils) - £5

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SCHOLARSHIPS

Any great school should nurture academic performance through encouragement of scholarship and scholarly example. At Rockport there are a number of awards to encourage excellence and a will to lead from the front through attaining the highest standards.

Scholars and Award holders are expected to lead by example and their performance is reviewed each term.

Academic

Academic Scholarships will be advertised both internally and externally. Those who show outstanding academic performance will be considered for scholarship.

All Scholarship candidates will be interviewed individually.

BURSARIES

Means-tested Bursaries exist for the purpose of ensuring that all talented applicants are able to be considered for entry to Rockport including those whose parents might need financial assistance to meet the fees. Scholarships may be topped up by a Bursary to a maximum of 100% of tuition fees.

H.M. Forces

Rockport has a proud reputation of educating the children of the country's Armed Services. Bursaries offer significant discounts to the fees; please contact the Bursar for further details.

BOARDING

Boarding at Rockport sits in every sense at the centre of School life.

Our Boarding House is located on the first and second floors of the main school building, with our Health Centre and 'Home' room adjacent to the pupils' rooms and recreational spaces. The House is staffed by a Houseparent and House Tutors; however, all students take responsibility for the happiness and well-being of their peers. The House is open to full-time, part-time, weekend and flexi-boarders. The House is also mixed in gender, with a number of pupils coming from an international background. Our student ages range from 7 to 18. This creates a climate that is busy, interesting and balanced between work and play.

Rockport has been a boarding school since 1906 and it has witnessed a number of changes and refinements over a hundred years. What has not changed is its commitment to excellent pastoral care and the desire to provide students with a 'home from home'. Further to this, boarding in Rockport strives to develop in our students those personal attributes that are so essential to their future success. We maintain excellent links with our colleagues in the other Northern Ireland Boarding schools in terms of policy and practice, and Rockport is very much at the forefront of boarding development in Northern Ireland.

Rockport is also conscious that parents of boarders require support and regular contact in respect of their child's progress. This is why we also pride ourselves on our ability to keep parents up-to-date and involved in the workings and events of boarding, through the school newsletter and regular phone and e-mail contact. All parents and pupils are also provided with induction material at the start of each new term. Regular communication between pupils and parents is encouraged and facilitated by easy access to telephone and email.

In all, boarding seeks to provide its students with a happy, industrious and understanding atmosphere. It is this welcoming but also tailored approach that marks us out as unique and caters for the individual needs of each child.

ROUND SQUARE

Round Square is a worldwide association of over 260 schools in 50 countries on six continents, which share a commitment beyond academic excellence, to personal development, global competence, character, confidence and responsibility.

The Round Square philosophy is based on IDEALS:

- I** INTERNATIONALISM
- D** DEMOCRACY
- E** ENVIRONMENTALISM
- A** ADVENTURE
- L** LEADERSHIP
- S** SERVICE

These IDEALS are an integral part of all that takes place at Rockport, both inside and outside the classroom. However, there are specific and exciting ways in which pupils may become more involved:

Exchanges for senior pupils

International Service Projects

Round Square Student Committee



THE SCHOOL DAY

NURSERY & PLAYGROUP

Start	08.40 (Drop-off from 08.00)
Break	10.15-10.45
Lunch	11.50-12.45
Finish	14.00

Afternoon Daycare 14.00-18.00

EARLY YEARS R1– R4 (Ages 4-8)

Assembly/Registration	08.40 (Drop-off from 08.00)
Morning Lessons	09.00-10.15
Break	10.15-10.45
Mid-Morning Lessons	10.45-11.50
Lunch	11.50-12.45
Afternoon Lessons	13.00-14.00/15.00
End of Day (R1)	14.00
End of Day (R2-R4)	15.00

Afternoon Daycare 14.00-18.00

JUNIOR SCHOOL R5-R7 (Ages 9-11)

Registration	08.40 (Drop-off from 08.00)
Morning Assembly	08.45
Lesson 1	08.55
Lesson 2	09.30
Lesson 3	10.05
Break	10.40-11.00
Lesson 4	11.00
Lesson 5	11.35
Lesson 6	12.10
Lunch	12.45-13.40
Lesson 7	13.40
Lesson 8	14.15
Games	14.50
Break	16.00-16.25
Prep (Optional)	16.25
Supper (Optional)	17.30-18.00

JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS STUDY THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

Art & Design
Drama
English
French
Geography
History
Digital Technology
Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
Mathematics
Music
Science
Games/Physical Education

SENIOR SCHOOL R8 – Upper Sixth (Ages 11-18)

Registration	08.30
Morning Assembly	08.45
Lesson 1	08.55
Lesson 2	09.30
Lesson 3	10.05
Break	10.40-11.00
Lesson 4	11.00
Lesson 5	11.35
Lesson 6	12.10
Lunch	12.45-13.40
Lesson 7	13.40
Lesson 8	14.15
Games	14.50
Break	16.00-16.25
Prep (Optional)	16.25
Supper (Optional)	17.30-18.00
Clubs & Societies (Optional)	18.00

R8-R10 PUPILS STUDY THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

Art & Design
Drama
English
French
Geography
Home Economics
History

Digital Technology
Learning for Life and Work
Mathematics
Science
Spanish
Games/Physical Education

SENIOR PUPILS MAY STUDY THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS TO GCSE & A-LEVEL

Art & Design
Business Studies
Digital Technology
Drama
English Language
English Literature
French
Geography
History
Home Economics (Child Development)
Home Economics (Food)
Learning for Life & Work
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Music
Physics
Chemistry
Biology
Spanish
Physical Education
Health & Social Care
Politics
Sports Studies

ACADEMIC MATTERS

CURRICULUM

Rockport aims to provide a broad, challenging and stimulating range of academic subjects for study at all levels.

PREP

Prep (homework) is an integral part of a Rockport pupil's learning. Each pupil in R5-12 has a prep timetable indicating which prep is to be done each evening. The amount of prep set varies according to year group. In R8 & R9 there will be two or three 30 minute preps and in R9 to R12 there will often be three 45 minute preps. For those in R11 and R12 there will also be coursework deadlines to meet.

DIARIES & GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Every pupil from R5-R7 is issued with a Prep Diary at the start of each school year. This Prep Diary contains much useful information, as well as providing a mechanism to help pupils organise themselves. It is regularly checked by the pupil's Form Teacher or Tutor. We encourage parents to work with their son or daughter to help them with their academic progress and pupils should use their Prep Diary to record their prep and to use it as a daily diary.

Pupils from R8-R14 are assigned to classes on Google Classroom where all homework and class resources, including teaching notes and revision guides, are posted by their teachers.

REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Each pupil's development is very much a partnership between school and home. Rockport aims to ensure that all parents are kept fully informed of their child's progress; this is carried out principally through the following forms of feedback:

	Year Group	Winter Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Nursery	Playgroup & Reception	Parent-Teacher Interview	Parent-Teacher Interview	Mid-Term Progress Report
		End of Term Report	End of Term Report	End of Term Report
Junior School	R1-R4	Parent-Teacher Interview	Parent-Teacher Interview	Mid-Term Progress Report
		End of Term Progress Report	End of Term Progress Report	End of Term Report

	R5-R7	Parent-Teacher Interview	Parent-Teacher Interview	Mid-Term Progress Report
		End of Term Progress Report	End of Term Progress Report	End of Term Report
Senior School	R8-R11	Mid-Term Progress Report	Parent-Teacher Interview	End of Term Report
		Parent-Teacher Interview	Progress Report	
	R12 & Sixth Form	Mid-Term Progress Report	Parent-Teacher Meeting	
		Parent-Teacher Meeting	GCSE/A-Level Mock Exams Report	
		End of Term Report	Full Report	

STANDARDISED TESTING

NFER Testing: All Junior School pupils sit NFER English and Maths tests annually.

CAT Testing: All pupils sit a Cognitive Ability Test in R8 and R10.

COMMENDATIONS

The small size of the school enables pupils who have performed well academically to be commended by the Headmaster in ordinary Assemblies.

COLOURS

School Colours are awarded annually to pupils who excel academically, in sport or in the performing arts.

SCHOOL PRIZES

School Prizes are awarded on Speech Day at the end of the academic year. They cover not only subject prizes but also recognise wider contributions to school life.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Pupils identified with SpLD (such as Dyslexia), ESL or needing learning support in classwork or GCSE study skills, are provided with 1:1 individual tuition in 'The Cottage' with qualified specialist teachers. Cottage staff work closely with teaching and boarding staff, parents and outside agencies, monitoring and reviewing the child's progress with individual pupil profiles. Pupils are withdrawn from class during the school day with minimum disruption to their normal school timetable. We encourage pupils to use their strengths to overcome their difficulties and to develop their full potential as happy, confident and independent learners.

LEAVING ROCKPORT

We aim to send our pupils to the very best schools when the time comes for them to leave us. We work closely with each family to ensure that the most suitable university for their child is identified and that pupils are properly prepared for entrance assessments and interviews.

18+

The vast majority of those leaving Sixth Form will proceed into Higher Education, at universities and colleges throughout the United Kingdom. They are given individual guidance on choosing the right courses and institutions, and particularly in completing their UCAS admission form. Guidance is also given to Sixth Formers applying to study in the Republic of Ireland and overseas.

13+

Pupils moving to other independent senior schools (boarding and day) will be required to sit the ISEB Common Entrance examination. Papers are taken in a number of subjects (the number and range of these may vary according to the chosen prospective school) but they are rigorous and require careful preparation. Pupils entered for Common Entrance will have additional lessons to ensure that they are ready for these important examinations. Parents are required to give the school at least one year's notice of their intention for their child to be entered.

Boys who wish to move to Eton, Harrow, Winchester or Radley will need to have started this process during R6.

Post-Primary Transfer Test

R7 pupils wishing to move to a local Grammar School post-primary may be entered for the Transfer Assessments; this is done on parental request and on the advice of the pupil's R6 teacher.

OLD ROCKPORTIANS

All leavers are eligible to join the Old Rockportian Club (ORC) which exists to allow members to keep in contact with one another and the school. Various social and sporting events take place annually and a newsletter assists this process.

SPORT

Sport is integral to the life of everyone at Rockport and Games (which encompasses the Physical Education programme) take place for each pupil every afternoon.

The following sports are available to all pupils throughout the year:

Athletics
 Badminton
 Basketball
 Cricket
 Cross Country
 Fitness / Pilates
 Football
 Golf
 Gymnastics
 Hillwalking
 Hockey
 Netball
 Orienteering
 Rounders
 Rugby
 Sailing
 Swimming
 Tennis
 Trampolining

For the purposes of training for inter-school matches, the following team games are practised:

Term	Major Sport	
	Boys	Girls
Winter	Rugby Football Trampolining	Netball Hockey Trampolining
Spring	Hockey Cross Country	Netball Cross Country
Summer	Cricket Tennis Athletics	Rounders Tennis Athletics

MUSIC

Music at Rockport aims to create a generation of children who develop a life-long love of the arts and a sense of 'can do' in a subject where success knows no boundaries. The Music Department aspires to the teaching of a balanced and broadly based music curriculum to promote cultural, physical, emotional, aesthetic and intellectual development of all pupils.

Music is delivered in the classroom from Nursery through to the Senior School, where pupils have the opportunity to study the subject to GCSE level. Every child at Rockport has the opportunity to compose, perform and listen to music of a wide variety of styles and cultures.

The Music Department is continuously busy and thriving. Many events throughout the school year ensure all pupils take part in some way. Our biggest event, the annual Summer Concert, takes place at the end of the school year and is a culmination of the efforts of the pupils and music teaching staff.

A number of pupils have recently been awarded Music Scholarships at leading Public Schools.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSICAL LESSONS

Peripatetic music lessons are available to pupils in the following:

Singing

Clarinet

Saxophone

Flute

Violin

Viola

Cello

Trumpet

Tenor Horn

Piano

Guitar

Drum Kit/Percussion

DRAMA

Rockport has a long tradition in the dramatic arts. The Rockport Dramatic Society (RDS) has been in existence for over half a century. RDS gives students of all abilities the opportunity to get involved in staging a musical or play, whether in a lead role or as a light and sound technician. For younger students, the Junior Dramatic Society (JDS) offers the opportunity to stage a shorter play for everyone to take part in.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Every child at Rockport is given the opportunity to speak in public from a very young age. Each year children from Early Years to Senior School take part in the Declamations competition. This involves younger children reciting poems from memory and older children giving speeches on current issues. In addition to this, students of various ages are called upon to speak or perform at important school occasions, such as Speech Day.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Sample Activities)

EARLY YEARS' CLUBS		
Winter	Spring	Summer
French Club	Yoga	Ballet
Hola Muchachos!	Hola Muchachos!	Debutots
Outdoor Club	Monkeynastics	Hola Muchachos!
Orienteering	Pianotots	Pianotots
Pianotots	Speech & Drama	Speech & Drama
Speech & Drama	Football	Rugbytots
iRock Club	Hockey	Art
Fun with Drums	Dance Club	Construction
Singing		Book Club

JUNIOR CLUBS		
Winter	Spring	Summer
Cookery	Art	Beach Club
Football	Board Games	Board Games
I.C.T.	Film	Card Games
MAPS/Writing	Spanish	Dance & Choreography
Netball	Golf	Golf
Junior Dramatic Society	Tennis	MAPS/Writing
Science & Technology	Knitting / Crochet	Junior Dramatic Society
Photography	MAPS/Writing	Tennis
	Netball	Photography
	Junior Rockport Dramatic Society	International Club

SENIOR CLUBS		
Winter	Spring	Summer
Cookery	Art	Art
Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Board Games	Tennis
Football	Cookery	Sailing
I.C.T.	Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Golf
MAPS/Writing	Rockport Dramatic Society	Dance & Choreography
Netball	Geography Club	Duke of Edinburgh's Award
Rockport Dramatic Society	Knitting	Film
Sailing	Hockey	Rounders
Science & Technology	Netball	MAPS/Writing
	MAPS/Writing	Rockport Dramatic Society

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All pupils are required to wear the school uniform, both in school and when representing the school in any capacity. Pupils are expected to maintain a high standard of dress and presentation at all times. The school outfitter is Warnock's, Lisburn Road, Belfast. There is also a School Shop at Rockport which sells additional sundries of school uniform and part-worn items.

Sixth Form (R13-R14)



KS4 (R11-R12)



KS3 (R8-R10)



Upper Juniors (R5-R7)



Early Years (R1-R4)



Playgroup / Reception



ROCKPORT EVENTS

Event	Date
Picnic on the Lawn	September
Adventure Training and Field Trips	September
European Day of Languages	September
Share Centre Team Bonding	September
‘Get Outdoors Week’ – Early Years	September
Fire & Rescue Service Visit	October
PSNI Online Safety Event	October
RDS Performing Arts Performance	October
W5 Science Trips	October
Anti-Social Media & Drugs Awareness	October
Sixth Form Formal	November
Remembrance Service	November
Hollywood Music Festival	November
Politics’ Trips - Stormont	November
Library Visit	November
Rockport Swimming Gala	November
Stormont Workshop	December
Rockport Ladies’ Lunch	December
Early Years’ Nativity Play	December
Christmas Jumper Charity Day	December
Santa Claus Visit	December
Carol Service	December
Armagh Planetarium Event	January

Performing Arts Trip	January
Sixth Form Business Breakfast	February
Choral Speaking Event	March
Founder's Day Celebrations	March
Upper Juniors' Residentials	March
JDS Performance	April
Songs for an April Evening	April
Easter Bunny Visit	April
Netball & Football Blitz Event	May
Junior Camp Night	May
Declamations	June
Sports' Day	June
Speech Day & BBQ	June
Summer Concert	June
Break Up Supper	June

ACADEMIC RESULTS & COMPARISONS

GCSE A*-C STATISTICS (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
UK (excluding Scotland)	78.8	77.1	73.2	68.2	67.6	67.4
Northern Ireland (including Grammar Schools)	89.4	89.6	90	86.8	82.7	83.5
Rockport School	96.4	87.3	96.1	86.9	87.9	83.7

A LEVEL RESULTS (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
UK excluding Scotland % pass rate at Grades A*-E	98.2	99.5	98.4	97.3	97.2	97.5
NI (including Grammar Schools)	95	99	99.1	98.8	98.5	98.7
Rockport School	100	100	97.4	90.2	100	98.5

BTEC PASS RATE – 100%

