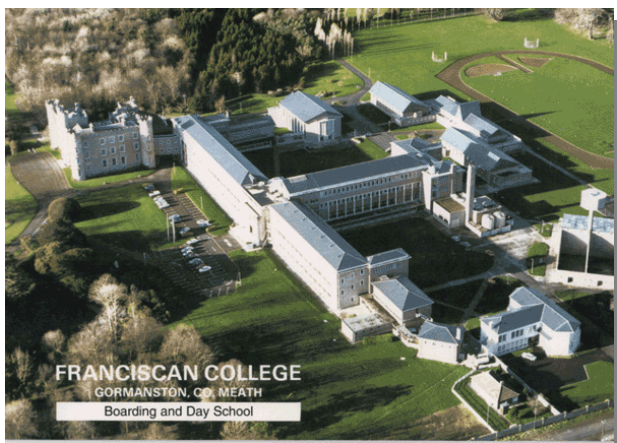


GORMANSTON COLLEGE

Gormanston, Co. Meath

Code: IREBS
Boys Boarding & Day School



Location

East Coast, North of Dublin

School Type

Boys, Boarding/Homestay
Senior Girls Homestay

Denomination

Catholic, Accepts All

Size

520 Students (430 Boarders)
40 Teachers
25 Average Class Size

Gormanston College was built in 1960 on an castle estate near the town of Balbriggan 36 kms north of Dublin. The school is owned by the Franciscan Order, who have been active in education in Ireland since 1400. Management of the College is under the control of a Board of Management which includes Franciscan and Lay staff, parents and teachers.

The school is a modern complex of purpose-built buildings (incorporating the original castle) on 109 acres of grounds. The aims of the college are to develop each boy the initiative to make sound moral judgements, to encourage respect for the dignity of others and to help each student realise his full potential as a student.

The school operates a clann system to help facilitate the achievement of these objectives. Each clann or group is intended to represent the diversity of college life and comprises 100 boys, drawn from all class groups and all interest groups. Clanns are composed with respect to different levels of proficiency in studies, in sports, in artistic skills, in stage-craft and in other respects. Therefore each student belongs to a smaller group that represents a microcosm of the whole college

Games and recreation are well-catered for in the College and include Irish Football, Hurling, Athletics, Cross-Country Running, Handball, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Squash, Swimming, Water Polo, Diving, Canoeing, Badminton, Gymnastics, Chess and Bridge.

There is a state-of-the-art sports complex (built in 1993), a swimming pool, a 9-hole golf course, a 400m Track and facilities for all Field events..

The college issues a report each term, detailing academic, welfare and assessment progress. In addition to these, each student on an HSI programme receives a monthly report based on the supervision and monitoring of the HIGH SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL counsellor assigned to that student.

The college offers the curriculum of the Irish Department of Education and among the subjects on offer are

English, German, French, Irish, Religion, Accountancy, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Applied Mathematics, Computer Studies, Biology, Business Studies, Economics, History, Geography, Music, Art, Physical Education, Swimming Instruction, Technical Graphics, Civics, Home Economics, Agricultural Science, Health Education

Fourth Year/Transition covers the following mod: Irish Studies, Mathematics, Modern Languages, History, Religion, Business Studies, Geography, Environmental Awareness, Science – (General Electricity/Industrial Chemistry), Personal/Social Development, Computer Studies, Horticultural Studies, Art, Architecture, First Aid, Calligraphy

Boarding School Facilities

Average Size of Dorms (No of Beds per Dorm)

◇ 1st Year	Enclosed Cubicles
◇ 2nd Year	Enclosed Cubicles
◇ 3rd Year	Enclosed Cubicles
◇ 4th Year	Enclosed Cubicles
◇ 5th Year	Enclosed Cubicles
◇	(Single rooms if available)
6th Year	Single Rooms

DAILY SCHEDULE MONDAY/FRIDAY

07.50	Wake Up & Breakfast
09.00	Classes Start
12.35	Classes Finish & Lunch
13.35	Classes Start
15.30	Sports & Recreation
16.45	Tea
17.30	Supervised Study
19.15	Recreation (Clubs etc)
20.15	Supervised Study
22.00	Supper
22.30/23.00	Bed Time

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

Sports

SUNDAYS

09.00/10.00	Study
10.30	Mass
11.30/18.30	Free Time in College (excursions/ visits, etc on occasion)
21.00/22.00	Study

DUBLIN

Dublin is the capital city of Ireland. With a population of one million it is also the largest city in Ireland. It is located in the middle of the eastern seaboard. Dublin Bay extends from the rocky promontory of Howth to the north as far as the village of Dalkey to the south. The river Liffey effectively divides the city into north and south.

In recent times Dublin has undergone a cultural renaissance which has transformed what used to be a grey and uneventful city into one of the most popular destinations for visitors in the north of Europe. Founded in 988 by the Vikings, the city celebrated its millennium with numerous festivals and commemorations.

The Normans invaded the city in the 12th Century and many of the ramparts they constructed are still preserved. During the 18th Century Dublin enjoyed a period of great prosperity and stability, reflected in the Georgian architecture and squares of the period, which give a distinctive flavour to the city centre.

Dublin boasts a rich heritage in art, history and particularly in literature. It is the birthplace of Swift, Yeats, Joyce, Beckett among others. The city is principally a meeting place with theatres, clubs, parks, pubs, restaurants, etc. It is an ideal place for visitors interested in cultural and literary heritage and for those interested in interesting times and people.



Dubliners are renowned for their hospitality and friendliness and are always ready to offer help and advice to visitors. While very definitely a European capital, Dublin also is a very human city, easy to get around and relatively safe.

Dublin is easily accessed from abroad by air and sea. The city is well catered for with a range of hotels, guesthouses and bed & breakfast (B & B) accommodation to suit all tastes and pockets. In addition to catering for cultural and heritage interests, the city and its environs offers a wide range of sporting, leisure, entertainment and shopping opportunities.