

Gormanston College - Co. Meath, Ireland

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.



Key Facts

LOCATION

- Gormanston, IRELAND
- Population: 500
- Nearest Airport: Dublin

SCHOOL TYPE

- IREPS / IREBS
- Boys Only plus Senior Girls (homestay only)

SIZE

- 520 students

ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay & Boarding

UNIFORM

- Compulsory

AGE RANGE

- 11-18

EFL LESSONS

- Available at extra cost



Facilities

ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Excellent academic standards
- Careers Guidance Counsellor
- Careers Guidance Library
- Well equipped Science laboratories
- ICT facilities
- Creative Arts facilities

SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES

- State-of-the-Art Sports complex
- Swimming pool
- 9-hole Golf course
- 400m Athletics track
- Facilities for a wide range of sports including Irish Football, Hurling, Cross-Country, Handball, Basketball, Tennis, Table Tennis Volleyball, Squash, Swimming, Water Polo, Diving, Canoeing, Badminton, Gymnastics

College Life

Gormanston places strong emphasis on community. All of the structures of the College are designed to cater for student interaction. The life of the College is structured towards communal activity at all levels including worship, meals, sport, social activity and recreation. The day begins with a short morning study at 8:25am to allow students to prepare for the day ahead. Classes begin at 8:45am and conclude at 3:45pm, with an early finish on Wednesday afternoons at 3:10pm to allow for Clann and other related activities to take place. All students have the opportunity to participate in after-school clubs and study periods, which end at 7:30pm. Boarding students engage in a further Saturday morning study session including extra English classes. The rest of the weekend is used for activities and personal time.



Subjects Offered

Junior and Senior Cycle: 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

The Clan System

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

