

LORETO ABBEY SCHOOL **Dalkey, Co. Dublin**

Code: IREPS
Girls, Day School



Location

Dublin, South City

School Type

Girls, Homestay

Denomination

Catholic, Accepts All

Size

547 Students

45 Teachers

25 Average Class Size

Loreto Abbey, Dalkey, is situated close to the sea and commands extensive views of the Dublin and Wicklow mountains and Dublin Bay. It is only five minutes' walk from a Dart station, Dublin's rapid rail system, and within easy reach of Dublin-Bray-Dun Laoghaire bus routes.

The school first opened its doors as a boarding and day school in 1843. The original Abbey was purpose built by the then head of the Loreto Abbey. The site, of course, has been added to over the years, and the school is now housed in a modern complex adjacent to the Abbey. The school boasts all modern educational facilities and services, from personnel to technology.

The school has as its objectives to develop all aspects of the student's personality in addition to ensuring the highest academic and examination achievements.

The school has a well-developed system of care for the students - each class has a class teacher, each school year has a Year Head. These are in addition to the pastoral worker who liaises with the class and year heads and with the career guidance counsellor

The curriculum is wide ranging and particularly at junior level encourages students to test as many subjects as possible before specialising in senior cycle. Subjects taught in the school include

English, Irish, History, Geography, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Home Economics, Art, Music, Physical Education, Business Organisation, Computer Studies, Choir, Civics, Social and Political Education, Personal and Social Development.

Languages: French, German, Spanish

The school caters for interests from sports (hockey, basketball, athletics, tennis, netball, cricket, golf and table tennis to music (instrumental and choral), drama, debating and public speaking. .

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.

