

## **RATHDOWN SCHOOL Glenageary, Co. Dublin**

*Code: IREBS/IREPS  
Girls Boarding & Elite*



Rathdown School is an Independent School for girls founded in 1973 and incorporated four original schools. The school caters for both Senior and Junior (from age three) students.

The school is based on a 16 acre campus in a residential suburb of south Dublin. The original school building dates to the 17th century. However the Board of Management have undertaken one of the most extensive building programmes of any school in Ireland, starting in 1973, and in 2002 opened its most recent development. A new Senior Girls boarding house will open in 2004.

The campus incorporates the most modern facilities and educational technology, in addition to extensive specialist areas – such as music rooms and performance rooms. This ongoing development will ensure that Rathdown School remains at the forefront of education in Ireland

The 16 acre campus contains a range of sporting and leisure facilities – from all-weather flood-lit tennis courts and hockey pitches, to a multipurpose modern gymnasium. Sports available include hockey, tennis, badminton, cricket, rounders, netball, volleyball, gymnastics and table tennis. Optional extra sports include horse riding, squash and canoeing. A number of clubs and societies exist – among them Gymnastic & Trampoline, Christian Union, Hill-walking and Mountaineering, Amnesty International and the Presidents Award. Music (choral and instrumental) is a major feature in Rathdown School and the school boasts one of the most up-to-date music centres in Dublin

### *Location*

Dublin South City

### *School Type*

Girls, Boarding & Homestay

### *Denomination*

Multidenominational

### *Size*

550 Students

93 Boarders

35+ Teachers

25 Maximum Class Size

The curriculum is the Irish Department of Education for the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. Subjects offered include the following:

English, French, German, Spanish, Irish, Latin (by arrangement), History, Geography, mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home economics, Art, Business, Music and Musician-ship.

All subjects are taught to Higher Level and students are encouraged to take these within their capabilities. The school is committed to providing high academic standards with a wide choice of subjects. A comprehensive and professional guidance service helps students plan their future studies and careers

## Boarding School Facilities

### Dormitories (number of students per dorm)

- ◇ 1st Years 12 maximum
- ◇ 2nd Year 12 maximum
- ◇ 3rd year 12 maximum
- ◇ 4th Year 12 maximum
- ◇ 5th Year Single rooms
- ◇ 6th Year Single rooms

### Other facilities

- ◇ Wide range of sports/leisure activities
- ◇ Weekend excursions and activities – theatre, cinema, museums, walks, etc
- ◇ Full professional catering
- ◇ Drama, music and optional sports

## 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.

