

SLIGO GRAMMAR SCHOOL **The Mall, Sligo**



Code: IREBS/IREPS
Coeducational Boarding
& Day School

Location

North West of Ireland

School Type

Coeducational, Day & Boarding

Denomination

Multidenominational

Size

320 Day School Students
120 Boarding Students
40 Teachers
25 Average Class Size

Sligo Grammar School is a well-known seat of learning, providing education, not only for the youth of the North-West, but also for students from all over Ireland. The school accepts students of different nationalities, although the majority is Irish and from different religious backgrounds. This fosters an early acceptance of other races and creeds.

Sligo Grammar School occupies a large site overlooking the River Garavogue. The school is divided into separate sections: the girls' residence to one side, with its own housemaster's residence, the classroom block with outdoor swimming pool in the middle and the boys' residence, sports hall and housemaster's residence on the other side. The school also has its own rugby and hockey pitches and basketball courts.

The school boasts an excellent academic record, with outstanding results in Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations. The majority of students continue on to further education.

Sport is an integral part of Sligo Grammar School's life. The main sports played are Rugby and Hockey in the winter, with athletics, tennis and swimming in the summer. School Soccer Leagues take place in the summer term. For its size the school has achieved some remarkable results including holding the Connacht Senior Rugby Cup the season before last. Canoeing, Basketball and Golf are also available as extra-curricular activities.

The school staff is highly qualified and dedicated to teaching, games and all extra-curricular activities. The classes are small and much individual attention is given to students.

The school curriculum as laid down by the Irish Department of Education offers a wide range of subjects in preparation for State Examinations, including English, Irish, French, German, **Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, History, Geography, Art, Civics, Business Studies, Accountancy, General Science, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Agricultural Science, Computer Studies, Home Economics, Mechanical Drawing, Technical Drawing, Woodwork, Music, Speech Training, Religious Studies, Physical Education**

The school also has a Career Guidance Counsellor, who provides up-to-date information and advice on careers and is part of the pastoral care programme.

Boarding School Facilities

Average Size of Dorms (No. of Beds Per Dorm)

Sligo Grammar School has 4 dormitories – one for 12 students 12 (1st & 2nd Year) and the others for a maximum of 24 students.

SLIGO

Sligo is the capital of County Sligo and is the largest town in the north west of the country with a population of about 20,000. Sligo's history goes back over 6,000 years and the town and surrounding countryside contain many reminders of the past – from the 13th century ruins of Dominican Abbey to places associated with the poet WB Yeats.

Sligo is located on the Atlantic Coast (the name Sligo means “the place of shells”). It is an excellent base for a wide range of activities - horse riding, golfing, walking, cycling, fishing and water sports are all very popular.

Geographically Sligo lies on a well-wooded plain encircled by hills. Most of the town is on the south side of the broad river Garavogue which flows into Sligo Bay.

Sligo is 216 kms. from Dublin and 138 kms from Galway. There are frequent train and bus services to and from the town.



Sligo is a vibrant and lively town with good bars and restaurants, theatres, art galleries and delicatessens. Sligo is also home to a large number of both indigenous and international companies. The hinterland is a major agricultural area and Sligo town is the commercial and market centre for this hinterland. During the summer months the population of Sligo swells with an influx of visitors - tourism is a very important feature of the area. The Yeats Summer School was one of the first of its kind in Ireland and now has a world-wide reputation attracting scholars from all continents.

