

**DROGHEDA GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
Mornington, Drogheda  
Co. Louth



*Code: IREBS/IREPS*  
*Coeducational 5 Day Boarding & Day School*

*Location*

Mornington, Drogheda, Co Louth

*School Type*

Co-deucational, Homestay & 5  
Day Boarding

*Denomination*

Quakers, Accepts All

*Size*

230 Students (40 Boarders)  
23 Teachers  
20/24 Average Class Size

Drogheda Grammar School was founded in 1669 under Royal Charter by Erasmus Smith and is one of the oldest schools in Ireland. Originally a boys' boarding school, it has now been co-educational boarding and Day boarding for over 50 years. The school enjoys a 22 acre rural setting just three kilometres outside the town, along the south bank of the River Boyne. The campus consists of a beautiful Regency house surrounded by woodland, with modern classroom and dormitory buildings and extensive playing fields to its rear.

Students who board at Drogheda Grammar gain a sense of value in community life and a degree of self confidence and independence. There is a full programme throughout the day and evening with classes, study, sports, extra-curricular activities and leisure time – all under the watchful and caring eyes of the duty staff, Housemistress and Headmaster.

An annual European Tour offers the students the chance to visit a location of cultural & historical interest, or to enjoy the thrills of a skiing holiday. At home frequent visits are made to the theatre and other places of interest. Adventure pursuits are also catered for and the TY students spend a week at an adventure centre.

The school offers a comprehensive sports & Leisure programme. All students do Physical education as part of the everyday curriculum, and sports offered include Hockey, Badminton, Soccer, Cross-Country, Tennis, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball, Rugby and Gymnastics. Additional club activities include chess, computers, debating, arts and crafts, gardening, science, cycling, canoeing, horse-riding and choir.

The curriculum of the school is that laid down by the Irish Department of Education for both Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations. Subjects include:

Irish, English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, I.T., P.E., Civic, Social and Political Education (C.S.P.E.) Social Personal Health Education (S.P.H.E.) French, German, Business, Technical Graphics, Art, Home Economics Biology, Physics, Chemistry  
Transition Year includes: All subjects offered above + Law Module, Architecture, Art & Photography, Community Care, Tourism Awareness, Computers, Dress Design, E.C.D.L., Lifeskills, Media Studies, Mini-Company, Music, Outdoor Pursuits, Physics, Science studies, Work Experience.

## Boarding School Facilities

### Average Size of Dorms (No of Beds per Dorm)

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| ◇ 1st Year | 4 beds      |
| ◇ 2nd Year | 3 beds      |
| ◇ 3rd Year | 3 beds      |
| ◇ 4th Year | 3 beds      |
| ◇ 5th Year | 3 beds      |
| ◇ 6th Year | 1 or 2 beds |

## Facilities Specific to Boarders

- ◇ Pool Room
- ◇ TV Lounges
- ◇ Videos/DVD
- ◇ Gym
- ◇ Laundry (in Host Family at weekends)
- ◇ EFL is offered during free periods within the school timetable and is included in the school

## LOUTH

Louth is located midway between Dublin and Belfast. Getting here is easy as Louth is only 20 minutes from Dublin Airport, and just 1 hour from Belfast. A first class modern transport network linking Dublin with Belfast passes directly through the principal towns of the county, Drogheda and Dundalk. Alternatively, there are numerous quieter back roads which link the picturesque towns and villages, making sure that whichever route you choose, getting here is easy.

Our ancestors from each successive century have left their indelible marks on the landscape and there is much to see and wonder at. The mythical Cúchulainn and Fionn MacCumhaill and the intrepid St. Patrick compete for attention with the invading Vikings, Normans and the audacious Cromwell. Ruined monasteries, high crosses, dolmens, cairns, medieval castles, gates and walls all illustrate an awe-inspiring past. The past is not dead in Louth, it lives still and any experience of it is not easily forgotten.

Louth is a place where thousands of years of history and myth combine with undulating valleys and mountains, and where visitor attractions are all within easy reach. For over 6000 years people have lived here, and have left behind them rich legacies from bygone eras. Louth offers a wide range of visitor attractions where leisure hours can be filled with both stimulating and relaxing pleasures. Whether the visitor requires a quiet break or demands an action packed holiday, the county abounds with interesting places to see and a myriad of things to do.



## DROGHEDA

Constructed by the Normans in the 12th Century, the Drogheda skyline is punctuated with spires and belfries rising from the heart of the town below. Situated only a half an hour's drive from Dublin Airport and with almost every amenity imaginable within the catchment area, Drogheda is described as being the 'Gateway to the Boyne Valley'.

Drogheda's growing reputation as a town of enterprise has encouraged designers and craftspeople to ply their trade locally. This has resulted in a veritable treasure trove of visual art, artistic workmanship, and inspired designs in giftware and crafts being available.

