Bandon Grammar School

Bandon, Co. Cork



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TYPE OF SCHOOL: Co educational

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 364 Boys 277 Girls

Bandon Grammar School has some 640 pupils (120 of whom are boarders) and 86 staff. With over 30 hectares of grounds they have ample space for recreation and development in quiet surroundings, ideal for young people to have the tranquillity and stimulation for intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual growth. Pupils from all over the world, from diverse backgrounds, cultures, faiths and races work together in harmony to achieve the very highest standards.

Curriculum

Junior Cycle Curriculum

Core Subjects: English, Irish, Maths, Science, History, Geography, CSPE, Religious Education, PE, SPHE

In addition all pupils take programmes in Music, Computing, Social Skills, Choir and School Sport.

Each pupil must also choose three subjects from French, Spanish, Home Economics, Art, Technical Graphics, Business, German, Materials Technology Wood, Business, Music, Art, Home Economics, Materials Technology Wood.

Transition Year

This is an innovative, exciting curriculum helping the pupils develop from junior cycle, where they have little choice in what they study or how they learn, to becoming self directed learners taking more personal responsibility in all aspects of life. It is a holistic programme offering opportunities to

• Deepen knowledge and understanding of core subjects
• Sample all of the senior cycle subject options
• Take on new challenges in ICT, projects, drama, debating, music, sport, leadership etc
• Enter for the challenges of the President's Award Scheme – Gaisce
• Undertake personal development and build confidence in the peer group – Cappanalea Outdoor Pursuits and the Skiing Tour
• Learn to plan and manage events – begin to take on leadership roles
• Develop a Young Scientist project, Business project, Green Schools Environmental project etc
• Learn lifeskills from the Driver Theory test to First Aid, charity work to understanding politics
• Engage with speakers on numerous topics
• Take on two work experience placements
• Build up a great team spirit with classmates to sustain on through senior cycle

The TY programme involves study of the following subjects and modules:

Core Subjects

Mathematics
English
Irish (International students take 'English' as a foreign language course at that time)
Science (Modules of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Agricultural Science)
History, Geography
Computer Studies (ECDL – 7 module examination course for certification)
Physical Education

Optional Subjects

French or Spanish
German or Business / Economics / Accounting

Modules of Study

Music Appreciation / Human Rights / First Aid / Criminology
Debating / Drama / Art / Woodwork / Chinese
Music / Technical Graphics / Woodwork / Art / Home Economics

All students have short courses in Career Guidance, Social & Health Education and Religious Education

Senior Cycle Curriculum

***Exam Core Subjects*:** English, Irish, Mathematics
Non Exam Core Subjects: Religious Education, Physical Education, Careers Guidance & Computer Studies.

Each pupil must choose one subject from

LCVP, Spanish, French, Geography, History, Design & Communication Graphics, Applied Maths, Biology. Physics, Home Economics, Accounting, Music, Agricultural Science, Geography, Chemistry, Economics, Construction Studies, Biology, Agricultural Science, Biology, Geography, Art, Business, German.

Uniform

Girls
Grey Skirt
Grey jumper
Red Shirt
School tie





Boys
Grey trousers
Grey jumper
Blue Shirt
School tie



Boarding

Roundhill House

Roundhill is the Boys boarding house. The boys boarding area is run by Housemaster, Mr. Bartley.
Roundhill is currently home to 63 boys who opt for 5 day or 7 day boarding.
The house is divided into a junior section which houses forms 1-3 and a senior section which houses forms 4-6.
Each section has a number of individual rooms which accommodates 3,4,5 students depending on size.
Each dormitory has a single bed, bedside locker, drawers and lockers for each student.
The house also has a student kitchen which has tea/coffee making facilities, a microwave oven, a sandwich maker & TV/DVD with full Sky package.
There are also washing machines, tumble dryers and a drying room for boarders along with a large shower area with individual private cubicles.
The school prides itself on creating a safe, warm, homely atmosphere in the boarding house and this is reflected by the demand in boarding numbers each year.

Richmount House

There are 60 girls boarding places available each year in Richmount House. Form 1 and 2 students have their dorms in the north wing while students in Forms 3- 6 are in the south wing with Form 5 & 6 in smaller 4 bed dorms. Both wings have their own TV room with kitchenette and dining space and in the senior wing there are laundry facilities which include washing machines, tumble dryers and a large drying area.
A Housemistress looks after the boarder girls and many female members of staff are involved in staying on site for night duty once a week. There is also a matron on duty each night in case of any emergencies.
Each term the boarder girls have an event to look forward to such as carol singing, DVD night or Katie's Chocolate evening. The Boarders Christmas dinner in December and the Annual Boarder BBQ in May are highlights of the year for both the boarder boys and girls.

A typical day as a boarder in BGS

8.15am	Breakfast
9.00- 4.00pm	Class
4.15- 5.30	Extra curricular (Hockey, basketball, Art club, Yoga etc)
5.45	Tea
6.30- 7.45	First Prep (Supervised Study)
8.00- 9.00	Second Prep
9.00- 9.45	Third Prep for Form 5 & 6
9.45-10.00	Lights out for Forms 1,2, 3 & 4
10.30/10.45	Lights out for Form 5/Form 6

Activities Coordinator Audrey O Riordan, who is also a matron in the school, organises Saturday morning activities which range from Archery to Hillwalking and Art to Golf. After lunch on Saturdays and on Sundays there are a range of different options available to 7 day boarders such as table tennis, indoor soccer, computer room, study time or trips into Bandon or Cork.
Finally, Each term the 7 day boarders set off to see some of the best sights Ireland has to offer such as the Cliffs of Moher, the Lakes of Killarney, Dublin City and Ailwee Caves in Co. Clare.

Extra Curricular Activities

Rugby
Rugby is played by boys only in Bandon Grammar.
As many Boys as possible to take part and all levels are catered for.
Training takes place Mondays and Thursdays from 4:15 – 5:15/5:30

Hockey
Hockey is played by both girls and boys in Bandon Grammar School.
Training takes place on Monday and Thursday for girls from 4:15 – 5:15/5:30 and Tuesday and Friday for boys from 4:15 – 5:15/5:3

Athletics
Athletics is a huge part of life in Bandon Grammar School. All pupils are encouraged to partake in the various disciplines and events that take place throughout the year.
From Cross Country to Track and Field there is a wealth of options for any Athlete!
The school takes part in West Cork and Munster Cross Country.

Basketball
Basketball is provided for Girls only

Chess
Chess is provided for all students in Bandon Grammar School. The team has an extremely impressive record in competition. New players are always welcome

GAA
Gaelic Football is provided for boys in Summer Term.
The school competes in the Lord Mayor's Cup tournament which is held in Parc Ui Rinn, Cork. The school secured back to back titles in the years 2009, 2010

Tennis
Tennis is provided for all students in the Summer term in Bandon Grammar.
Theyhave 3 all weather, floodlit tennis courts.

Table Tennis
Bandon Grammar School Table Tennis is for both boys and girls and for all levels.

Badminton
Badminton is extremely popular in Bandon Grammar School. In addition to playing, training and competing they have trips to watch International games occasionally.

Debating
The School takes part in the Concern Debating Competition annually.
The team is made up of senior students.

Art Club
Art club on Wednesday afternoons from 4 until 5.15.
This is a club for Art students who wish to spend that little bit of extra time working on their creations!

Young Scientist
The BT Young Scientist Competition is one that the school strongly supports every year.
The Science department provide plenty of support and encouragement for students to bring their ideas out in the projects.

All students are encourage to get involved and see what Science is really all about!

Woodwork / Tech Drawing Club
The Woodwork and Tech Drawing club takes place on Wednesdays between 4:20 & 5:30 and all students are welcome.