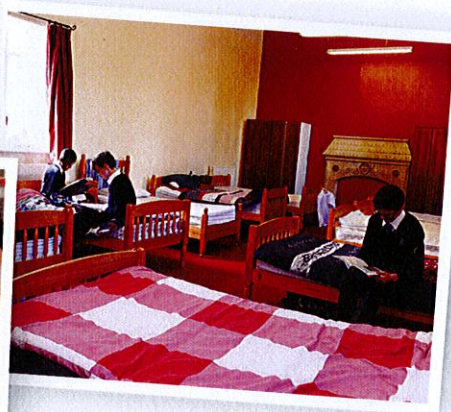
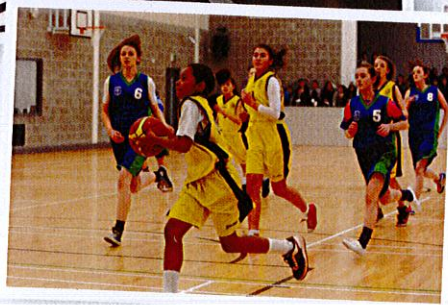
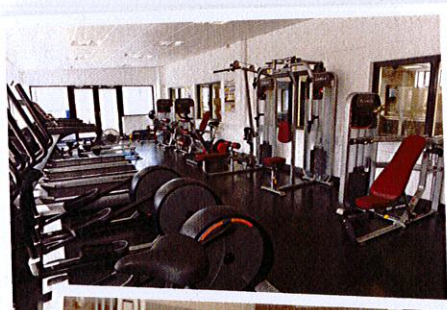


Why board in Dundalk Grammar School?

Boarding has been an integral part of the school since its foundation. Students from Ireland and abroad have a unique opportunity to experience a wide range of cultural diversity and form friendships that will last a lifetime. Our resident staff aim to provide students with an environment that is safe and happy.

Students come to board for a variety and combination of reasons such as their homes are too far away for a daily commute, and/or they want to be away from home distractions and temptations at a time of important study.

Some parents wish their children to have some experience of living away from home prior to moving on to third level study – an important factor when you consider that nearly every (c.97%) Dundalk Grammar School student goes on to study at third level.



- Pupils from all traditions are welcome
- Excellent career guidance and exam results
- 97% of our students progress to 3rd level education both in Ireland and overseas
- Multi-purpose hall for music, sport and drama
- First class ICT facilities with high speed wireless network
- Modern kitchen/dining rooms providing nutritious and balanced meals
- Sports facilities with floodlit pitches and tennis courts
- First class accommodation offering 5-day and 7-day boarding options
- State-of-the-art facilities for teaching and learning

BOARDING SOUNDBITES

How are they getting on?



**Woodley from Slane,
1st Year boarder**

"Dundalk Grammar School is a totally new experience, I have made new friends and the facilities are great here, the teachers also take great care of you."



**Ali from Kentstown, Navan,
fifth year boarder:**

"I like playing sports and not worrying about getting home at an unreasonable time, I also appreciate prep as I get all my homework completed without distraction."



**Hugo from Kingscourt,
first year boarder:**

"Boarding is something that I enjoy greatly, the food is fantastic and the teachers are great and you feel at home, I would definitely recommend boarding to anyone."



**Aoife from Carlingford,
sixth year boarder prefect:**

"One of the latest additions to boarding is a new study area for sixth year boarders, the individual cubicles make study and revision easier especially with our Leaving Certificate coming up in June next year."



**Kyle from Kingscourt,
first year boarder:**

"Boarding in Dundalk Grammar School is great as there is a wide range of sports and I have already made new friends."



**Rebecca from Kells,
first year boarder:**

"Prep is great for getting my homework done, I am then allowed to practice my trumpet, there are lots of activities to do after school too."

An amazing experience...



“ Spending a year here in Ireland has been one of the best choices I have made so far in my life. I entered Transition Year in August and it was a great way for me to get to know the people here as well as the academic side of things. It has been amazing to make new friends, try out new things and get involved in all the different activities and trips this year.

It almost seems surreal, the prospect of going back home again, speaking German in class with my friends and going into fifth year, or 11th class as we call it there. It will also be a lot different to have my own bedroom back again; I've gotten used to sharing with the other girls. I'll certainly miss the three month holiday that is so normal in Ireland – when I settle back into life in Germany, I will only get six weeks next year!

In total I will have spent nine months in Ireland, with the occasional interruption here and there, and I miss everyone terribly already, even though I haven't yet left and even though I know that I will be able visit them, and keep in contact.

I want to thank all the people that have made this year the amazing experience it has become. It has taught me a lot, not just the language (which, admittedly, will come in handy in the future) but also things about myself and others. I feel I have grown up over the year and I hope that I am coming out of it as ready for the next years of school stress as I will ever be.

So thanks to everyone here and I hope I will see this school and the amazing people in it again! And good luck for all your future endeavours! Bye! ”

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(or Tia, because no one ever pronounced it just quite right ;))

A typical day for a boarder...



7.45 a.m.	Wake up bell
8.00 a.m.	By this time all pupils should have signed in with the teacher on breakfast duty in the boarding canteen
8.15 a.m.	Pupils return to dorms to tidy beds/lockers
8.30 a.m.	Pupils leave dorms
3.50 p.m.	Classes end. Boarders sign-in with the member of staff on afternoon duty. Extra-curricular activities may start
6-9.10 p.m.	Prep: study time in the study hall
9.10 p.m.	Hot chocolate and biscuits
9.30 p.m.	Pupils sign-in with the teacher on duty between 9.30 and 9.40 p.m.
9.40-10.10 p.m.	1st-5th year students should prepare for bed
10.10 p.m.	Lights out for 1st-5th year students
11.00 p.m.	6th Year students must be in their dorms

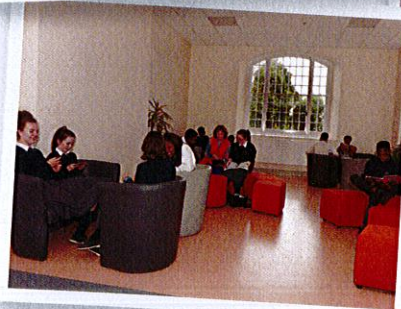
My first two years in Dundalk Grammar School...

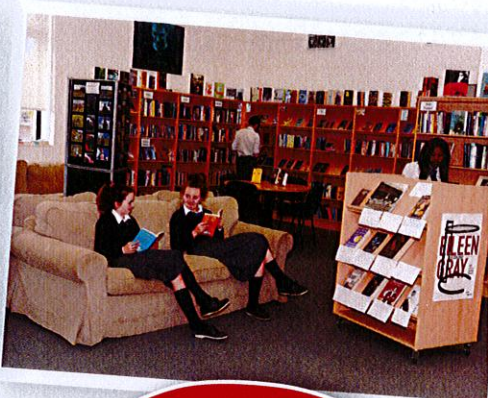
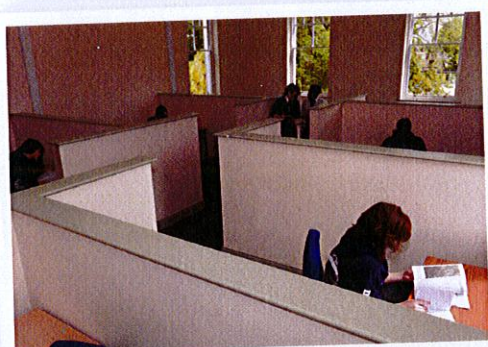
“ I had a great two years in Dundalk Grammar School and I've made many friends. It wasn't easy at the start when I came in because I didn't know anyone, but students and staff here are very friendly and they helped me to get on well. I have improved my language skills, not just in English but French as well. There are great sports facilities here too where we play all sorts of games.



Sleeping in the school was an unusual experience for me, but the rooms are planned out well and we all get a lot of space for ourselves. Prep is a great time to study and do my homework, no one disturbs me and I can fully concentrate on my Junior Certificate. I enjoyed myself in Dundalk Grammar School and I definitely want to come back here next year. ”

Danylo Usenin – 3rd Year Boarding Student





LIVING ON CAMPUS...

Boarding students have the opportunity to take part in a variety of after-school activities, e.g. music, choir, drama, computers, hockey, football, rugby, cricket, tennis etc.



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