

Jesus and Mary Secondary School

Gortnor Abbey

Crossmolina

Co. Mayo



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Type of School: Mixed, day school

## UNIFORM

### Boys

- Trousers: Grey
- Jumper: Grey V Neck with school crest
- Shirt: Grey
- Shoes: Black

### Girls

- Trousers: Black
- Skirt: Green knee length gym
- Jumper: Green V Neck with school crest
- Shirt: White
- Socks: White knee length
- Tights: Black
- Shoes: Black

## SUBJECTS

### JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

#### All students study the following:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- History
- Geography
- Religious Education
- Social, Personal and Health Education
- Science
- Computers
- Physical Education
- CSPE

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#### In addition 1<sup>st</sup> Year students choose three from the following:

- Art
- Business Studies
- French
- German
- Home Economics
- Music
- Technical Graphics
- Technology
- Woodwork

## TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year is an invaluable optional year available to students before entering Senior Cycle. Our T.Y. is tailor made to suit the needs of the students in promoting their personal, social, spiritual, educational and vocational development. We currently run 3 T.Y. classes due to the increased demand.

Our Whole School Evaluation report commented as follows on the T.Y. Programme “The T.Y. programme is well established and a significant number of students opt for the programme on an annual basis. It offers variety in terms of the breadth and balance of the subjects studied. Key to the success of the programme is the dedication and commitment of the teachers to the ethos of the T.Y. The programme makes optimum use of individual teachers’ skills, knowledge and interest”.

### Subjects

- Religious Education
- Irish
- English
- Maths
- French/German
- Vocational Preparation
- Physical Education

\* Students sample Physics, Chemistry and Biology

### Modules offered vary from year to year and may include:

- Social Education
- History Enterprise
- Music
- Geography
- Careers
- Cookery
- Photography
- Woodwork
- Computers
- Art
- Business Studies
- Choral singing
- Social Dancing
- Sport
- Public Speaking/Toast Masters
- ECDL

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Leaving Cert students study the following:

### Core Subjects:

- Irish
- English
- Maths
- Religious Education (non-academic)
- Physical Education
- Guidance
- SPHE/RSE

Students currently choose four of the following:

- French
- Construction
- German
- Technology
- History
- Design & Communication Technology
- Geography
- Home Economics
- Biology
- Music
- Chemistry
- Art
- Physics
- Business
- Agricultural Science
- Religious Education

## FACILITIES

The school is one of the best facilitated in the region having an International Sports Hall with equipment for volleyball, badminton, basketball, gymnastics, indoor soccer and hockey, Olympic handball, athletics and table tennis.

Outdoors we have basketball courts, playing fields and an all-weather pitch.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Retreats
- Table Quizzes
- Art Tours
- Liturgies
- Open Days
- Gaisce Awards
- Maths Quizzes
- Science Quizzes
- Biology Field Trips
- Geography Field Trips
- Debating & Public Speaking
- Interviews
- Musical and other Drama events
- A variety of art competition
- Choral Singing Concerts
- Language Assistants
- Annual Road Race
- Visits to outdoor centres
- Open Days & Information evenings
- Visits to Industry
- Visiting Speakers
- Annual Awards Ceremony
- House Leagues
- Litter League
- Rugby/Basketball/Camogie/Gaelic/Table Tennis
- Christina Noble Walk and other charitable events

Trips to Museums, Exhibitions, Galleries, National Concert Hall, Buildings of National interest

Language & Cultural Exchanges – France & Germany

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Our co-educational school's idyllic rural setting on the shores of Lough Conn and its wide range of facilities provides the ideal environment for learning and teaching.

• We seek to live out the ethos and educational philosophy of the founders, the Religious of Jesus & Mary under the Trusteeship of the Le Cheile Trust. Our Whole School Evaluation report stated "Fostering a sense of responsibility in the young and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow is a central part of the Jesus & Mary educational philosophy and is evident in many ways at Gortnor Abbey. Gortnor Abbey succeeds in creating a caring and strong sense of community where the holistic education of each student guides all endeavours."

• The well being, happiness and success of each of our students is at the heart of everything we do. We believe in the limitless potential of young people and expect the best from and for our students.