

# Mercy College

## Chapel Hill, Sligo



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**Type of School:** Girls

**Number of students:** 398 Students

## BRIEF STATEMENT

Mercy College is an all-girls Voluntary Catholic Secondary school under the trusteeship of CEIST. Mercy College is dedicated to the provision of quality Catholic education, academic, spiritual, moral, physical, social, aesthetic and vocational which will enable students to achieve their maximum potential in a caring and nurturing environment.

## UNIFORM

Shirts	Beige blouse
Jumper	Navy
Skirt	Navy & Yellow Plaid
Tie	Red
Tights	Black/Navy
Shoes	Black



P.E. - Special polo shirt, sweatshirt and jacket available in school. Plain navy tracksuit bottoms, runners and sport socks.

## FACILITIES

- General Classrooms
- Three fully equipped Science laboratories
- State of the art Technology workshop
- Two modern Computer rooms
- Two newly refurbished Home Economics rooms
- New Library
- New large bright spacious Art and Craft room
- New Career Guidance and Counselling suite
- Prayer room
- Atrium
- Music Room
- Resource suite
- Typing Room
- Study Hall
- Learning Centre
- Autism Unit
- New canteen
- Football pitch, outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts
- Newly refurbished gymnasium comprising full sized Basketball court adaptable for other sports, modern fitness suite, multipurpose room suitable for meetings night classes etc.

# CURRICULUM

## Junior Certificate

- Irish
- Science
- English
- Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Business Studies
- French
- Music/Choir
- German/ Spanish/French
- Art/Craft/Design
- History
- SPHE
- Geography
- Religion
- Home Economics
- Typing
- Technology
- CSPE
- (Civic, Social and Political Education)
- TEFL

## Transition Year

Transition Year programme has been offered in Mercy College since 1993.

Transition Year aims to -

- Promote the personal, social and educational development of the student.
- Provide the student with an opportunity for the study of topics outside the school curriculum.
- free from the pressure of examinations and the constraints imposed by an examination curriculum.
- Transition Year also gives students an opportunity to participate in work experience, educational outings and fundraising events.
- At the end of Transition Year the student is generally more focused and more mature. Statistics nationally indicate that students who have completed Transition Year score higher points in the Leaving Certificate than those who did not make the course.
- Transition year students are also less likely to drop out of college in their first year than those who have not completed the course.
- The curriculum is broad and balanced.
- Students participate successfully in a number of competitions at county, regional and national level.

## Core Subjects

- English
- Irish
- Mathematics
- French/German/Spanish/Italian
- Leisure Studies

## Subject Sampling

- Science (Physics, Chemistry & Sports Science)
- Business Studies
- Mini Company
- History
- Geography
- Home Economics
- Religion
- Typing
- Italian
- Music
- Work Preparation

## Modules

- Library Studies
- Technology
- Art
- Craft
- Chinese Language and Culture
- European Studies
- Video & Film Studies
- Bridge

## Leaving Certificate

The Leaving Certificate is a two year programme. Subjects are studied at either Higher or Ordinary Level. Two subjects, Irish and Mathematics can be studied at Foundation Level. Foundation Level is geared to the needs of students who experience difficulty with those subjects at Ordinary or Higher Level.

Students usually study 6 or 7 subjects during the Senior Cycle. If following the established Leaving Certificate programme students must take at least 5 subjects including Irish.

In choosing Leaving Certificate subjects, students take note of the subjects they need for the third-level courses of their choice. For example, a student wishing to get a place on a course at one of the Universities that make up to National University of Ireland must meet a minimum entry requirement of 6 subjects, including English, Irish and a third language, Grade C on a Higher Level paper must be attained in two of these subjects.

Information about the subject requirements for each third-level course is available from the school Guidance Counsellors.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

These are the main sporting activities of the school:

- Athletics
- Gaelic
- Basketball
- Hockey

But there is also a strong commitment to a wide range of other extra-curricular activities which are well resourced in terms of facilities and teacher involvement.

These activities include:

- Business Projects
- Career Projects
- Charitable Activities
- Choir
- Class Projects
- Cultural Tours
- Debating
- Educational tours
- Gaisce awards
- Field Trips
- Indoor football
- Music
- Quiz Teams
- Soccer
- Tag rugby



Please feel free to refer to the school website for further information on the school.