

# PROSPECTUS

Clongowes Wood College, July 1886

Clongowes Wood College was founded in 1813, in the pleasantest part of Kildare, and stands in the midst of beautiful and well-wooded grounds of 500 acres in extent. It is placed between the Great Southern and Midland Lines of Railway, Sallins, on the Great Southern, being 3 miles, and Maynooth and Kilknock each 5 miles distant by road. There is frequent and easy communication with Dublin daily. A great number of trains, at suitable hours, run to and from Sallins. The drive from town through the valley of the Liffey, occupying about two hours, is one of the most picturesque in Ireland.

There are extensive and well appointed grounds for Cricket, Tennis, Football, and all outdoor games. Bathing is permitted when the season allows, and under certain precautions rowing is permitted to the more grown boys.

- I. To prevent bullying, and for the better formation of character, the pupils are grouped in three divisions, each with its own grounds perfectly distinct. Indoors, 100, each division has its own playroom, with billiard tables and requisites for indoor games, and for each division there is a separate reading room well-stocked with books suitable to the age and tastes of the boys.

All the pupils have the advantage of Military Drill. An experienced physician visits the college twice a week, and there is a large infirmary quite distinct from the rest of the college buildings.

- II. The religious training of the boys in Doctrine and Morals forms the main feature of the educational system of the Jesuit Fathers. A course of Religious Instruction, of which a programme is annexed, is obligatory on all - nor can anyone obtain any College Prize, Medal, or Distinction in any subject, who has failed in the prescribed examination in Religious Knowledge.

Good conduct, prompt obedience, and fair industry are expected from every pupil, and the Superiors reserve to themselves the right of removing from the College all who fail to satisfy them on these points.

No boy will be received without satisfactory testimony to character, and when those who have been at another school seek admission to Clongowes, a certificate of good conduct from the Head of the School must accompany the application.

- III. The course of education includes Latin and Greek classics, English in all its branches, Modern Languages, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Drawing and Music.

Besides class teaching those who are considered to need it will have the benefit of private tuition.

Pupils are prepared for the Royal University, the Intermediate, the Civil Service, the Army and the Legal, Medical, and Commercial Examinations.

Special attention is paid to English and Mathematics. A silver medal is offered for competition in each of these branches. The collection of instruments for the teaching of

Experimental Physics is not surpassed by any private collection in Ireland, and a lecture hall for science, and chemical laboratory, have just been fitted up.

To encourage public speaking the best prize in the college is still the Large Medal for Oratory. This is given for proficiency in the Debating Society, which was founded in 1837, in the presence of Daniel O'Connell, Thomas Francis Meagher, and many other remarkable Irishmen, and which has produced such a long procession of able men who owe a good deal of their present eminence to the power of public speaking acquired there.

Subjects of current interest are discussed and the boys are trained to read carefully for their speeches and become acquainted with the leading questions of the day.

- IV. There are two vacations in the year, one of eight weeks in summer, and one of three weeks at Christmas. During those intervals, no pupil is allowed to remain at the College, but arrangements are made by the Rector by which those whose parents reside abroad are properly provided for during vacation at the seaside or elsewhere.

Boys not returning punctually on the appointed days after vacation are regarded as withdrawn from the College, and the Rector is at liberty to dispose at once of the places thus left vacant.

Before removing a pupil from the College during the school period, three months' notice will be required; but a fortnight's notice will be sufficient whenever a boy is withdrawn at the Summer vacation; and it is strongly recommended that, as far as possible, boys be removed only at that period. Boys who are not to remain in College beyond the Winter half, should be withdrawn during the Christmas vacation.

- V. Terms - The pension is Forty Guineas a year, payable half-yearly in advance, on the 1st of September and the 1st of February. Two Guineas half yearly are paid by each pupil for Washing, Repairs of Clothing, and the like. One Guinea yearly for the laboratory expenses by those pupils who attend lectures in Natural Philosophy and Chemistry: and Ten Shillings half-yearly for Library, Games, Theatricals, and other amusements.

Boys entering during the half-year or leaving for just cause, pay proportionately for the time they are in college.

Music, Dancing, and Drawing are taught by competent Lay Masters, at the yearly charge of Five, Four, and Three Guineas respectively. Medical attendance is charged only when necessary. **Entrance Fee Three Guineas.**

- VI. The necessary outfit for each pupil comprises at least 3 suits of clothes, flannel cricket shirt, 6 shirts, 8 pairs of stockings, + pillow cases, 3 pairs of strong boots, 3 pairs of house shoes, and a dressing case.

Special care is taken of very young boys. They have the benefit of female attendance, and the dietary and studies are modified to suit their tender years. Boys are received from the age of seven.

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