

# DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO THE TOP 500 SCHOOLS IN IRELAND

These are the top 500 secondary schools ranked by the average proportion of pupils gaining places in autumn 2016, 2017 and 2018 at one of the 10 universities on the island of Ireland, main teacher training colleges, Royal College of Surgeons or National College of Art and Design.

Where schools are tied, the proportion of students gaining places at all non-private, third-level colleges is taken into account. See how this guide was compiled, back page. Schools offering only senior cycle, such as the Institute of Education, Dublin, and any new schools are excluded. **Compiled by William Burton and Colin Murphy. Edited by Ian Coxon**

Fee-paying schools are in bold. Gaelchoilaisí are in italics. (G)-Irish-medium Gaeltacht schools. \*English-speaking schools with Gaelchoilaisí streams or units. (B)-Boarding provided; in column headed Area, C-Connacht, CK-Cork, L-Leinster (excluding Dublin), M-Munster (excluding Cork), ND-North-Dublin, SD-South-Dublin, U=Ulster (excluding Northern Ireland). In the column headed Type, B-Bus, G-Girls, M-Mixed

14	Mount St Ignace's Secondary School, Chapelizod, Dublin 20	ND	B	81.5	95.3	-	661	19.7	01-823337
12	Coláiste Iognaidh S.J. Seán Road, Galway	C	M	80.9	97.3	343	289	13.9	091-501505
35	Loreto College Foxrock, Dublin 18	SD	C	80.8	100	-	525	17.5	01-289563
28	St Andrew's College, Blackrock, Co Dublin	SD	G	80.2	97.2	486	502	15.0	01-283570
18	Holy Faith Secondary School, Clontarf, Dublin 3	ND	G	80.1	95.6	-	638	15.6	01-831507
16	Alexandra College, Milltown, Dublin 6 (B)	SD	G	79.5	92.5	-	484	18.3	01-497576
21	Mount Mercy College, Mallow Farm Road, Cork	CK	G	79.3	94.6	-	827	15.1	021-452450
46	St Mary's College, Rathmines, Dublin 6	SD	B	79.1	100	434	-	16.2	01-499570
36	St Michael's College, Athlisbury Road, Dublin 4	SD	B	78.9	100	656	-	18.2	01-218940
40	St Gerard's School, Bray, Co Wicklow	L	M	78.9	98.0	335	214	17.0	01-282812
47	Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare (B)	L	B	77.6	100	433	-	18.2	045-868020
73	St Joseph of Cluny, Killybegs, Co Dublin	SD	G	76.7	96.7	-	247	14.1	01-285502
34	Rathdown School, Glengarey, Co Dublin (B)	SD	G	76.4	83.0	-	254	14.9	01-285313
22	Glental Abbey School, Murrone, Co Limerick (B)	M	B	76.3	99.2	249	-	15.0	061-621044
78	St Kilian's Deutsche Schule, Crokepark, Dublin 14	SD	M	75.8	92.0	209	183	16.1	01-285323
103	Rosemount School, Sandymount, Dublin 18	SD	G	75.4	98.0	-	169	19.7	01-207800
37	Coláiste Ide, Dingle, Co Kerry (G)	M	G	75.3	94.4	-	104	8.6	066-915121
27	Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles, Co Tipperary (B)	M	G	75.2	94.4	-	790	15.1	0504-2714
67	The High School, Rathgar, Dublin 6	SD	M	75.1	100	400	317	17.5	01-457268
31	Crescent College Comprehensive, Doonacloye, Limerick	M	M	74.1	96.9	455	431	13.6	061-229655
24	Gaelcholaisí Lunnagh, Limerick	M	M	73.9	93.3	247	387	14.6	061-404595
55	Dominican College, Drumcondra, Dublin 9	ND	G	73.5	96.1	-	740	15.5	01-831768
58	Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey, Co Dublin	SD	G	73.3	100	-	339	18.5	01-278990
38	St Mary's Secondary School, Mallow, Co Cork	CK	G	73.0	95.0	-	656	14.1	022-219900
42	Gaelcholaisí na Mara, Arklow, Co Wicklow	L	M	72.9	91.9	114	122	13.6	0402-9176
39	Coláiste Cois Life, Lunc, Co Dublin	ND	M	72.7	84.3	381	433	15.8	01-271825
99	St Wolstan's Community School, Celbridge, Co Kildare	L	G	72.5	91.3	-	772	15.1	01-268825
41	Regina Mundi College, Douglas Road, Cork	CK	G	72.4	92.9	-	562	14.9	021-429168
23	Ardscoil Risi, North Circular Road, Limerick	M	B	72.3	97.3	732	-	14.4	061-438205
101	Coláiste Pobail Osrai, Ormonde Road, Kilkenny	L	M	72.0	81.1	119	111	12.5	056-776455
96	Notre Dame School, Dundrum, Dublin 14	SD	G	71.7	93.3	-	27	1.2	01-298953
63	Catholic University School, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2	SD	B	71.2	99.0	525	-	19.9	01-676258
48	Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co Kildare	L	M	71.1	98.3	459	433	17.8	045-487200
64	Coláiste Naomh Muire, Naas, Co Kildare	L	M	70.8	86.0	-	1038	15.5	045-879634
71	Scoll Muire, Trim, Co Meath	L	G	70.6	85.4	-	825	16.0	046-943340
122	Ardscoil Risi, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9	ND	B	70.4	95.8	540	-	15.7	01-837363
32	St Joseph's College, Nun's Island, Galway	C	B	70.4	91.2	769	-	14.0	091-565980
76	Maynooth Community College, Maynooth, Co Kildare	L	M	70.4	82.8	539	494	12.7	01-626606
65	Loreto Secondary School, St Michael's, Navan, Co Meath	L	G	70.0	93.2	-	797	15.1	046-902383
68	Castelknock Community College, Castelknock, Dublin 15	ND	M	70.0	89.4	573	580	14.2	01-827262
93	Wesley College, Ballinteer, Dublin 16 (B)	SD	M	69.8	96.7	474	404	16.6	01-298706
45	St Angela's College, St Patrick's Hill, Cork	CK	G	69.2	91.1	-	564	15.0	021-450005
77	Santa Sofia Dominican College, Liscully, Sutton, Dublin 13	ND	G	69.2	90.0	-	563	15.5	01-832220
33	Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co Tipperary (B)	M	B	68.8	93.8	185	-	16.1	0505-2334
66	Rockwell College, Cashel, Co Tipperary (B)	M	M	68.6	86.0	364	133	18.6	062-6144
52	Kilkenny College, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny (B)	L	M	68.1	93.8	473	446	15.5	056-776544
161	Sutton Park School, Sutton, Dublin 13	ND	M	67.9	86.3	186	173	17.5	01-832294
88	The King's Hospital, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 (B)	SD	M	67.8	82.1	397	319	17.2	01-643656
66	Gaelcholaisí Chiarraí, Tralee, Co Kerry	M	M	67.7	91.7	158	162	12.0	066-712650
74	St Mary's Secondary School, Macroom, Co Cork	CK	G	67.6	89.9	-	607	13.7	026-415547
51	St Francis Capuchin College, Rostown, Co Cork	CK	B	67.4	97.2	71	-	14.9	021-489141
49	St Joseph's Secondary School, Castletar, Co Mayo	C	G	67.2	89.2	-	601	15.9	094-902140
54	St Mary's Secondary School, Nenagh, Co Tipperary	M	G	67.2	84.1	-	452	11.8	067-435405
75	CBG, Monkstown, Co Dublin	SD	B	67.1	99.7	506	-	17.5	01-280585
106	Our Lady's School, Terenure, Dublin 6W	SD	G	67.0	92.1	-	768	15.0	01-490323
72	Presentation Secondary School, Mitchelstown, Co Cork	CK	G	66.7	91.0	-	301	14.4	025-24394
69	Scoll Muire gan Smal, Roscommon, Co Mayo	C	G	66.7	89.3	-	509	12.3	090-666326
80	Gaelcholaisí Cheatharlach, Aske, Co Carlow	L	M	66.6	79.5	173	181	13.7	059-932313
15	Coláiste Ghobnat, Inis Orr, Aran Islands, Co Galway (G)	C	M	66.6	66.7	11	12	-	099-750500
58	Presentation College, Athenry, Co Galway	C	M	66.3	95.0	571	527	12.8	091-841444
70	Loreto Secondary School, Spawell Road, Co Wexford	L	G	66.1	88.2	-	780	15.8	053-42783
111	Scoll Chiarraí, Glasnevin, Dublin 9	ND	M	65.6	74.0	198	243	13.4	01-837076
109	Laurel Hill Secondary School FCI, South Circular Road, Limerick	M	G	65.5	90.3	-	619	15.1	061-31983
176	St Colmille's Community School, Knocklyon, Dublin 16	SD	M	65.4	93.7	371	350	13.6	01-493288
62	Coláiste Muire, Ennis, Co Clare	M	G	65.4	87.6	-	971	15.2	065-682697
57	Loreto Secondary School, Granges Road, Kilkenny	L	G	65.1	81.3	-	981	15.5	056-776557
172	Terenure College, Terenure, Dublin 6W	SD	B	65.0	96.4	695	-	17.7	01-490466
115	East Glendalough School, Station Road, Wicklow	L	M	64.8	89.2	186	183	10.6	0404-9608
94	St Peter's College, Dunboyne, Co Meath	L	M	64.8	87.8	611	585	14.3	01-823028
86	Loreto College, Cavan	U	G	64.7	92.7	-	706	15.6	049-433288
104	Eureka Secondary School, Kells, Co Meath	L	G	64.7	85.6	1	676	15.6	046-924013
44	Our Lady's Bower, Athlone, Co Westmeath	L	G	64.4	91.6	-	711	14.9	0906-4714
98	Coláiste Oifriall, Monaghan	U	M	64.3	92.9	138	196	-	047-72344
100	Coláiste Na Tairbhíne, Bandon, Co Cork	CK	G	64.1	91.4	-	513	13.5	023-841814
167	St Joseph's College, Thurles, Co Tipperary	M	M	64.1	80.5	133	119	13.6	0504-5121
60	Castelny College, Newtown, Co Limerick	M	M	63.7	88.9	634	576	14.0	061-38075
84	Calasancian College, Oratory,								