

# MUNGRET COLLEGE LIMERICK



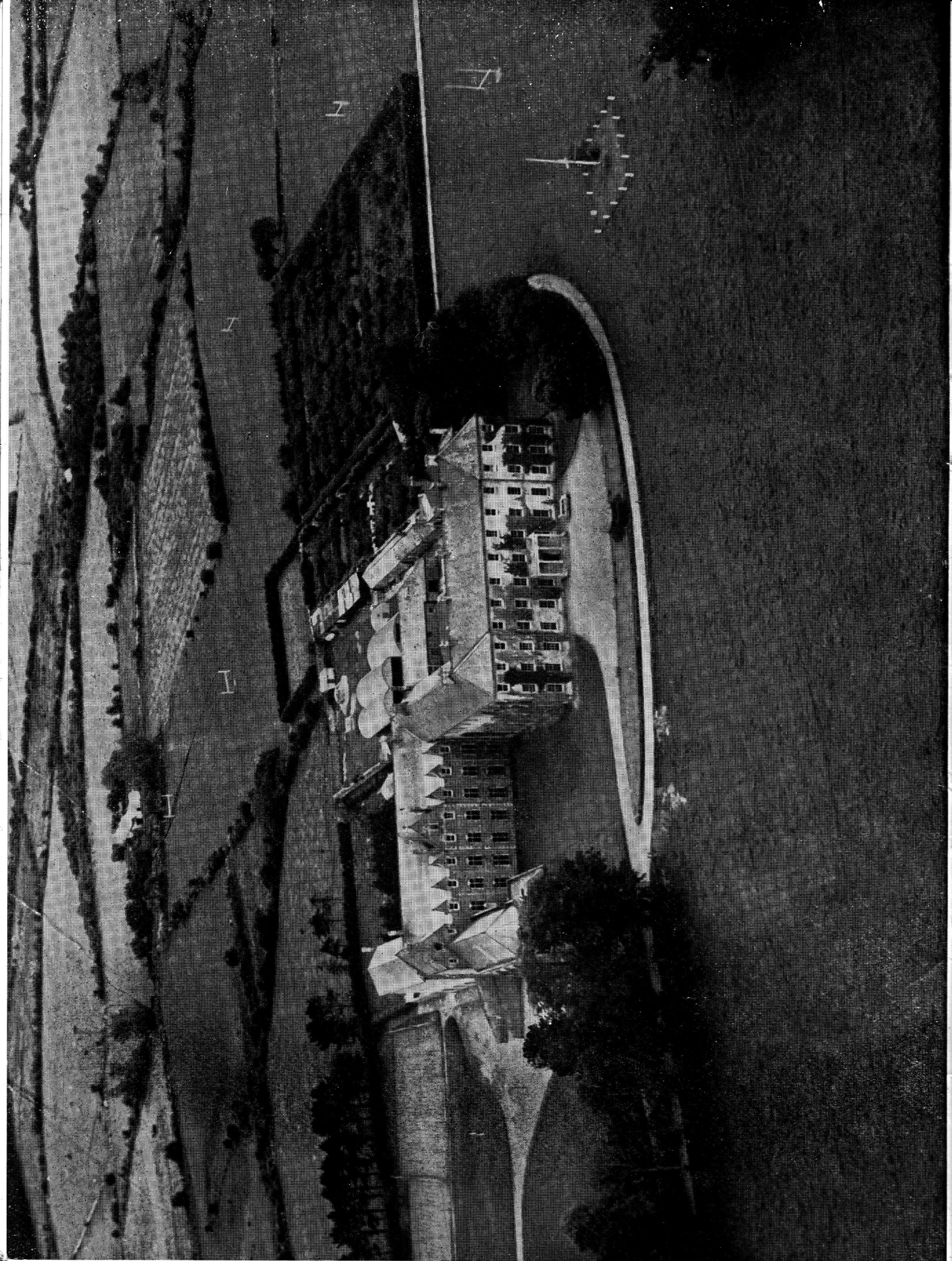
## PROSPECTUS

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of  
Mungret College

CONDUCTED BY THE JESUIT FATHERS

*With the Compliments of the Rector*







# THE COLLEGE

**S**ITUATED on the south bank of the Shannon some three miles south-west of Limerick, the College stands on the hallowed ground where, from the sixth to the twelfth century, flourished one of Ireland's most famous schools of learning—the Monastery of Mungret. There is a strong tradition that St. Nesson was its founder and first Abbot. The property was acquired by the Society of Jesus in 1882, and opened as a College in that year. From 1887 to the passing of the Irish Universities Act in 1908, candidates for the B.A. and M.A. Degrees of the Royal University took their lectures in the College.

**Educational System** The Educational System followed in the College from its inception to the present day has been governed by the principles of the Ratio Studiorum: principles that were forged and whose worth was proved in the great Jesuit Schools of Europe. While the principles remain constant the courses have been expanded to meet modern needs.

*College from the Avenue*







*Chapel Corridor*

**Aim**

To form Catholic gentlemen well grounded in their Faith, with intellectual and cultural interests that would last through life was the aim of the early Founders. It is still the aim of the College. The distinguished roles that past pupils of the School have filled in the Church, in the Professional and Business world are a striking tribute to the worth and value of their early formation in Mungret.

**Divisions**

The School is divided into three divisions. Boys are assigned to the different divisions according to age, physique and general maturity. Each division has its own dormitory accommodation, playing fields, Library and Play Room under the supervision of a Jesuit Master. Each boy has his own cubicle. There are no open dormitories.

**Health**

The Infirmary, which is distinct from the other buildings, and used for ordinary accidents and non-infectious complaints, is in charge of a fully qualified nurse. An experienced physican attends regularly. The farm and gardens supply the College with milk, meat, vegetables, fruit. Every effort is made to provide the boys with a varied and balanced diet.

In the winter months the various sections of the College are heated by a series of oil-fired furnaces.



*Boys' Chapel*

**Religious  
Training**

The religious training of the boys in doctrine and morals occupies a place of first importance. The boys have their own chapel where attendance at daily Mass and other Religious Exercises is obligatory. The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin (Prima Primaria)—for the senior boys; that of the Holy Angels for the junior boys; a Conference of St. Vincent de Paul; a Mission Society; a Pioneer Total Abstinence Centre; a Social Study Club—all play a prominent part in the boys' formation and development.

Early in the Michaelmas Term of each school year a Jesuit Father conducts a Retreat which all must attend.



# ORGANISATION

**T**HE courses of study last for six years. They are designed to prepare boys, who enter about the age of twelve, for the Leaving Certificate, University Matriculation and University Entrance Scholarships. These courses meet the requirements of the Department of Education, and are suited to the needs of those entering the Church, the Professions, the Civil Service and business careers.

Boys are graded, according to their ability, in classes that average twenty or less.

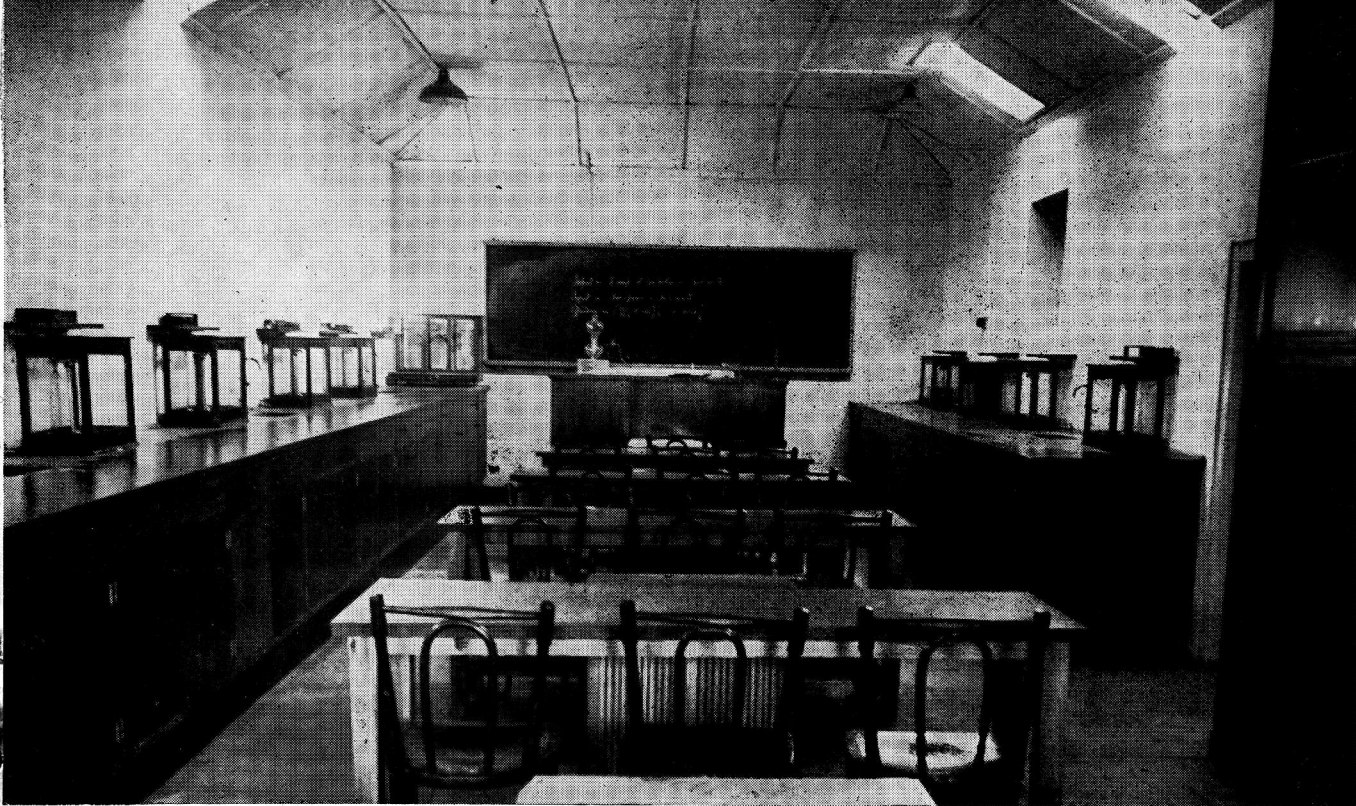
Provision is made for boys who are a year too young to begin full Secondary School Courses, or who may be backward through having missed some Preparatory Schooling before they enter.

Up to the completion of the Intermediate Course all boys study Religious Knowledge, Irish, Latin, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science and French.

Commerce may be taken instead of French in the Third Year. In this year Drawing is an optional free subject, and may be followed to the completion of the Leaving Certificate Course.

*Study Hall*





*Science Laboratory*



*First  
Grammar*





For the Leaving Certificate two-year course Commerce may be taken instead of French; Geography instead of Science.

Elocution is taught in all classes.

The teaching is almost entirely conducted by members of the Society of Jesus. They are assisted by some qualified Lay Masters. Extensive use is made of Films, Filmstrips, Tapes, Records, etc., as educational aids.

Courses in Musical Appreciation and Music (with tuition in Piano, Organ and Stringed Instruments) are also offered.

**Weekly Examinations** Examinations are held each week. These, with regular Masters' Reports on progress and diligence, provide useful incentives to industry and safeguard against idleness. A boy's place in his class, and his promotion to a higher class at the end of the year, depend on the results of the weekly examinations and of the examinations taken at the end of the Trinity Term. Should the results of his examinations show that a boy has not sufficiently mastered the subjects he has been studying he will not be promoted.

*Panel  
From  
Ronan  
Memorial  
Window*



*Eighth Station  
—Boys' Chapel*



**Reports**

Reports are sent home at the end of the Michaelmas and Trinity Terms. They are based on the reports of the Masters and Prefects, and contain the aggregate results of the weekly examinations.

**Chapel Choir**

In addition to the School Choir, which is taught singing as a subject of the curriculum, a select choir of about thirty voices is trained to perform Sacred Music in the College Chapel.

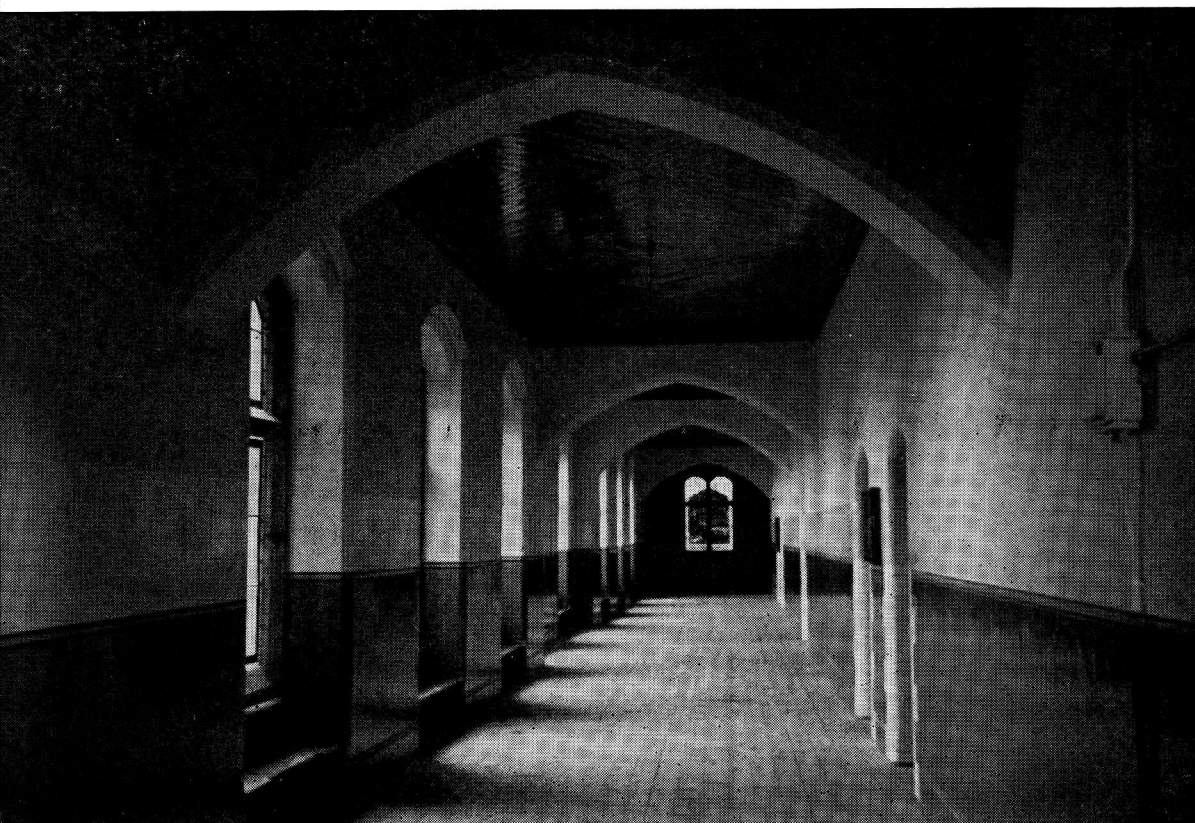
**Debating Societies**

Debates, formal and informal, are held frequently for each Division of the School. Medals and prizes are awarded to the best speakers. Participation in these debates is regarded as being an integral part of a boy's training.

**Hobbies**

Boys are encouraged to follow their natural aptitude in this matter. Provision is made for those interested in Ceramics, Wood-work, Nature Study, etc.

*Philosophers' Corridor*





*Third Division Dormitory*

**Libraries** Well-stocked libraries are provided for the boys' use. To help foster and develop literary taste one and a half hours Library a week is compulsory. Boys have access to their libraries at all times during indoor recreation. Pupils of the College may neither have in their possession nor read magazines or comics save those that appear on the approved list.

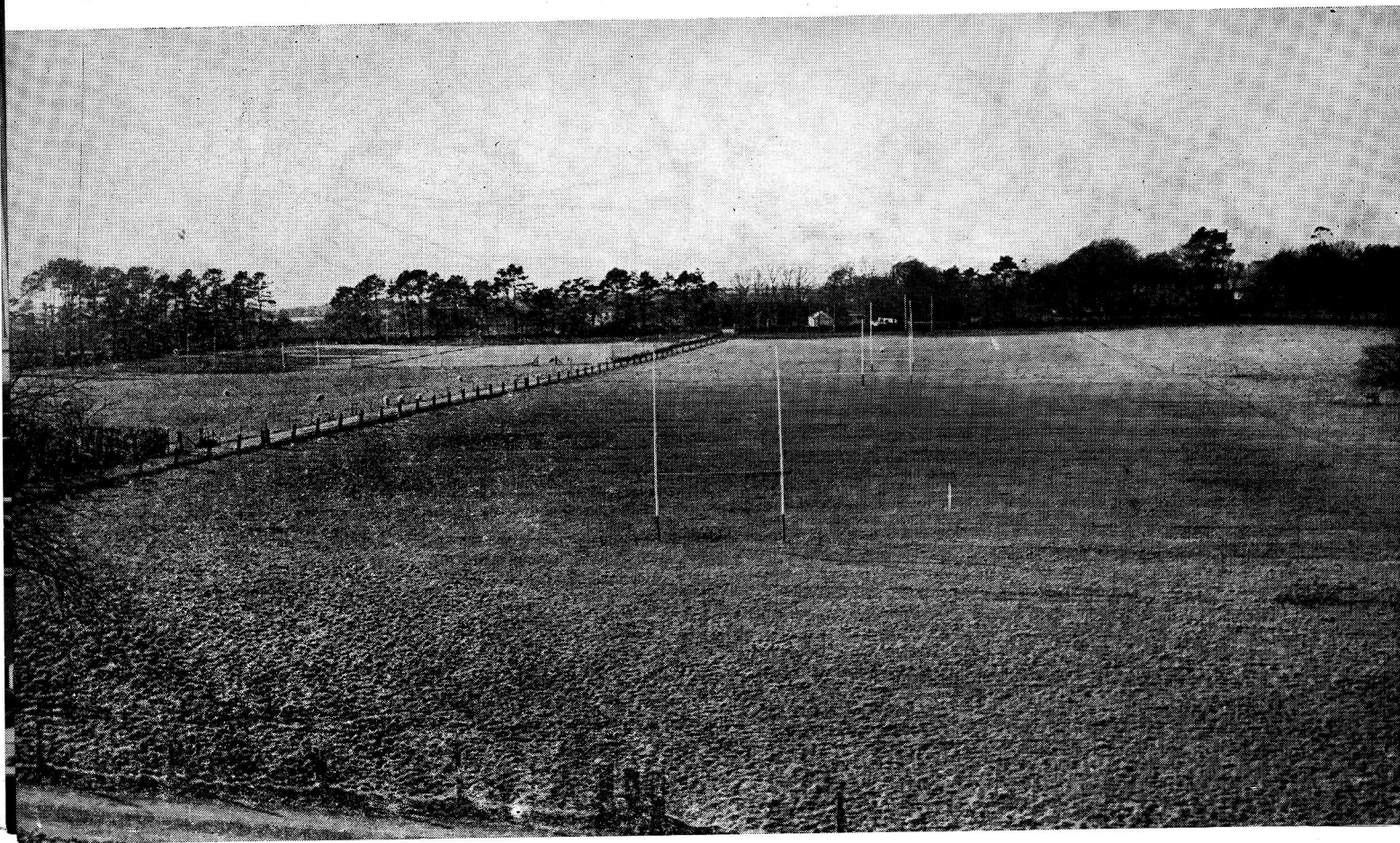
**College Annual** The Mungret Annual, to which the boys contribute, is published each year. It is an illustrated magazine, descriptive of the educational work and of the school life of the College.



Spacious playing fields adjoin the College. Boys are coached by  
**Games** Jesuit Masters. All boys are required to take part in the ordinary  
School games. With the permission of their parents, older boys may  
join the F.C.A. Unit established in the School.

Good conduct, obedience and industry are expected of all the pupils.  
**Discipline** Those who fail to satisfy in this matter will not be retained in the School.  
The authorities of the College reserve to themselves the liberty of  
resigning at once the charge of any boy whose conduct or progress is, in their opinion,  
unsatisfactory. All correspondence, except letters to and from parents, is subject to  
supervision.

#### *Playing Fields*





*F.C.A.  
Parade*

### **Visits**

Boys are allowed to see their friends or relations only on the fixed days—Sundays and Wednesdays. Even on those days boys may not be visited during the hours allotted to class or study.



*Basketball*





*Philosophers'  
Walk*

**Vacations** There are three vacations in the year—approximately ten weeks in Summer, four at Christmas and two at Easter. During those vacations no pupil is allowed to remain at the College. Boys not returning punctually at the appointed day after vacation are regarded as withdrawn from the College, and the Rector is at liberty to dispose of their places.

Three days before the end of each vacation a health certificate, signed by parent or guardian, must be sent to the Rector. The forms are supplied by the School.

**Withdrawal  
of Pupils**

Two months' notice is required before removing a boy from the College during the school year. One month's notice is sufficient when a boy is withdrawn during the Summer Vacation. Failure to give this notice renders parents or guardians liable for the following half-year's pension.

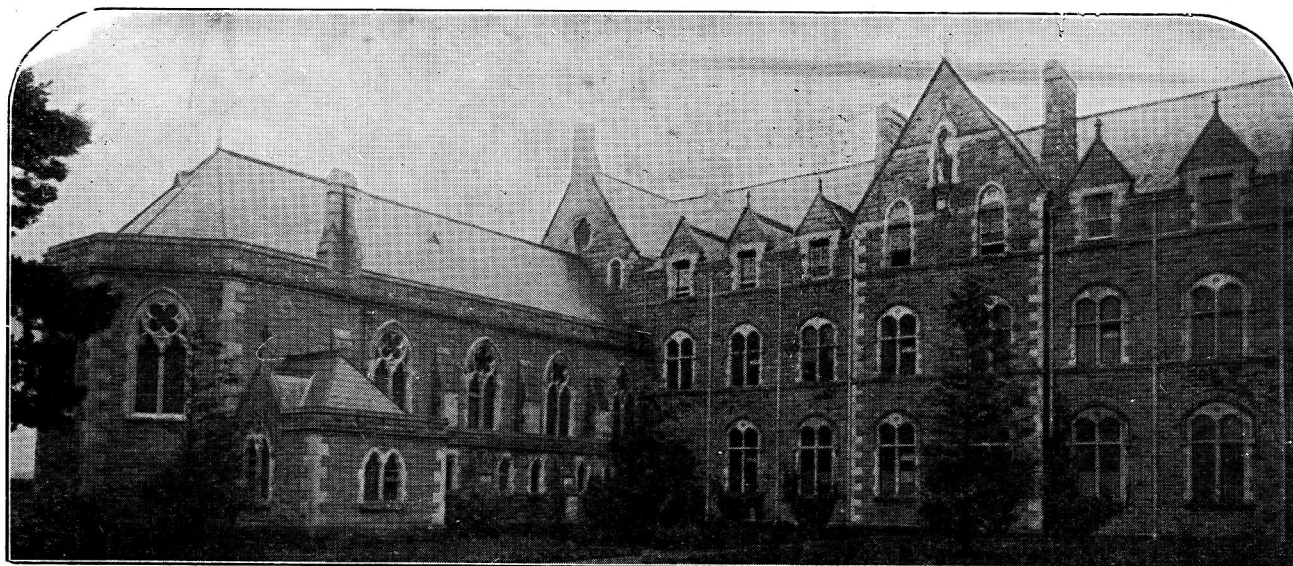
**New Pupils**

New pupils are usually admitted before classes are formed in September. They may also be admitted early in January. Before being admitted they must send to the Rector:—

1. A Medical Certificate.
2. A Testimonial from the last school attended.
3. A Birth Certificate.

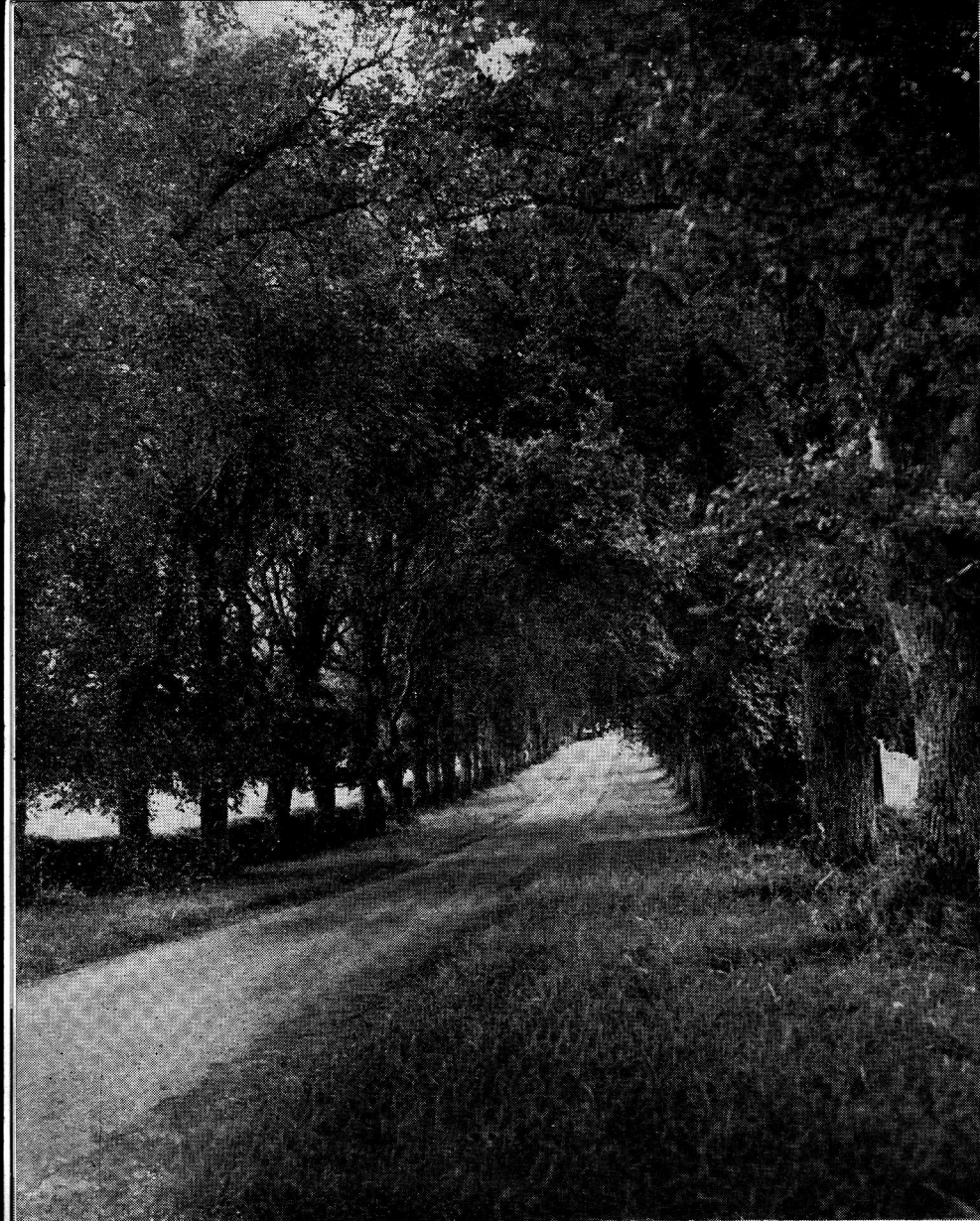
**Pension**      See enclosed leaflet.

*Quadrangle*





*Main Avenue*



*Mungret  
Abbey*

