RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors, subject to its final approval, delegates to the Admissions Committee, {which consists of the Principal and at least three other Governors} the task of applying the Admissions Criteria.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2019

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION {INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CHILD’S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION} IS INCLUDED ON THE TRANSFER FORM.

In the application of the criteria set out below, the Board of Governors will seek to reflect in the total number admitted to the school an overall balance amongst all traditions. In order to achieve this aim, places in the college will be allocated on the following basis:

- 40% to pupils deemed to fall within the Protestant category.
- 40% to pupils deemed to fall within the Roman Catholic category.
- 20% to pupils deemed to fall within the ‘other traditions’ category.

The criteria set out below will first be applied to those in the ‘other traditions’ category and a maximum of 20% of places will be allocated to this group. The remaining places will be divided equally between pupils falling into the ‘Protestant’ or ‘Roman Catholic’ categories. In the event of less than 20% of places being awarded to pupils from the ‘other traditions’ category, the remainder of places will be divided equally between the other two categories. In the event of an odd number of places in the division, an additional place will be allocated to the category with the greater number of pupils.

Priority will be given to students residing within Northern Ireland at the time of proposed admission.

In the event of there being over-subscription, the following sub-criteria will apply:

a) Pupils who have a brother or sister attending the College.

b) Pupils who had a brother or sister at the College (name and date of attendance to be supplied on the Transfer Form).

c) Pupils who are transferring from a Grant Maintained Integrated or Controlled Integrated Primary Schools {not in order of preference} as defined in the Education Reform Order {1989}.

d) Other Pupils.
Should there be over-subscription at the last criterion that can be applied, selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname in the order set out below:

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The order was determined by a randomised selection.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order using the above randomised selection. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical (randomised) order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

In the event of there still being too many applications for the last remaining place(s), preference will be based on the chronological order of pupils’ dates of birth (oldest first). In the event of there still being too many applications preference will be given to students living closest to the College, measured ‘as the crow flies’ from the front door of the pupils postal address (as appearing on the Transfer Form) to the front door of the College.

**DUTY TO VERIFY**
The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any applicant’s Transfer Form.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

The religious affiliation of a pupil will be decided by:

a) Information provided on or with the Transfer Form.

b) Information supplied to the school by the parents [e.g. on the college data-capture form].

c) In the event of no clear information being available from the above sources, the matter will be decided as follows:

i) Pupils attending Catholic Maintained primary schools will be deemed to fall within the ‘Roman Catholic’ category.

ii) Pupils attending Controlled primary schools will be deemed to fall within the ‘Protestant’ category.

iii) Pupils attending other types of school will be deemed to fall within the ‘Other’ category if there is no clear indication as to religious affiliation.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to seek confirmation of any information supplied.

**WAITING LIST POLICY**
These criteria will also apply to students seeking admission to the college after September 2019.

**Applications and Admissions**

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**Criteria for admission to years 9 onwards**
Available on request from the school.