

**ST PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Maintained Secondary**

**Age Range:** 11-18

**Admissions Number:** 160

**Enrolment Number:** 1000

**OPEN EVENING INFORMATION**

**Parents/Carers and P7 children are very welcome to visit the school's website and to view the virtual School Open Evening which will be released on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school**

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and decisions about intake are made by a Sub-Committee of the Board of Governors in consultation with the Principal.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA – YEAR 8**

**A Category A**

Category A will be applied in the order set down

- i. Pupils whose normal place of residence or current primary school is within the traditional contributory parishes to St Patrick's High School viz. Derrynoose (Keady, Madden), Middletown (Tynan), Kilcluney (Ballymacnab, Granemore, Clady).

Primary schools are as follows:

Clea Primary School

Darkley Primary School

Foley Primary School

St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Keady

Our Lady's and St Mochua's Primary School, Derrynoose

St John's Primary School, Middletown

St Joseph's Primary School, Madden

St Mary's Primary School, Granemore

St Michael's Primary School, Clady

- ii. Children who, at the date of their application, have a child of the family currently enrolled at the school.
- iii. Pupils from primary schools which have traditionally contributed to the intake of St Patrick's High School viz.
  - Christian Brothers' Primary School, Armagh
  - St Malachy's Primary School, Armagh
  - St Michael's Primary School, Newtownhamilton
  - Mount St Catherine's Primary School, Armagh
  - St Joseph's Primary School, Caledon
  - St Malachy's Primary School, Ballymoyer
  - St Patrick's Primary School, Armagh

- iv. All other applicants.

**B Sub-Criteria**

In the event of over subscription within any of the above criteria, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order set down to determine which pupils should be admitted:

- I. Preference will be given to younger pupils before older pupils established by date of birth as entered on a Birth Certificate.  
Where two or more pupils have the same date of birth, pupils will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter(s) of surname (as entered on birth certificate) in the order set out below:

**P R C L D T A X Q H E V G Y F Mc W M S B O K Z I U N J**

This order is determined by random selection.

- II. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.
- III. Computerised Random Selection

### C Notes

Full responsibility rests with Parents/Guardians to provide sufficient and full details on the Transfer Application to allow the Admission Criteria to be fairly administered. Inaccurate or misleading information provided on or attached to a Transfer Application may prejudice an offer or a place and may lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to an applicant who has thereby gained an improper advantage.

### 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 Transfer Application.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by post-primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's Transfer Application.

### APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2019/20	160	175	175 inc 7 Stage 5 pupils
2020/21	160	173	173 inc 12 Stage 5 pupils
2021/22	160	177	171 inc 7 Stage 5 pupils

### ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR YEARS 9-12

Applications to attend St. Patrick's High School is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos of the school. All pupils applying for a place will be required to attend an interview. The AP1 Form is available from the school officer or the EA website [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions).

Pupils will be considered for admission on the following criteria:

1. A pupil will only be considered provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment figure as determined by the Department of Education.
2. Pupils will be considered for admission provided that, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, they would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.
3. The admission of a pupil may not result in an increase in class size beyond that which is consistent with the School's Curriculum Policy.
4. If at the time of the consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places in a particular year group available, then the admission criteria to Year 8 will be applied to select pupils to fill available places.

### CRITERIA FOR YEAR 13

Applications to attend St. Patrick's High School is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos of the school. All pupils applying for a place will be required to attend for an interview.

The following criteria for admission will be applied in the order set down:

1. A pupil will only be considered provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment figure as determined by the Department of Education.
2. Pupils will be considered for admission provided that, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, they would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources.
3. The admission of a pupil may not result in an increase in class size beyond that which is consistent with the School's Curriculum Policy.
4. To be admitted to A' Level courses, students will be required to have achieved 5 A\*-C grades or above at GCSE.
5. Then, if there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places shall be awarded in the following order:
  - i. Applicants with the highest GCSE score and/or equivalents as recognised by DE in the following manner:

A\*= 9 points

A = 8 points

B = 7 points

C\*= 6 points

C = 5 points

ii. In the event of a tie, priority shall be established by computerised random selection.

**Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13:**

The Department of Education may, on request, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its Year 13. Places that become available in this way shall be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for sixth form study (as above) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St Patrick's High School.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at St Patrick's High School has been agreed by the Department of Education.

**\*\*Parents should note how the Department of Education will, in response to a school's request, increase the school's enrolment number in order to allow an extra post-16 pupil to enrol. DE will first check whether there is another school or schools of a type suitable for that pupil within an hour's journey of where the pupil lives. If there is, DE will then check whether this other school or schools may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue. If these checks find that no other suitable school may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue – then DE will agree a school's request for an extra place.**

**What is a school of a type that is suitable for a pupil?**

To determine this, DE first considers all schools to be one of four types:

- (i) Denominational
- (ii) Nondenominational
- (iii) Integrated and
- (iv) Irish-Medium

A school requesting an extra place for a post-16 pupil will belong to one of these four types and DE will consider any other school or schools from this same type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school from the same type as the type of school that the child attended in Year 12.

**Criteria for entry to Year 14 from Year 13**

Entry to Year 14 from Year 13 is dependent on a satisfactory academic performance at AS Level as determined by the Key Stage 5 team in consultation with the school Principal and relevant Advanced Level teachers.

**St Patrick's High School does not operate a waiting list for students who apply for a place to any year group and are unsuccessful. Each application is decided upon at the time of receipt.**