

RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

YEAR 12 ADMISSIONS CRITERIA for 2019-20

The Board of Governors draws up the Admissions Criteria and delegates to the Principal the responsibility of applying the criteria in the selection of pupils.

Rathmore Grammar School is a Catholic Co-educational Voluntary Grammar School which was opened in 1953 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary whose rich tradition it inherits. The ethos and aspirations of the School are outlined in the School Prospectus.

Admission of pupils will be subject to the availability of places within the school, the particular year group and class group and to curricular arrangements and timetable constraints.

As the GCSE course covers two years, only in exceptional circumstances will applications to Year 12, the second year of the course, be considered.

1. If suitable places are available consideration will be given to accepting applicants of proven academic ability and achievement whose school records demonstrate:

- (i) respect for school rules and policies and co-operation with teachers and school management;
- (ii) regular and punctual attendance; overall attendance should be **at least 95%**.
- (iii) commitment to school work and homework.

In assessing the suitability of applicants under this paragraph, the Principal will refer to their school reports and their results in any public examinations taken. In the case of applicants transferring from schools outside Northern Ireland the Principal may also request the Education Authority to make an assessment of their ability.

2. If the number of applicants who fulfil the terms of paragraph 1 exceeds the number of places available, the Principal will, on the basis of the information presented to her, apply the following sub-criteria, in the order set down, in the selection of applicants:

- (i) pupils with the highest academic achievement and commitment to their studies as indicated by their school reports and their results in any public examinations or Education Authority assessments;
- (ii) brothers or sisters of present or past pupils of the school or of pupils who have already been selected for admission to the school;
- (iii) children of members of the permanent teaching, administrative, technical or ancillary staff of the school or of staff who are due to take up such an appointment;
- (iv) children whose circumstances are deemed by the Principal to be special and for whom she considers the school has a particular pastoral duty to discharge.

3. If, on applying sub-criteria (i) to (iv) above, it becomes necessary to differentiate between applicants in a particular group, then the final available place(s) will be allocated on the basis of a computerised random selection process.

APPLICATIONS

The Application Form must be completed in full and school reports for each year of the applicant's secondary education must be attached to it.

Admission on 1 September: Applications to enter the school in September should be submitted to the school **before Friday 7 June**. Applications received by 7 June will be considered first.

Admission after 1 September: In the event of a place becoming available after 1 September, the above criteria will continue to be applied to any unselected applicants whose parents have informed the school in writing that they wish to keep their application open and to any new applicants.