



DOMINICAN COLLEGE BELFAST

Criteria for Admission to Year 11

Pupils will be considered for admission to the College provided that all the criteria below are satisfied:

1. Their admission would not cause the school's enrolment number (as set by the Department of Education) to be exceeded (This number is currently 1050).
2. Their admission would not cause the maximum number of pupils in a practical class (as set by the Department of Education) to be exceeded (This number is currently 20).
3. Their admission would not cause the maximum number in any year group (as set by the Board of Governors) to be exceeded. (This number is currently 156).
4. Their admission would not in the opinion of the Board of Governors prejudice the efficient use of resources.
5. The Applicant has an acceptable disciplinary record.
6. The Applicant has an acceptable attendance record. (Applicant's will be expected to: have an attendance record consistent with the NI Grammar School average; provide an official record of their attendance as recorded on SIMS for the whole of their post-primary education to date).
7. The applicant has demonstrated sufficient academic ability to follow the full school curriculum. This will be assessed using:
 - a. All academic reports pertaining to the applicant's post-primary education
 - b. The outcome of an Entrance Examination approved by the Board of Governors

Pupils who have already completed Year 11 in another school may only be considered for admission to Year 11 and not Year 12.

In the event of there being more applicants than places within the school or a particular year group the following criteria will be used in the order given:

1. Applicants who have a sibling currently enrolled at Dominican College.
2. Applicants who have had a sibling enrolled at Dominican College.
3. Applicants who have moved into the school's catchment area from another town or district.
4. Applicants who are entitled to free school meals.*
5. Applicants whose reason for application is based on being bullied or being extremely unhappy at the current school, but not being the cause of behavioural problems at school provided that the reason is supported by a letter from the Principal of the current school.
6. If after consideration of the above criteria there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated by date of birth (Original Birth Certificate must be provided) Priority will be given to the oldest applicant.
7. If after consideration of date of birth there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated in alphabetical order first by surname and then by forename if required.

**** "entitled to Free School Meals" will mean applicants who are listed on the Education and Library Board/ESA register as entitled to Free School Meals at the of application.***