

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEARS 9-12 GENERAL POLICY FOR ADMISSION

Assumption Grammar School is a Catholic grammar school for girls. The Board of Governors will consider for admission pupils who have the ability to cope with the academic requirements of the curriculum offered by the school and whose parents are in support of the philosophy, ethos and aims of the school.

The Board of Governors draws up the school's policy and criteria for admissions and delegates to a sub-committee responsibility for applying the criteria in the selection of pupils.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- 1 If suitable places are available in any particular year, and subject to enrolment numbers, consideration will be given to applicants who produce evidence of good academic ability and achievement, and evidence to affirm this will be required.

For Years 9 and 10, the evidence looked at will be:

- a) The Band the pupil achieved in their SEAG Assessment.
- b) For any pupil deemed as having 'special circumstances', the new Band awarded will be used, NOT the original.
- c) For any pupil who did not sit the SEAG Assessment, their most recent PiE and PiM scores or alternative baseline data will be used.

For Years 11 and 12, the evidence looked at will be:

- a) The results and teachers' comments from the pupil's most recent Year 10/Year 11 report - original documents must be provided.
- b) The result achieved in their Key Stage 4 Baseline Test.
- c) For any pupil who has not completed their Key Stage 4 baseline test, they will be required to sit this assessment in Assumption Grammar School.

- 2 Applicants, if accepted, will be expected to abide by the school's standards of behaviour, apply themselves seriously to their studies and co-operate fully with the school, showing loyalty and participating as fully as possible in the life of the school.
- 3 If there are more applicants than there are places available, the following further criteria will be applied in the order set out below.
 - a. Pupils who have/had a sibling (past or present) at the school or already accepted for the coming year. *(Name and year left/current year group of sibling to be stated).*
 - b. A pupil who is the eldest or only girl in her family, or a pupil who is the first girl in her family to transfer to a Grammar school. This Criterion covers 'only' children and will treat twins or other multiples as joint eldest. For the purpose of this criterion "eldest child of the family" will be interpreted in accordance with DE Circular 2024/18: "The Procedure for Transfer to Post-Primary Education". *The parents/guardians must provide evidence stating that the applicant is the eldest or only girl in her family, or is the first girl in her family to transfer to a Grammar school. The applicant and family must be known for at least two years to the verifier of such evidence. It must be written on headed notepaper and signed by a verifier who is not a member of the applicant's family. Examples of this might include a medical practitioner, a solicitor, a Priest / Minister of Religion or a Primary School Principal.*
 - c. A pupil who is considered by the Board of Governors to have special circumstances and who is judged deserving of a place in the school.
 - d. An applicant who is entitled to Free School Meals. *"Entitled to Free School Meals" will mean applicants who are listed on the Education Authority Register.*
- 4 The Board of Governors' sub-committee, or the Principal, delegated by the sub-committee, may interview the applicants and, on the basis of the above criteria and the interview, final selection will be made.

Requests for admission should be made in writing.