

# **ASSUMPTION GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BALLYNAHINCH**

## **ADMISSIONS CRITERIA - 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. This should include transfer grade (if applicable) most recent school reports, assessment scores and recommendation from the previous Principal as to the applicant's suitability regarding attitude to study, behaviour and attendance record.
- 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) A pupil who has a sister presently enrolled at the school or whose sister has been selected for admission in the coming year.
  - b) A pupil who is the eldest or only girl in her family or the first girl in her family to transfer to a grammar school in Northern Ireland. An applicant who has an older sister will be treated as the eldest girl in her family if the older sister is or will be aged 19 years or over on 1 September in the year in which the application is made.
  - c) A pupil whose sister has completed her studies at the school.
  - d) A pupil whose family has recently moved into the school's catchment area.

- e) A pupil who is the daughter of a past pupil.
  - f) 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.
- 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. These will normally be considered by the Board of Governors in June each year. Only in exceptional circumstances will a pupil be considered for admission at another time. This applies particularly to pupils seeking admission to Year 12.

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