

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

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**Voluntary Grammar School
Girls Grammar
Denominational**

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 160

Enrolment No: 1050

OPEN DAY

Due to Covid-19, unfortunately, we are unable to host our usual Open Day this year. A prospectus, video and further information will be available on our website. www.dominicancollege.org.uk

To PARENTS/GUARDIANS naming Dominican College as a preference on your child's Transfer Application.

Dominican College normally uses the grade awarded to applicants who have completed the GL Entrance Assessment as its main criterion for admitting pupils to the school. Due to the closure of schools, as a result of Covid-19, the GL Entrance Assessment will not take place on Saturday 30th January 2021. Furthermore, the supplementary GL Entrance Assessment on Saturday 6th February 2021 will not take place either.

Given the exceptional circumstances arising from Covid-19, the Board of Governors has determined that for one year only, Dominican College will use alternative criteria to admit pupils in September 2021.

Applications for admission to Dominican College will only be accepted from applicants who had registered to sit the GL Entrance Assessment 2020-21 in any of the PPTC schools.

Parents/Guardians of applicants who wish to apply for a place in Dominican College, should make the application through the post primary admissions process as set out by the Education Authority. The Board of Governors will treat all such applications for admission in accordance with the criteria set out in the Admissions Policy below.

Parents/Guardians must upload the GL registration card supplied by the school at which they were registered to sit the test, along with their online Transfer Application.

SPECIAL PROVISION

Special provision will be made by the Board of Governors for applicants:

Moving or recently moved to Northern Ireland:

- (a) whose parents/guardians wish them to transfer to post-primary school from primary schools outside Northern Ireland;
- (b) who have received more than half of their primary education outside Northern Ireland.

Applicants in category (a) and (b) above who wish to apply under Special Provision, do not need to produce a registration card for the GL Assessment. The Board of Governors will consider each application for Special Provision and determine whether it applies. If granted Special Provision, eligible applicants will then be considered with all other applicants who were registered to sit the GL Entrance Assessment 2020-21.

For those currently in P7 in primary schools in Northern Ireland, claims for Special Provision should be made on **Form SP1** and uploaded with the Transfer Application, along with independent, verifiable documentary evidence, as appropriate. **Form SP1** is available from Dominican College or our website. Parents wishing to claim Special Provision should also forward a copy of **Form SP1** directly to Dominican College by **Tuesday 16th March 2021**. After this date, claims for Special Provision should be made directly to Dominican College and the Admissions Office of the Education Authority. (the final date for the receipt of new applications/additional information is Monday 12th April no later than 4.00pm)

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions Criteria set out herein.

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that they supply, on/with the Transfer Application, all the information required to enable the Board of Governors to apply the admissions criteria.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2021

Applicants resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission before any child not so resident can be selected.

The Board of Governors will apply the following criteria for admissions in September 2021, in order of priority as set down below. If after the application of a criterion, there remain more applicants than places available, the next criterion is applied. (ie. If the application of Criteria 1 results in over-subscription, the Board of Governors will apply Criteria 2. This will be repeated until the admissions number has been reached)

CRITERIA

1. Applicants who had registered to sit the GL Entrance Assessment 2020-21 in any of the PPTC schools.
If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 2.
2. Applicants who have a sibling* (see note below) currently enrolled at Dominican College, or a sibling who has already been selected under the current transfer procedure. (Please state the name, year group and years attended of the sibling(s)).
If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 3.
3. Applicants who had a sibling* (see note below) previously enrolled at Dominican College. (Please state the name, year group and years attended of the sibling(s)).
If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 4.
4. Applicants who are enrolled at the following feeder primary schools;

Abbots Cross PS	Antrim PS	Ashgrove PS	Ballyhenry PS
Ballymacrickett PS	Ballymacward PS	Ballysillan PS	Ben Madigan Prep
Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain	Bunscoil Phobal Feirste	Carr's Glen PS	Cavehill PS
Christ the Redeemer PS	Cliftonville PS	Downey House PS	Fairview PS
Gaelscoil Eanna	Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach	Gaelscoil Na Bhfal	Glengormley PS
Greenisland PS	Hazelwood PS	Holy Child PS	Holy Cross Girls' PS
Holy Family PS	Holy Rosary PS	Holy Trinity PS	Ligoniel PS
Lowwood PS	Mercy PS	Mossgrove PS	Mount St Michael PS
Oakwood PS	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	Our Lady's PS	Our Lady Queen of Peace PS
Scoil An Droichid	Scoil Na Fuiseoige	Seaview PS	St Anne's PS
St Bernard's PS (Glengormley)	St Bernard's PS (Belfast)	St Bride's PS	St Clare's PS
St Colman's PS	St Comgall's PS	St James' PS	St John the Baptist PS
St Joseph's PS (Antrim)	St Joseph's PS (Crumlin)	St Joseph's PS (Lisburn)	St Kevin's PS
St MacNissi's PS	St Malachy's PS	St Mary's, Divis Street	St Mary's, Kircubbin
St Mary's on the Hill PS	St Mary's Star of the Sea PS	St Matthew's PS	St Michael's PS
St Nicholas' PS	St Oliver Plunkett PS	St Patrick's PS	St Paul's PS
St Peter's PS	St Teresa's PS, Glen Road	St Therese of Lisieux PS	St Vincent de Paul PS
Templepatrick PS	Whiteabbey PS	Whitehead PS	

If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 5.

- Applicants who are enrolled at the following ‘main’ feeder primary schools. This group of schools has been determined by analysis of the numbers of girls sent from each school to Dominican College over the last 3 years (no priority will be given to any particular school within this main feeder primary school group);

Ballymacrickett PS	Cavehill PS	Gaelscoil Eanna	Holy Cross Girls’ PS
Holy Family PS	Mercy PS	Our Lady of Lourdes PS	Our Lady’s PS
St Bernard’s PS (Glengormley)	St James’ PS	St Joseph’s PS (Crumlin)	St MacNissi’s PS
St Mary’s on the Hill PS	St Matthew’s PS	St Therese of Lisieux PS	

If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 6.

- Applicants who are the eldest girl of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to Dominican College. This criterion covers only children, and the Board of Governors will treat twins or other multiples as joint eldest.

Applicants who consider that this criteria applies to them (as the ‘eldest’ girl of the family), must provide a verifying letter written on headed notepaper, and signed by one of the following, who is not a member of the child’s family:

- Primary school principal
- Family doctor
- Parish priest/member of clergy known to the family

If an applicant has an elder sibling who did not gain entry to Dominican College in previous years due to applying to Dominican College and not gaining entry, she shall be considered with all eldest girls (evidence must be provided).

If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 7.

- If after consideration of the above criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of the initial and subsequent letters of the applicant’s surname followed by the applicant’s forename(s) (as entered on the birth certificate). This letter order will be determined by random selection and verified by the Board of Governors prior to the consideration of the first application.

If after consideration of this criteria, there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated on the basis of Criteria 8.

- If after consideration of the above criteria there remain more applicants than places available, places will be allocated by date of birth as identified on the birth certificate presented at registration for the entrance assessment. Priority will be given to the oldest applicant.

*A “sibling” is regarded as a “child of the family”, as defined by DE in circular 2016/15.

Please Note:

When considering which applicants should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or uploaded with the Transfer Application. Parents should therefore ensure that **all** information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school’s admission criteria is stated on the Transfer Application or uploaded with it. An example of such information includes: whether the child has a sibling currently enrolled at Dominican College or is the eldest girl of the family eligible to transfer to mainstream post-primary education.

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 applicant’s Transfer Application. If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The names of all unsuccessful applicants will be automatically placed on the waiting list. Parents/Guardians should contact the school in writing if they wish their daughter’s name to be removed from the waiting list.

Should a vacancy arise after 18th June 2021, all applications, on the waiting list, for admission to Year 8 including: applications that were initially refused; new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30th June 2022.

The school will contact parents in writing if their child gains a place in the school by this method.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2018/19	150	195	152*
2019/20	160**	222	163*
2020/21	160**	200	160*

*includes children who were admitted to the School with a statement of special educational needs.

** temporary variation granted for admission of an additional 10 places granted.

Information on grades and admissions in the last three years may be accessed in the school prospectus which is available to view on our website.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

There is no Capital Fee payable, but we ask parents/guardians for a voluntary contribution of £120 per annum (payable at £10 per month if desired) to assist with the provision of additional facilities and equipment.

Admission criteria for Years 9 to 13 can be obtained by contacting the school directly.