

ST RONAN'S COLLEGE

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Voluntary Grammar

Age Range: 11 – 19

Admissions Number: 280

Enrolment Number: 1650

Virtual Open Day Wednesday 9 December 2020

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Subcommittee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term Board of Governors includes any Committee or Subcommittee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admission Criteria set out herein. A member of the school's secretarial staff will offer administrative assistance to the Admissions Subcommittee.

Applications to attend St. Ronan's College is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy and regulations of the school including any code of conduct of discipline policy of the school. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

The Subcommittee on behalf of the Board of Governors will follow the outlined procedure. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the College admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application.

Notes of Information

- In accordance with DE regulations, all children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission before any child not so resident may be selected.
- It is the sole responsibility of the parents/carers of prospective pupils to ensure that all information relevant to the Admissions Criteria of St Ronan's College is submitted on the Transfer Application.
- Parents/carers should use the Transfer Application to provide as much information as possible to assist the College in the application of its criteria. Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to use the relevant section of the EA Post Primary Application in order to provide relevant information which demonstrates clearly why the child is entitled to admission.
- The provision of inaccurate, ambiguous or misleading information provided on, or submitted with, any such application, may prejudice the offer of a place and may subsequently lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to any applicant, who shall be deemed to have gained unfair and improper advantage by submitting such information.
- The College reserves the right to authenticate and seek verification of the content of any application. In the case of a surname, the final decision will be based on the surname shown on the birth certificate, or any subsequent court order. The failure to provide verifying documents according to the required deadline may result in the inability of the College to offer a place.

ADMISSION POLICY FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

(either in September 2021 or during the course of the 2021/2022 school year)

The Subcommittee on behalf of the Board of Governors will apply the criteria listed below to identify which children will be admitted to Year 8. In selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the College will be selected before any child not so resident.

Application for admission to St. Ronan's College will be divided into two categories, A and B. All applications will be considered but applications belonging to category A will be given preference over applications belonging to Category B.

CATEGORY A

Category A will be applied in the order set down.

1. A pupil who has older siblings in St. Ronan's College on the date of transfer.
2. A pupil whose permanent place of residence is within any of the contributory parishes listed in no particular order.
 - Parish of St Peter's Shankill (Lurgan)
 - Parish of St Paul's Shankill (Lurgan)
 - Parish of Seagoe
 - Parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry
 - Parish of Magheralin
 - Parish of Glenavy and Killead
 - Parish of Tullylish
3. A pupil from any primary school within the named contributory parishes listed in (2) above
 - St. Teresa's PS Lurgan
 - Tannaghmore PS Lurgan
 - Lurgan Model
 - Carrick PS
 - St. Francis' PS and Bunscoil Naomh Proinsias
 - St Patrick's PS Aghacommon
 - St. Mary's PS Derrytrasna
 - St. Patrick' PS Derrynaseer
 - St. Mary's PS Derrymore
 - St. Patrick's PS Magheralin
 - St John's PS Gilford
 - St Colman's Bann PS
 - Ballymacrickett PS Glenavy
 - St. Joseph's PS Crumlin
 - Rowandale Integrated PS
4. Applications from pupils whose parent/guardian is a permanent employee of the College.

CATEGORY B

All other applicants.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above categories the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order below to each category beginning with Category A to determine which children should be admitted. Should places still exist, the process will be repeated for Category B until all places are filled:-

1. Those pupils whose Transfer Application expresses a first preference for St. Ronan's College and who have a sibling**, who is currently in attendance at St. Ronan's College.
2. Those pupils whose Transfer Application expresses a first preference for St. Ronan's College and who have had a sibling** previously in attendance at St. Ronan's College.
3. Those pupils whose Transfer Application expresses a first preference for St. Ronan's College and who are the first eligible*** child in their family transferring to second level education.
4. Those pupils whose Transfer Application expresses a first preference for St. Ronan's College and do not qualify in 1, 2, 3 above.
5. In the event of oversubscription then students will be admitted by a criterion that prioritises applicants where the letters of their name (as entered on a Birth Certificate) places them on a rank established by any order of all of the letters of the alphabet. Applicants will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on a Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

T L Z G X I F U S C J O P Y B M D Q H R A K E W V N

This order was determined by randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetic order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

**The use of the word sibling covers children fostered and adopted and avoids having to define all various permutations of sibling.

***Eligible – The Board of Governors defines 'eligible' as fulfilling reasonable circumstances which place the child in Category A3. These might include a scenario whereby the family was resident at an address outside the

catchment area when the first child transferred, or that the first child, with a Statement of Special Educational Needs was placed in a school commensurate with their needs and by default could not attend St. Ronan's College. In either instance, verified documentation will have to be produced which authenticate the situation. The Board of Governors will reserve the right to determine 'eligibility'. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school, at the time of application of the above.

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".

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2018/2019	280	294	292*
2019/2020	280	306	293*
2020/2021	280	259	259*

*including pupils with Statement of Education

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR YEARS 9-12

Applications to attend St. Ronan's College is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy and regulations of the school including any Code of Conduct and the Behaviour for Learning policy of the school. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school. An application form for admission can be obtained from the College office or from our website: www.stronanslurgan.org.uk

Pupils will be considered for admission on the following criteria:

1. A pupil will only be considered provided that the school will not exceed its enrolment figure as determined by the Department of Education.
2. Pupils will be considered for admission provided that, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, they would not prejudice the efficient and effective use of the school's resources.
3. The admission of a pupil may not result in an increase in class size beyond that which is consistent with the School's Curriculum Policy.
4. The Principal will consider the pupil's previous school report, attendance, work record, attitude to learning and behaviour. An interview between the parents/guardians of the child and the Principal or her deputy must take place before a pupil is admitted

If at the time of the consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places in a particular year group available, then the admission criteria to Year 8 will be applied to select pupils to fill available places. Only in exceptional circumstances will a pupil be admitted to Year 12.

Pupils regarded by the Board of Governors, on the basis of written or other evidence supplied by the parents/guardians and statutory or other agencies, as having Special Circumstances e.g. medical, social or security reasons may be considered for admission.

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR YEARS 13 AND 14

1. Application for admission to Year 13 and Year 14 indicates that the pupil is in agreement with the ethos, aims, values, policies and regulations of the college including any Code of Conduct and the Behaviour for Learning policy of St. Ronan's College.
2. To be admitted to an Advanced Programme of study in Year 13 and 14 in St. Ronan's College pupils will be required to have achieved a minimum of **SIX GCSE PASSES** at grade C or above. These must include GCSE English or GCSE Maths. Courses offered are at the discretion of the school, depending on the range of subjects available.
3. Advanced programmes of study including BTEC Level 3, Applied A Levels and A Levels have specific GCSE requirements within particular subject areas. The detail of such requirements are contained within our Guidance Booklet for Post 16 Choices available on request from the school - April 2021.
4. To progress from a BTEC Level 2 Diploma onto Advanced courses of study including BTEC Level 3, Applied A Levels and A Levels, a pupil must secure a Distinction/Merit grade in the BTEC Level 2 Diploma.
5. All applications to Post 16 study will be subject to:
 - i. The pupil having a satisfactory attendance record.
 - ii. The pupil having a satisfactory behavioural record.
 - iii. The pupil having a satisfactory punctuality record.
 - iv. The pupil having a satisfactory attitude to learning record.
 - v. Places being available in the subject taught.

Application for admission to St. Ronan's College Sixth Form will be divided into two categories – Category A and Category B. All applications will be considered but applications belonging to category A will be given preference over applications belonging to category B.

Category A

- Pupils attending St. Ronan's College and who meet the minimum criteria specified at (a) to (c) below have priority over all other applicants.
 - (a) Seven GCSE's or more, Grades A* - C including GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths, for entry to A Level courses.
 - (b) Six GCSE's or more, Grades A* - C including GCSE English Language or GCSE Maths, for entry to a combination of A Level/ Applied A Level/ CTEC or BTEC course.
 - (c) Five GCSE's or more, Grades A* - C including GCSE English Language or GCSE Maths, for entry to a Double Award Course and one Applied A Level/ CTEC or BTEC course.

Category B

- All other Pupils who meet the minimum criteria specified below and who are unable to obtain their A Level subject choices in their current school.

Applicants from Category B for Advanced Programmes of study at St. Ronan's College will be graded on their academic performance at GCSE and/or equivalents as recognised by DE in the following manner:

Grade A*/A = 5 points

Grade B = 4 points

Grade C = 3 Points

If there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places shall be awarded to applicants with the highest GCSE score. In the event of a tie, priority shall be established by random selection overseen by 2 members of the Board of Governors. All applicants from Category B will be required to provide a reference from their previous school or a copy of their most recent school report.

All pupils applying under Category B.

Criteria for Entry to Year 14 from Year 13:

Entry to Year 14 from Year 13 is dependent on a satisfactory academic performance and pastoral record at AS Level as determined by the Key Stage 5 team in consultation with the school Principal and relevant Advanced Level teachers. A pupil's pastoral record will include attendance, punctuality and the pupil's behavioural profile. All students in Year 14 are expected to follow a minimum of three Level 3 courses unless there are exceptional

circumstances supported by medical evidence or SEN evidence.

St Ronan's College criteria for any extra places made available by DENI for Admission into Year 13 (Sixth Form).

Department of Education (DE) may, on request, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its Year 13. Places that come available in this way will be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for Sixth Form study (as outlined above) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St Ronan's College.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at St Ronan's College has been agreed by DE****

****Parents should note how the Department of Education (DE), will, in response to a school's request, increase the school's enrolment number in order to allow an extra post-16 pupil to enrol. DE will first check whether there is another school or schools of a type suitable for that pupil within an hour's journey of where the pupil lives. If there is, DE will then check whether this other school or schools with places available may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue. If these checks find no other suitable school can provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue - then DE will agree a school's request for an extra place.

What is a school of a type that is suitable for a pupil? To determine this, DE first considers all schools to be one of 4 types:

- (i) Denominational
- (ii) Non-Denominational
- (iii) Integrated
- (iv) Irish-Medium

A school requesting an extra place for a post-16 pupil will belong to one of these 4 types and DE will consider any other school or schools from this same type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school from the same type of school that the child attended in Year 12.

St. Ronan's College does not operate a waiting list for students who apply for a place to any year group and are unsuccessful. Each application is decided upon at the time of receipt.