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**Grant-Maintained
Integrated College**

Age Range 11-18

Approved Admissions 100

Number for 2017:

Approved Enrolment 620

Number for 2017:

Open Day 2017

The College will be open to prospective pupils and their parents on Saturday 14 January 2017 from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Principal's Address at 10.30 am in the College Assembly Hall

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

The criteria are drawn up by the Board of Governors, which may delegate the application of them to an Admissions Committee. 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. The Board of Governors may require the support of the College's administrative staff in order to fulfil its duties and they are so authorised by the Board of the Board of Governors.

ADMISSION CRITERIA YEAR 8 (2017/2018)

It is important for parents and primary school principals to be aware, that since its foundation, the College welcomes pupils of all-ability including those achieving grades in the Transfer Test.

Admission Criteria

The Board of Governors will seek to reflect in the total number admitted to the College a balance between the two main traditions in Northern Ireland. In order to achieve this, places will be allocated as follows:

Protestant tradition:	45%
Catholic tradition:	45%
Others:	10%

The criteria, set out below will be applied consecutively and separately to each of the above three categories. If there are fewer applicants than places available in any one category then the balance of the places will be divided equally between the remaining two categories. Should an odd number of places remain, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which has the greater number of applicants. Should an odd number of places remain and the number of applications be equal in both categories, then the additional place will be allocated to the category which represents the minority tradition on roll, in the College, at any time of the Admissions procedure. If there are fewer applicants than places in two categories then both balances of places will be allocated to the remaining category.

The religious affiliation of a pupil will be determined by the religious affiliation noted on or attached to the Transfer Form. If this information is not provided on the Transfer Form the religious affiliation will be determined by the category of primary school which the pupil attends i.e. Controlled or Maintained. The Board of Governors reserves the right to verify religious affiliation as recorded in the Primary School Information Management System.

Criteria for Admission to Year 8 September 2017/2018

The criteria shall be applied in the order set out below first to all applicants choosing New-Bridge Integrated College as their first choice of post-primary school, then to those choosing New-Bridge Integrated College as second choice and so on as required.

1. First Preference Applicants who have a brother(s) and/or sister(s) enrolled /formerly enrolled in the College **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
2. First Preference Applicants who are the eldest child/eldest eligible child.
 - Whose parent/guardian is a member of the College staff who has been in the salaried employment of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2017**.
 - A Governor of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2017**, or a former member of the Board of Governors who completed a full term of office. Applicants so described are regarded as equal. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
3. First Preference Applicants who are the eldest child in the family or the brother/sister of a 1st preference eldest child whose admission to Year 8 at the time of the Transfer Procedure was refused on a previous year due to oversubscription. Applicants so described are regarded as equal. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**
4. First Preference Applicants who are not the eldest child in the family and who are transferring from an integrated primary school. **(See procedures in the event of oversubscription)**

5. First Preference Applicants who are not the eldest child in the family and are transferring from a non-integrated primary school. (**See procedures in the event of oversubscription**)

Procedures in the event of oversubscription

In the event of oversubscription occurring at any of the above criteria then selection for places at that criterion will first be made with preference being given to pupils transferring from an integrated primary school. Information in relation to primary school is taken on the basis of the **primary school attended at the time the Transfer Form is signed**.

If oversubscription still occurs then preference will be given to:

- a. pupils whose parent is a former pupil of New-Bridge Integrated College. The name of the parent must be clearly stated.
- b. the initial letter of the surname, in the order set out below. Information in relation to surnames will be taken on the basis of the name as it appears on the applicant's birth certificate.

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

This order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet. This order will be re-selected each year and will therefore change.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order corresponding with the order used in the residential section of the Northern Ireland Telephone Directory. In the event of two or more identical surnames the alphabetical order of the letters of the first forename appearing on the Transfer Form will be used.

In the event of applicants being of equal precedence at this stage of the admissions procedure i.e. with the same spelling of both surname and first forename, the decision will be made in favour of the pupil who lives the furthest distance from an alternative school of similar type i.e. grant maintained integrated, controlled integrated or transformed integrated. (Schools so described are regarded as equal). The distance will be taken as measured in a straight line on an Ordnance Survey Map from the front door of the pupil's home to the front gate of the alternative post-primary integrated school. This distance may be confirmed by recourse to advice from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. (A pupil's home is defined as the address given on the Transfer Form).

Parents/guardians should note that 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.

NOTES FOR INFORMATION

1. It is a matter for parents to ensure that all the necessary information required by the College in order to apply its criteria is provided on or attached to the Transfer Form. In particular it is important for parents to make it clear on or attached to the Transfer Form that they are claiming a relationship under Criterion 1 or Criterion 2. It is also the responsibility of parents to indicate on or attached to the Transfer Form information relevant for consideration under Criterion 3. Where parents certify that the applicant is the eldest child in the family, or the only child in the family for whom transfer to a post-primary integrated school has been possible since and including 1st September 1995 when New-Bridge Integrated College was founded or is the brother or sister of an elder child whose admission to Year 8 at the time of the Transfer Procedure was refused on a previous year due to oversubscription, this must be clearly stated on or attached to the Transfer Form.
2. In the case of multiple births in a family, such children are regarded as equal.
3. Long term foster children placed within a family where a son and/or daughter of the 'fostering' family is enrolled at the College, qualify for admission at Criterion 1.

Duty to Verify

The Board of Governors reserves the right to verify any information supplied on or attached to the Transfer Form and to obtain any information required to fulfil its admissions procedure. The Board of Governors wish to state that inaccurate or misleading information provided on or attached to a Transfer Form may prejudice an offer of a place and may lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to an applicant who has thereby gained an improper advantage.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8			
Year	Admissions No	T o t a l Applications All Preferences	T o t a l Admissions
2014/2015	100	126	100
2015/2016	100	131	100
2016/2017	100	127	100

TRANSFER OF PUPILS INTO YEARS 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

In the event of a place becoming available in Year 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 following the closure of the Transfer Procedure on 31 August 2017, the College will refer to letters of application lodged on the waiting list held for each year group.

Applications on this waiting list will be placed in chronological order of receipt and held in the categories, Catholic, Protestant and Other traditions. (For this purpose religious affiliation will be decided as stated in the criteria for admission to Year 8 in the Transfer Procedure).

In order to promote balance between the two main traditions, an available place in any year during the academic year shall first be allocated to the main tradition with the lower representation in the year applied for, or if this is equal, then in the overall enrolment of the College at that time.

The following admission criteria will apply;

1. Applicants who have a brother(s) and/or sister(s) enrolled in the College.
2. Applicants whose parent/guardian is; A member of the College staff who has been in the salaried employ of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2017**. A Governor of New-Bridge Integrated College for a period of no less than twelve consecutive months on **1 March 2017**, or a former member of the Board of Governors who completed a full term of office. Applicants so described are regarded as equal.
3. Applicants who are the eldest child in the family or the brother/sister of a 1st preference eldest child /eldest eligible child whose admission to Year 8 at the time of the Transfer Procedure was refused on a previous year due to oversubscription. Applicants so described are regarded as equal.
4. Applicants who are not the eldest child in the family transferring from an integrated school
5. Applicants who are not the eldest child in the family transferring from a non-integrated school

Procedures in the event of oversubscription

In selecting pupils for transfer, preference will be given to pupils who are transferring from an integrated school.

If no suitable applicant is available from the minority tradition at that time, further applicants will be considered using the same procedure and criteria outlined above in this section of the admissions criteria headed "Transfer of pupils during the Academic Year 2016/2017".

The Principal and the appropriate Year Co-ordinator will interview the applicant with the highest priority. The Principal will then make a recommendation to the Board of Governors based on all relevant available information.

When considering the offer of a place the Board of Governors must be satisfied that the offer of a place would be in the best interest of both the pupil and the College.

The Board of Governors would also ensure that:

1. The necessary place is available in the particular year group applied for,
2. The acceptance of the pupil would not prejudice the efficient use of resources by the College,
3. The College's enrolment number will not be exceeded.

These criteria for admission are subject to amendment from year to year.