Admissions Criteria for entry September 2024

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE **Maintained School Co-educational All-Ability** 518 Ravenhill Road Belfast BT6 OBY Telephone No: 028 9049 1280 / 9049 1474 Age Range: 11-18 E-mail: mmccormick566@c2kni.net Admission No: 150 Twitter: @stjosephs1992 Facebook & Instagram: St Joseph's College Belfast **Enrolment No:** 830 Web-site: www.stjosephscollegebelfast.org.uk Principal: Michele McCormick BSc (Mathematics) PGCE, PQH (NI) Chair of Board of Governors: Mrs Pauline Leeson

OPEN NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2024.

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS – 7pm and 8pm

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 Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admission criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30 January 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22 February 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 22 February 2024 and up to 4pm on 4 March 2024 will be treated as a late application. All applications after 4 March 2024 will be considered after punctual and late applications.

In the event of a number of applications exceeding the College's admission number, the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order stated below:

1. Applicants enrolled in the following Primary Schools in the Parishes of;

Drumbo & Carryduff (St Joseph's PS, St Ita's PS), Holy Rosary (Holy Rosary PS, St Michael's PS), St Bernadette's (St Bernard's PS), St Brigid's (St Bride's PS,) St Colmcille's (St Joseph's PS), St Malachy's (St Malachy's PS) and St Matthew's (St Matthew's PS).

- 2. Applicants who have a sister or a brother already enrolled in the school.
- 3. Applicants who are the eldest child in their family. To verify this fact, a letter from a member of the Clergy, Solicitor, or Public Servant such as a Health or Education professional directly involved with the family must be provided.
- 4. Pupils who are deemed by the Board of Governors, on the basis of the supporting evidence from parents and/or medical personnel and/or statutory agencies and/or other sources, to have special circumstances e.g. medical, social, pastoral or other. All supporting evidence must be submitted with the Transfer Application Parents/Guardians should note that not every special circumstance applicant will be automatically deemed by the Board of Governors to have special circumstances.

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- 5. Applicants whose Transfer Application expresses a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. preference for St Joseph's College, with admission being granted in that order, after the above criteria have been applied.
- 6. Final placement will be determined on distance by foot from home to College as measured using maps.google.co.uk.

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 criteria relating to the initial admission of pupils into Year 8 before the commencement of the 2024 school year will also be used for entry in Year 8 should admissions become possible after the commencement of the 2024 school year.

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>i.e.</i> All preferences	Total Admissions
2021/22	150	175	150
2022/23	150	184	150
2023/24	150	225	150

Applications and Admissions

ADMISSIONS TO YEARS 9 ONWARDS

All applications for admission to Year 9 onwards will be treated equally and the published criteria above will be applied.

ADMISSIONS TO POST 16

If oversubscribed, priority to Post 16 will be given to Year 12 pupils in attendance at the College. The criteria relating to the initial admission of pupils into Year 8 before the commencement of the 2024 school year will also be used for entry into Post 16 thereafter.