

ST MALACHY'S COLLEGE

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Voluntary Grammar School

Boys' Grammar

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 170

Enrolment No: 1050

Celebrating over 180 years as a leading College

OPEN EVENINGS

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we are unable to showcase the College through our usual Open Nights. A video, prospectus and information pack are available on our school website, www.stmalachyscollege.com

To Parents/Guardians/Carers naming St Malachy's College as a preference on their child's Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent.

Under normal circumstances, St Malachy's College will give preference to, (apart from those who qualify for either the Special Circumstances or Special Provision procedures), those applicants awarded a **grade** by GL in completing the GL Entrance Assessment or the Supplementary GL Entrance Assessment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and following Public Health restrictions, the GL Entrance Assessment and Supplementary GL Entrance Assessment have been cancelled this year. Consequently, in these exceptional circumstances and for this year only, our normal entrance criteria have been amended to reflect this. Parents/guardians/carers whose children wish to apply for a Year 8 place in St Malachy's College should still do so through the normal post primary admissions process as set out by the Education Authority.

Special Provision

Special Provision may be made by the Admissions Committee of the Board of Governors for applicants:

- a) who are transferring from Primary Schools outside Northern Ireland.
 - b) who have received more than half of their primary education outside Northern Ireland.
- 1 For those applicants currently in P7 in Primary Schools in Northern Ireland, claims for Special Provision should be made on Form SP1, stating the precise reason why they believe their child is eligible for consideration under Special Provision and attach/upload it with the appropriate evidence to the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent. **This should be completed by 4.00pm on Tuesday 16th March 2021.**
 - 2 After this date, claims for Special Provision should be made directly to St Malachy's College, and **the relevant Education Authority Transfer Section notified**. The final date for new applications/additional information to be received by EA is no later than **4pm on Monday 12th April 2021**. Form SP1 is available from the College or its website.

Applicants wishing to apply under Special Provision do not need to produce or upload a copy of the PPTC Registration Card.

Information on grades and admissions in the last three years may be accessed in the College Prospectus. All pupils are asked to pay a Voluntary Contribution (currently £100 per annum).

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

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions 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 CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO FORM 1 (YEAR 8) IN SEPTEMBER 2021

NOTE: IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN/CARER OF A PROSPECTIVE PUPIL TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS SUBMITTED, EITHER ON THE ONLINE TRANSFER FORM/APPLICATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT OR TOGETHER WITH THE ONLINE TRANSFER FORM/APPLICATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT, ALL THE

Admissions criteria for entry September 2021

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO APPLY THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA OF THE COLLEGE TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROSPECTIVE PUPIL. ONLY EVIDENCE SUBMITTED EITHER ON THE ONLINE TRANSFER FORM/APPLICATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT OR ATTACHED/UPLOADED WITH THAT FORM AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION TO THE COLLEGE FOR ADMISSION SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN THE ALLOCATION OF A PLACE TO THE APPLICANT.

St Malachy's College will initially consider only those applicants who have been registered to take the GL Entrance Assessment or have been granted Special Provision. A copy of the PPTC Registration Card must be attached/uploaded to the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent. Applicants wishing to apply under Special Provision do not need to produce or upload a copy of the PPTC Registration Card.

The Board of Governors will not use as a criterion the position of preference given to the College on the Transfer Form/Application i.e. an applicant who has chosen St Malachy's College in any position on the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent will be considered equally with those who have put the College first.

ALLOCATION OF PLACES

St Malachy's College will give preference to those **applicants who have been registered to take the GL Entrance Assessment or have been granted Special Provision.**

All pupil's resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the College will be selected for admissions before any pupil not so resident.

In order to determine which pupils will be accepted into Year 8, the following criteria will be applied in the order set down:

In the event of there being more candidates in any criterion than places available within such criterion priority will be given in descending order to those who indicate on the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent that they:

- a) were registered to sit the GL Entrance Assessment on 30th January 2021 or were granted Special Provision;
- b) are applicants who are siblings of present or past pupils of St. Malachy's College (**names and dates of attendance**);
- c) are applicants who are the eldest boy of the family eligible to transfer to mainstream post primary education. This criterion covers 'only' children and will treat twins or other multiples as joint eldest;
- d) are a pupil who is entitled to Free School Meals at the date of application ("entitled to Free School meals" will mean applicants, who at the date on which they have submitted their post-primary Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent, or at any date up to and including 12th April 2021 (not later than 4pm), have communicated within their application that they are listed on the Education Authority register as entitled to Free School Meals);
- e) are pupils from the following contributory Primary Schools (not listed in order of preference)

Antrim Primary School, Antrim BT41 4AB	Ashgrove Primary School, Newtownabbey, BT36 6LJ
Ballymacrocket Primary School, Glenavy, BT29 4NE	Ballymacward Primary School, Lisburn, BT28 3SU
Botanic Primary School, Belfast, BT7 1QY	Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain, Belfast, BT14 6LA
Bunscoil Mhic Reachtain, Belfast, BT15 1EZ	Bunscoil Phobal Feirste, Belfast, BT11 9QS
Bunscoil an tSleibhe Dhuibh, Belfast, BT12 7JL	Cavehill Primary School, Belfast, BT15 5FG
Christ the Redeemer Primary School, Belfast, BT17 0TG	Cliftonville Integrated Primary School, Belfast , BT14 6JQ
Drumlins Primary School, Ballynahinch, BT24 8EU	Forge Integrated Primary School, Belfast, BT7 3HE

Gaelscoil Eanna, Newtownabbey, BT36 7AU	Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach, Crumlin, BT29 4LA
Gaelscoil na bhFal, Belfast, BT12 6AW	Glengormley Integrated, Newtownabbey, BT36 6HJ
Harding Memorial, Belfast, BT6 8PZ	Hazelwood Primary School, Belfast, BT36 7EN
Holy Child Primary School, Belfast, BT11 8JF	Holy Cross Boys Primary School, Belfast, BT14 7EX
Holy Evangelists' Primary School, Belfast, BT17 ODB	Holy Family Primary School, Belfast, BT15 2HP
Holy Rosary Primary School, Belfast, BT7 3DB	Holy Trinity Primary School, Belfast, BT11 8EG
Mallusk Primary School, Newtownabbey, BT36 4QE	Mount St Michael PS, Antrim, BT41 2AF
Our Lady of Lourdes Park Lodge, Belfast, BT15 5GQ	Our Lady Queen of Peace, Dunmurry , BT17 0RW
Pond Park Primary School, Lisburn, BT28 3BF	Sacred Heart Boys Primary School, Belfast, BT14 6HH
Scoil an Droichid, Belfast, BT7 2EP	St Aloysius Primary School, Lisburn, BT28 1TB
St Anne's Primary School, Belfast, BT10 ONE	St Bernard's Primary School, Newtownabbey, BT36 6DW
St Bride's Primary School, Belfast, BT9 6FP	St Clare's Primary School, Belfast, BT13 2SE
St Colman's Primary School, Lisburn, BT27 4QS	St James' Primary School, Newtownabbey, BT37 0AS
St John the Baptist Primary School, Belfast, BT11 9EH	St Joseph's Primary School, Antrim, BT41 1JZ
St Joseph's Primary School, Carryduff, BT8 8EX	St Joseph's Primary School, Crumlin, BT29 4LA
St Joseph's Primary School, Holland Drive, Belfast, BT5 6EH	St Joseph's Primary School, Slate Street, Belfast, BT12 4LD
St Kevin's Primary School, Belfast, BT12 6EN	St MacNissi's Primary School, Newtownabbey, BT36 6UE
St Malachy's Primary School, Belfast, BT7 2BJ	St Mary's on the Hill Primary School, N'abbey, BT36 6JU
St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School, Belfast, BT15 4HL	St Matthew's Primary School, Belfast, BT5 4EN
St Michael's Primary School, Belfast, BT6 0BW	St Nicholas' Primary School, Carrickfergus, BT38 8AU
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School, Belfast, BT11 8AY	St Patrick's Primary School, Belfast, BT15 2BN
St Paul's Primary School, Belfast, BT12 7NN	St Peter's Primary School, Belfast, BT12 4JR
St Teresa's Primary School, Belfast, BT11 8BL	St Therese of Lisieux Primary School, Belfast, BT15 5GF
St Vincent De Paul's Primary School, Belfast, BT14 8DP	Templepatrick Primary School, Ballyclare, BT39 0AQ
The Good Shepherd Primary School, Dunmurry, BT17 0PJ	

- f) in the event of oversubscription at the last criterion, selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as identified on the birth certificate. The order will be determined by random selection, witnessed by at least three members of the Admissions Committee on a date prior to receipt of transfer applications.

In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order using the above randomised selection order. In the event of two or more identical surnames the same alphabetical (randomised) order of the initial of the forenames will be used.

- g) should there be over-subscription at the last criterion then other applicants will be selected on the basis of age with the oldest being selected first, established by date of birth as entered on a birth certificate.

Please Note:

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached/uploaded to the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent. Parents/Guardians/Carers should ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent or attached/uploaded to it.

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 Online Transfer Form/Application or its equivalent.

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

Should a vacancy arise after 18th June 2021 all applications for admission to Year 8 that were initially refused, new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria above will be applied. This waiting list will be in place until 30th June 2022. The College will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the College by this method.

Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the College if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2018/19	150	260	150
2019/20	172*	240	172*
2020/21	170**	249	174***

* temporary variation granted for admission of an additional 22 places

** temporary variation granted for admission of an additional 20 places

*** total admissions figure includes pupils who had an Admissions/ECB appeal upheld

Criteria for Years 9 and onwards

Available on request from the school.