

Integrated College Dungannon

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Grant Maintained Integrated College

Age Range: 11-18

Admissions No: 110

Enrolment No: 670

OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, we have been instructed not to host Open Evenings. We will continue to follow the direction of the Department of Education and Public Health Agency and will accommodate whatever options are possible to assist parents interested in enrolling their child at ICD.

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 the responsibility for applying these criteria to their Admissions' Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal.

Through the application of the Criteria, the Board of Governors **seeks to establish an overall balance between religious affiliations and academic abilities**. This is the pre-eminent feature which distinguishes an integrated school from other schools.

Our aim is to have an intake which is as close as possible to the ratio of 40% Catholic, 40% Protestant and 20% of students of other faiths, or none (Other Category). The Board of Governors also seeks to affirm the all-ability nature of the College, ensuring that each year group caters for all students, including the most academically able and those students requiring additional support with their learning.

Integrated College Dungannon is an integrated school, Christian in ethos and our student body represents all faiths and all abilities. Students of Protestant and Catholic backgrounds, all other faiths, and none are not only welcome at Integrated College Dungannon, but they also enrich the highly successful College that ICD has become. Our admissions criteria, with a Grammar Pathway and an All-Ability Pathway, means that as a College we can provide an appropriate educational placement for all children. We are truly a College for all the family. The **Grammar Pathway** is available for a maximum of 29% of the intake. The College will care for and meet the needs of children of all abilities, at a learning pace that is appropriate to help each individual child flourish and achieve their potential.

INTEGRATED COLLEGE DUNGANNON ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8 FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Parents naming Integrated College Dungannon as a preference on the transfer application must include the following information.

1. A Statement of the preferred **religious affiliation** of the applicant, either:

- **Protestant**
- **Catholic**
- **Other**

If religious affiliation is not stated on the Online Transfer Application Form, the applicant will be deemed Protestant, if transferring from a controlled school; Catholic, if transferring from a maintained school and other, if transferring from an integrated school.

2. Parents of academically able children who wish to opt for the **Grammar Pathway** should indicate this on the Online Transfer Application Form and may, if they wish, include academic evidence in the 'admission criteria notes' section of the Online Transfer Application Form. Academic evidence is simply an indicator of the child's academic profile, used to inform teaching and learning, and curriculum planning.

Integrated College Dungannon has been directed to select for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission before any applicant not so resident may be selected for admission.

In the event that the number of applicants exceeds our admissions' number, the Board of Governors has determined the criteria outlined below shall be applied to each mode of entry; grammar and then all-ability in that order.

The Criteria will be applied first to students in the 'Other' category until a maximum of 20% of the places have been allocated. If less than 20% of the places have been awarded, the balance will be divided between Catholic and Protestant applicants equally. Should an odd number of places remain, the additional place will be allocated to the main tradition having the greatest number of applicants. The Criteria will then be applied separately to Catholic and Protestant students. However, if there are less than 40% from either of the main traditions, the balance of places will be allocated between the other main tradition and the 'Others' category using the same procedure.

NB: The provision of inaccurate, ambiguous, or misleading information provided on, or attached to 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 Authorities reserve 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.

Those applicants not securing a place through the Grammar mode of entry will be considered with all other applicants who have applied through the all-ability mode of entry. There is no requirement to apply twice.

If there are more students for admission than there are places available, **the Board of Governors has determined that the following six criteria shall be applied.**

CRITERION 1

Applicants who have named Integrated College Dungannon as first preference.

Criterion 1 will be applied, and eligible applicants awarded a place. If Criterion 1 is oversubscribed, Criteria 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be applied in that order. If places remain, all other preferences will be considered equally in each mode of entry and Criteria 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be applied in that order.

CRITERION 2

Applicants who have a sibling currently enrolled at the College. If Criterion 2 is oversubscribed, Criteria 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be applied in that order. Sibling is defined as 'child of the family' and this includes:

- A child born to a married couple;
- A child born to a co-habiting couple;
- A child of either of those people by a previous marriage or relationship;
- A child living with same sex partners whether there is a civil partnership under the Civil Partnership Act 2004 or not;
- An adopted or fostered child;
- A situation where, for example, an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family.

CRITERION 3

Applicants who are the eldest, or only child of the family.

Criterion 3 will be applied and eligible applicants awarded a place. If Criterion 3 is oversubscribed, Criteria 4, 5 and 6 will be applied in that order. Twins and other multiples who are the eldest in the family are treated as joint eldest children.

CRITERION 4

Applicants who are transferring from either a grant maintained or controlled integrated school.

If Criterion 4 is oversubscribed, Criterion 5 and 6 will then be applied for the remaining places.

CRITERION 5

Selection for any places remaining will be based on the initial letter(s) of the surname, with students being selected in the order set out below. The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters.

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

CRITERION 6

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the letters of the first forename appearing on the transfer application will be used. For applicants with a double-barrelled surname, the first letter of the first surname is used.

Tie Break Criterion - Age

If further selection is required, applicants will be placed in rank order from eldest to youngest as entered on their Birth Certificate, selecting the eldest first.

NB. All information relevant to the above must be clearly stated by the parents according to the requirements of the Transfer Procedure conducted through the Education Authority.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT CRITERION

When applicants have been selected to the quota of the college's Admissions Number then the following criteria will be applied.

Applicants who are entitled to Free School Meals* (FSME): Priority to be given so that the proportion of such children admitted is not less than the proportion of first preference FSME applications received within the total number of first preference applications received. **

* 'entitled to Free School Meals' will mean applicants who at the date on which they have signed their post-primary Online Transfer Application Form, or at any date up to and including 9 March 2022 (not later than 4pm) have communicated within their Online Transfer Application Form that they are listed on the Education Authority register as entitled to Free School Meals.

** The calculation of this proportion will be on the basis of first preference applications received by the College on or before 28 February 2022.

NB. All information relevant to the above must be clearly stated by the parents according to the requirements of the Online Transfer Procedure conducted through the Education Authority.

DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to request supplementary evidence to support or verify information on the transfer application or appended to the transfer application by parents/carers. For verification purposes, original documents are required and not facsimiles or photocopies.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide any requested verifying documents within the deadline set by the College will result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of the College to offer a place.

It is the responsibility of the Parents/Carers to ensure that:

- **The Online Transfer Application Form is completed correctly.**
- **All relevant information is included on or attached to the Online Transfer Application Form including the religion of the applicant and if Grammar Entry should be considered.**
- **Any required verification documents are provided within specified deadlines.**

An applicant's place will not be withdrawn, by the College, after they have been informed of a successful placement, unless false verification of information provided has been proven.

WAITING LIST POLICY

These admissions criteria will be used for admissions up to and including the 31st August 2022 to applicants that were initially refused, new applicants and late applicants. Parents/Carers who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1st September 2022, should contact the Principal's Personal Assistant, Mrs A McKenna, clearly stating this.

Further information about Integrated College Dungannon can be obtained from the College office or the College's Admissions' Officer, Mrs I Darragh, by telephoning: **028 8772 4401**

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications i.e. All Preferences	Total Admissions
2019/20	110	122	112
2020/21	110	125	118
2021/2022	110	143	131

ADMISSION TO YEARS 13 AND 14

A minimum of 6 GCSEs Grade A* - C including English Language is required in order for a student to join Sixth Form at the College. Students must also meet the specific entrance requirements of the individual subjects they wish to study as published by the College in the Sixth Form Information Booklet for September 2021. This will be discussed with each student at the time of application.

Entry requirements for the Northern Ireland Football League (NIFL) Academy Player Scholarship Programme are published in a separate prospectus – available from the College on request.

The Board of Governors has agreed, when an application to join the College is received, the Principal may request an attendance and behaviour report from the previous school attended by the applicant. For all applications to Sixth Form, previous attendance above 90% and positive behaviour records will be required to assist the College in determining if a place will be granted to the applicant.

Admissions outside of the Education Authority Online Transfer Process

The College operates a Waiting List Policy for students seeking a place, outside of the Transfer Process, to Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13. A copy of this policy is available from the College.