

OMAGH HIGH SCHOOL

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Controlled

Secondary School

Boys and Girls

Age Range: 11 – 18

Admissions No: 100

Enrolment No: 530

Roll: 465

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 27 January 2025

1:15pm (Session 1)

&

3:15pm (Session 2)

Subject videos and a virtual tour available on our Website

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

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 Admissions Criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA 2026

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and closing date is 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT).

Priority will be given to pupils resident in Northern Ireland. If the number of children seeking places in the school is greater than the admissions number, then children will be selected for admission using the following criteria, applied in the order of priority set down below:-

- (a) Pupils who are transferring from the school's traditional contributory primary schools, ie Ardstraw Jubilee, Aughnacloy Regional, Christ the King, Carntall, Cooley, Denamona, Dromore, Fivemiletown, Gibson, Gortin, Holy Family, Kesh, Lack, Langfield, McClintock, Newtownstewart, Omagh County, Omagh Integrated, Queen Elizabeth II Kilskeery, St Mary's Killyclogher, St Patrick's Gortin and Richmond, Ballygawley.
- (b) Pupils with special medical, social or other circumstances. Such claims must be supported by written evidence.

If the parents/guardians of a pupil wish to apply for a place in the school based on special medical, social or other reasons, then these reasons will be considered by the Board of Governors together with supporting information submitted by the parents/guardians. In the light of the Admissions Criteria and the other circumstances the Board of Governors will decide whether the child should be admitted.

- (c) Pupils who have an older brother(s)/sister(s) presently enrolled at the school.
- (d) Other pupils.

If there are more applicants than places remaining for the last criterion that can be applied, then the selection of pupils who satisfy that criterion will be on the basis of the closeness of the home from the school, as measured by the shortest walking distance.

Admission to Year 8 after the beginning of the school year is the same as the normal Year 9 - 12 criteria.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any Application Form / Transfer Form.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by Post-Primary Schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicant's Transfer Application.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions Number	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	100	94	94 (includes 8 statemented pupils)
2024/2025	100	60	60 (includes 5 statemented pupils)
2025/2026*	100	77	77 (includes 11 statemented pupils)

****The Total Admissions for year 2025/2026 includes all Year 8 children admitted to the school including those who have a statement of special educational needs and/or may be attending SPiMS.***

(SPiMS = Specialist Provision in Mainstream School)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEARS 9 – 12

In the first instance, parents/guardians must make an appointment to meet with the Principal to discuss their child/children's application for admission.

Pupils will be considered for enrolment provided that:

- (a) the school would not exceed its enrolment number
- (b) in the opinion of the Board of Governors their admission would not prejudice the efficient use of the school's resources
- (c) the application is supported with the submission of up-to-date records, both academic and pastoral

If at the time of the consideration of the applications, there are more eligible applicants than places available then the admissions criteria for entry to Year 8 pupils will be applied.

In making decisions about the admission of a pupil who has been suspended or expelled from another school or who has had an attendance problem at the previous school attended, the Board of Governors will expect that appropriate reports from the previous school and/or other agencies or professional persons will have been provided or sought and put before them, together with any case made by the parent. After consultation with the relevant officers of the Education Authority Western Region (EAWR) to ascertain what level of additional help or resources would be available, the Governors will subsequently make their decision.