

AUGHNACLOY COLLEGE

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Controlled Secondary

Age Range of Pupils: 11-16

Admissions Number: 46

Enrolment Number: 232

Open Night will take place on Thursday 8th January 2026 at 7pm

Respective Functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in Relation to Admissions to The School

The Board of Governors draws up and applies the admissions criteria.

ADMISSION

The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and are in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the college including any code of conduct or discipline policy of the college. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the college.

ADMISSION TO YEAR 8

(either September 2026 or during the course of the 2026/2027 school year)

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 an application submitted by the closing date of 19 February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 19 February and up to 4pm on 24 February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

The Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order indicated to identify which children are to be admitted to the college. 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.

1. Children for whom Aughnacloy College is the nearest post-primary school to their home.
2. Other children (i.e. see below).

In the event of over-subscription, the following sub-criteria will be applied in the order indicated to identify which children are to be admitted.

- (i) Children whose brother/sister will be in attendance at Aughnacloy College during the 2026/2027 school year.
- (ii) Children whose brother/sister previously attended Aughnacloy College.
- (iii) Children living nearest to the college as measured 'as the crow flies' on an Ordnance Survey map.

In the event of a tie-break being required the Board of Governors will apply the following sub-criteria:

- (i) Children's date of birth will be used to determine admission with children who are oldest by birth certificate will be admitted.
- (ii) Children considered on the above criteria with the same date of birth will be chosen by surname on a randomly generated alphabet with the name appearing first being offered a place.
- (iii) The governors will not apply this criterion to children of multiple births as they recognised the repercussions of potential separation of siblings.
- (iv) Pupils whose surname begins with the next letter on the randomly generated alphabet will then be considered for admission .

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 Form.

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.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions Number	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	46	46	46
2024/2025	46	53	52*
2025/2026**	46	54	53
*Temporary variation for additional places approved/includes pupils with full statements of SEND			

****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 TO YEAR 9 - 12

A Pupil will be admitted provided that the following conditions are met;

- (a) the College's enrolment number is not exceeded.
- (b) the admission of the pupil would not prejudice the efficient use of the resources in the college.