

BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE

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Maintained School
Co-ed Post-Primary

Age Range: 11-19

Admission No: 195

Enrolment No: 1300

OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

Tuesday 13th January 2026 and Wednesday 14th January 2026. Principal's address at 7.20pm and 8.00pm.

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 Admissions criteria set out herein.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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 2026 and up to 4pm on 24 February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

The following criteria will be applied in the order it is written below

Admissions Criteria for Entry of Year 8 Pupils in September 2026:

1. Students whose normal place of residence is in the following contributory parishes (listed in no particular order): *
 - Holy Family
 - St Patrick's
 - St Gerard's
 - Holy Cross
 - Sacred Heart
 - St Vincent de Paul
 - St Mary's on The Hill
 - Loughshore
 - St Mary's Chapel Lane
 - St Nicholas' Carrickfergus
2. Students attending the following primary schools (listed in no particular order):
 - St Patrick's
 - Holy Family
 - St Therese of Lisieux
 - St. Columban's
 - Cavehill Primary
 - Cliftonville Integrated
 - Holy Cross Boys
 - Holy Cross Girls
 - Mercy Primary
 - Our Lady of Lourdes
 - St Bernard's
 - St James's

- St Mary's on the Hill
 - St Mary's Star of the Sea
 - St Mac Nissis
 - St. Nicholas' - Carrickfergus
 - St Vincent de Paul
3. Students with a brother or sister who is currently enrolled in Blessed Trinity College (name & year group stated on Transfer Application).
 4. Students who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to the school.**
 5. Students attending other primary schools in North Belfast, Glengormley and Carrickfergus area (listed in no order).
 6. Students who are brothers or sisters of past pupils of the founding schools (name stated on Transfer Application).

***Please Note:** Evidence of proof of normal residency must be provided by **uploading at least 2 of the following documents** :

- Bank or building society statement
- Utility Bill (Gas, TV Licence, Electricity, Internet Provider and Rates)
- Addressed Payslip
- Letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit
- Mortgage Statement
- Financial Statement such as Pension, Endowment or ISA
- Current Driving Licence
- Rental Agreement

****Please Note:** Evidence of 'eldest child' status must be provided by **uploading a verifying letter to the online transfer application stating that the child is the eldest/only eligible child** and that the child and family are known to the verifier. It must be written on headed notepaper and signed by one of the following who is not a member of the applicant's family:

- A medical practitioner
- A solicitor
- A clergyman or equivalent
- A primary school principal

At the point of over-subscription based on the criterion above priority will be given on the basis of student's age, the eldest chosen first. In the event of two students having the same DOB then distance from home to school, as determined on the proximity to the School i.e. straight line distance from home to school gate as measured on Ordnance Survey Map.

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 Transfer Application. 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.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Should a vacancy arise after 9th May 2026 all applications for admission to Year 8 in 2026 that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided, will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. This waiting list will be in place until 30th September 2026 after which time a new application is required. The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method. Please contact the school 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
2023/2024	195	240	195
2024/2025	195	250	195
2025/2026	195	255	206*

*Including children admitted with a statement of special educational needs.

Criteria for admission to years 9 onwards

Same as for Year 8 Admissions Criteria.