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Controlled Secondary School

Age Range: 11-18

Admissions No: 140

Enrolment No: 900

OPEN EVENING INFORMATION

The School Open Evening will take place on Thursday 15th January 2026, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. This event will consist of an opportunity to tour the school and subject department areas, meet teaching staff, and attend a formal presentation from the Principal in the assembly hall from 6.50pm – 7.10pm.

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 committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility of applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions Criteria set out herein.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEAR 8

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 27th January 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 19th February 2026 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 19th February 2026 will be treated as a late application.

If the school is oversubscribed the following admissions criteria will be applied in the following order:

- 1) Students with an older sibling/s who are enrolled at Breda Academy in the academic year 2025-2026.
- 2) Students transferring from the following feeder Primary Schools for Breda Academy in no preferential order.

Belvoir Park	Cregagh	Forge Integrated	Nettlefield
Blythefield	Donegall Road	Gilnahirk	Orangefield
Botanic	Dundonald	Harding Memorial	Rosetta
Braniel	Elmgrove	Knockbreda	Strandtown
Brooklands	Euston Street	Leadhill	Stranmillis
Cairnshill	Fane Street	Lisnasharragh	Taughmonagh
Carryduff	Finaghy	Loughview	

- 3) Students who are the eldest child or the first child in the family to transfer to a mainstream post primary school.
- 4) All other applicants: If there are more students meeting the set criterion than there are places available, each student will be assigned a unique number from 1 upwards depending on the number of applicants. The number assigned to each student will then be selected in rank order of first, second, third, fourth, fifth and so on as determined by an electronic random choice generator until all available places are allocated.

Only information declared on the Transfer Application will be used when applying the aforementioned criteria.

Duty to Verify

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

Waiting List Policy and arrangements in relation to applications for admission to Y8 after the 2026/2027 academic year commences:

The above criteria will be applied, in the first instance, to those applicants who have previously been refused a place in our school during the Transfer procedure up to the first day of the autumn term 2026. New applications for year 8 will be added to the end of the waiting list of those children not selected during the admissions process. Should a place become available during the school year all applicants will be considered using the above criteria providing the child's parent(s)/carer(s) have informed the school, in writing, on or after 1st September 2026 that they wish for their child be placed on a waiting list.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions Number	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/24	140	164	164*
2024/25	140	125	125
2025/26**	140	133	133

*2023/24 - Figure includes Temporary Variation to Admissions number and an SEN Social and Communication class of 8 students

****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)

The same criteria will also be applied when considering requests for admission to years 9 to 12
