

CAUSEWAY ACADEMY	Controlled Integrated School	
Carthall Campus, Carthall Road, Coleraine, BT51 3LR Cloyfin Campus, 21 Cloyfin Rd, Coleraine BT52 2NU Bushmills Campus, 16 Dunluce Road, Bushmills, BT57 8QQ	Age Range of Pupils:	11-18
E-mail: info@causewayacademy.coleraine.ni.sch.uk Website: www.causeway-academy.co.uk Principal: Ms RM Harkness Chairperson of the Interim Board of Governors: Mr J McCartney	Admissions No: Enrolment Number: *Under review	170 750*

Open Evening Information

Our Open Evening will be held on Thursday 15 January 2026 from 6.30pm until 8.30pm
 The Principal's address will be at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Causeway Academy is a new co-educational, 11-18, non-selective Controlled Integrated school and will open in September 2026. The school is an amalgamation of two Controlled Schools; Coleraine College and Dunluce School, along with a Grant Maintained School; North Coast Integrated College. Year 8 will commence in Carthall Campus.

Meaning of 'Integrated Education' according to the Integrated Education Act 2022

Integrated education means the education together, in an integrated school, of

- Those of different cultures and religious beliefs and none, including reasonable numbers of both Protestant and Roman Catholic children or young persons;
- Those who are experiencing socio-economic deprivation and those who are not; and
- Those of different abilities.

An 'Integrated school' is a school which –

- Intentionally supports, protects and advances an ethos of diversity, respect and understanding between those of different cultures and religious beliefs and none, between those of different socio-economic backgrounds and between those of different abilities, and
- Has acquired –
 - Grant-maintained integrated status, or
 - Controlled integrated status under the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.

The Interim Board of Governors of Causeway Academy note the definition of an Integrated School as outlined in the Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 and believe the criteria outlined below will allow the School to successfully meet this definition.

Respective functions of the Interim Board of Governors and Principal in relation to admission to the school

The Interim Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to the Principal the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term 'the Interim Board of Governors' includes any committee, sub-committee or person appointed by the Interim Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the admissions criteria set out herein. The application of the criteria provides for all children resident in Northern Ireland, at the time of their proposed admission to the school, to be selected for admission before any child not resident in Northern Ireland may be selected for admission.

Admissions policy

The aim of the admissions policy is to achieve as even a balance as possible in the intake regarding community background. The Interim Board of Governors will seek to reflect a balance amongst all communities, striving towards the NICIE statement of principles of:

- 40% Protestant traditions,
- 40% Roman Catholic traditions,
- 20% from 'None/Other'.

For admissions in September 2026, Causeway Academy; will reserve a maximum of 20% of places for students from communities other than Protestant and Roman Catholic communities or those stating 'None/Other'.

The criteria detailed below will be applied initially to members of the 'None/Other' community in the order set down, and a maximum of 20% of available places will be awarded to these applicants. In the event of less than 20% of places being awarded to applicants from the 'None/Other' community, the balance will be divided equally between Protestant and Roman Catholic applicants.

The remaining available places will be divided equally between Protestant and Roman Catholic applicants. In the event of an odd number of places remaining in the division, an additional place will be allocated to the main community which has the greater number of applicants. The criteria will be applied separately to Roman Catholic and Protestant applicants and, in the event of there being fewer applicants from either community than there are places available for that community, then the balance of places will be allocated to the other community. The community background will be decided by the community background noted on the Admissions application form.

Please note further: when considering which children should be selected for admission, the Interim Board of Governors will only consider information which is detailed on the Admissions application form. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admission criteria is stated on the online application form before the closing deadline.

Admissions criteria for Year 8

In the event of there being more applications than there are places available in each community, the following criteria will apply in the order set down:

1. Applicants who have a 'child of the family'¹ (*see definition below*), currently enrolled at Coleraine College, Dunluce School and North Coast Integrated College

The name/names must be indicated on the Admissions application form. Criterion 1 will be applied, and eligible applicants will be awarded a place; however, if criterion 1 is oversubscribed, criterion 2 will then be applied for the remaining places.

2. Applicants who are the 'eldest child' ² (*see definition below*) currently in education

This wording covers an only child and will treat twins (or other multiples) as the joint eldest. This criterion will also cover where the only elder child of the family currently attends a special school or where a child is more than seven years younger than his or her next oldest sibling. **Full details of this must be indicated on the admissions application form.** Criterion 2 will be applied, and eligible applicants will be awarded a place; however, if criterion 2 is oversubscribed, criterion 3 will then be applied for the remaining places.

3. Nearest suitable school

Applicants for whom Causeway Academy is the nearest suitable post primary school. As the only Controlled Integrated Post Primary School within Causeway Coast & Glens, the Interim Board of Governors wish to accommodate applicants where Causeway Academy will be their closest Integrated Post Primary

School. As measured by google maps by driving. However, if criterion 3 is oversubscribed the tie breaker as outlined below will be applied:

Tie breaker

If applicants are still ranked the same after application of the above criteria, then selection will be made on the basis of the initial letters of the legal surname, with the applicants being selected in the order of the following randomised selection of letters:

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

In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames, the alphabetical order of the letter of the first forename appearing on the transfer form will be used. If two pupils have the same surname and forename(s), a random selection by computer tie-breaker would be used.

¹ Definition of child of the family

The Department considers that “child of the family” covers:

- A child born to a married couple or to a couple in a civil partnership;
- A child born to a co-habiting couple;
- A child born to a single parent;
- A child of either/any of those people by a previous marriage, civil partnership or relationship;
- A child living with a couple who has been treated as a “child of the family” whether there is a marriage or a civil partnership or not;
- A child living with an individual who has been treated as a “child of the family”;
- An adopted or fostered child;
- A situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family or individual;

The child should be a child of the family as at the date of application, and the individual circumstances should be included on the online application form.

² Definition of eldest child

The intention of the Governors would be to recognise an applicant as the eldest child of the family with the understanding that there are no other children of the family aged between 11 and 18.

Duty to verify

The Interim Board of Governors reserves the right to request such supplementary evidence as it may require to support or verify information on any applicant’s Admissions application form. If the requested evidence is not provided to the Interim 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.

Parents should ensure that all relevant information is included on or attached to the Admissions Application as additional information which is subsequently received will only be considered in the event of a place becoming available after the issue of the initial placement notifications.

Verification of all Information

It is the responsibility of the Parents to ensure that:

- The Transfer Application and other necessary documentation is correctly completed.
- Any required verification documents are provided within specified deadlines.

Waiting list policy

The Academy operates a waiting list for applicants in all year groups, if required.

Should a vacancy arise after the date when placement notifications have been issued from EA, all applicants that were initially refused prior to that date will be considered using the published criteria applied and the rank order established during that process. Existing applicants who have supplied new or additional information will be ranked accordingly, and any new applicants after the date when placement letters were sent will be added below the existing applicants. This rank order will remain in place until the 1st of September of the year of admission.

Admissions to Year 8 after 1st September 2026

If parents/guardians wish to have their child's name remain on the waiting list beyond this date, they should inform the school in writing. Parents who have been refused admission through normal processes, or who are late, or new applicants, may apply for inclusion on the waiting list. Once the child is placed on a waiting list, he or she will remain on it until offered a place, withdrawn from the list by the parent or the child reaches the end of compulsory schooling.

Admission to Year 9 and onwards

Within the overall school enrolment, pupils will be admitted according to the following criteria applied in the order set down below:

1. Provided the school's enrolment number set by Department of Education is not exceeded;
2. Provided the admissions number for the year group is not exceeded;
- 3a. Provided the inclusion of an additional child does not place a class into conflict with DENI regulations on class sizes;
- 3b. Provided there is a vacancy in the class best academically suited to the child;
4. Should more than one child apply at the same time for the same year group, we would use the same admissions criteria as are used for admission into year 8;
5. Only in very exceptional circumstances will any new students be admitted to year 12, and only then provided subjects required by the student match those on offer in Causeway Academy.