

CITY OF ARMAGH HIGH SCHOOL

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Controlled Secondary

Age Range: 11 – 18

Admissions Number: 115

Enrolment Number: 650

SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Parents/carers and pupils in P7 and/or P6 are invited to visit the school on **Tuesday 6th January at 7.00pm**. Parents who are unable to attend are welcome to contact the school and arrange an appointment.

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

ADMISSIONS

The lodging of an application is interpreted by the Board of Governors as an indication that the parents and the child concerned accept and is in agreement with the ethos, philosophy, aims, policies and regulations of the school including the school's positive behaviour policy. Information in relation to these may be obtained from the school.

ADMISSION TO YEAR 8

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

In the event of over subscription, a Subcommittee of the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria in the order indicated to identify those children to be admitted to the school selecting children for admission, children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission to the school will be selected before any child not so resident.

1. Pupils who attend the following feeder primary schools:
Churchill PS, Drumhillery PS, Hamiltonsbawn PS, Hardy Memorial PS, Killylea PS, Lisnadill PS, Mount St Catherine's PS, Saints and Scholars Integrated PS, The Armstrong PS, The Cope PS
2. Applicants who have a sibling currently attending the school
3. Children for whom City of Armagh High School is the nearest controlled secondary school to the child's normal place of residence.
4. Other children.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria then selection will be determined as below:

- Applicants will be selected for admission on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on Birth certificate) in order set out below:

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

- In the event of surnames beginning with the same letter the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

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 verifying documents according to the required deadline can result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of the school to offer a place.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8

Year	Admissions Number	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	115	74	74
2024/2025	115	46	46
2025/2026*	115	68	68

****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)

FOR YEARS 9 – 12

The school will admit pupils provided that:

- (i) The enrolment number of the school has not been reached.
- (ii) The admission of the pupil would not be prejudicial to the efficient use of resources.

In the event of over subscription, the following criteria will be applied by a subcommittee of the Board of Governors to identify which pupils will be admitted.

1. Pupils for whom City of Armagh High School is the nearest controlled secondary school to their home.
2. Other pupils.

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