

SHIMNA INTEGRATED COLLEGE

Admissions Criteria for Years 9 to 12

It is a matter for the parent(s)/guardian(s) to ensure that all the information required by the college to apply the criteria be provided.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must apply using the ELB official form and the college's application form, which requests details of reasons for leaving present school.

The Board of Governors shall request a report from present/previous schools.

Without exception the parent(s)/ guardian(s) and the child will be interviewed by the principal prior to a decision being taken.

In the application of the criteria set out below, the Board of Governors will seek a balance between Catholic and Protestant traditions of not less than 40 % of either tradition and no more than 20% from 'other' traditions.

Criteria

When considering the offer of a place the Board of Governors will ensure that:

- (a) the college's approved enrolment number will not be exceeded;
- (b) the balance of the two main traditions in the college and in the particular year/group (as outlined above) will not be adversely affected;
- (c) the necessary resources are available in the particular year group applied for;
- (d) the Board of Governors must be satisfied that the offer of a place would be in the best interest of the student and the college;
- (e) the acceptance of the student would not prejudice the delivery of the curriculum to existing students at the college.

If a KS3 place is not available at the time of application, the parent(s)/guardian(s) may request that the student be placed on a waiting list.

If there is more than one applicant for an available place, the following sub-criteria shall apply in the order set out below:

- (a) Applicants who presently attend a Grant Maintained Integrated School or Controlled Integrated School as defined by the Education reform order (NI) 1989.
- (b) Siblings
- (c) Applicants whose parent(s)/guardian(s) is an employee of the Board of Governors or is due to take up such an appointment.
- (d) Eldest child
- (e) Other applicants

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In the event of being oversubscribed at the last sub-criterion which can be applied then selection for places remaining at that stage will be made by drawing a lot among the applicants under that criterion.

The religious affiliation of a student will be determined by either:

- (i) information supplied to the college by the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s) (eg on the college's application form), or
- (ii) the category of primary school which the student attended, i.e. controlled or maintained.

The Board of Governors, subject to its final approval, delegates to the principal, the task of applying the criteria. The Board of Governors reserves the right to seek confirmation of any information supplied.