



Admissions Criteria for Entry of Students – Year 13

The **Religious and Educational Philosophy** of St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School for Boys is that of a **Christian and Catholic School**.

For pupils who wish to enter the **Senior School** in St Mary's, the Board of Governors has laid down the following criteria:

- 1 The Board of Governors decide which applicants will be admitted and the Principal will administer the admission process on their behalf.
- 2 **Special Circumstances:**
The Principal may consider the admission of boys who do not meet the academic requirements below if the Principal is of the opinion that there are exceptional circumstances which should be taken into account.
- 3 Prospective pupils must apply for admission and must attend for interview if required.
- 4 Prospective pupils must have had a 95% attendance record and a record of good behaviour and discipline.
- 5 Applicants must attach a copy of their Results.
- 6 Applicants are to provide a copy of the most recent school report at the time of application.
- 7 In the first instance the best **six** subject grades will only be considered for students applying to study **A-Levels**. Pupils must obtain at least **33 points** in these six grades. This is the equivalent of three B and three C grades at GCSE (A* = 8, A = 7, B = 6, C* = 5.5 and C = 5).

Students applying to study the **BTEC Extended National Diploma in Sport Level 3** must obtain at least **30 points**. This is equivalent of six C grades at GCSE.

All students must have English Language and/or Mathematics at grade C or better.

Students applying to study the **BTEC National Diploma in IT Level 3** must have studied an IT related qualification at KS4 and have demonstrated an aptitude in programming and the use of databases.

- 8 In the event of places still being available the following will apply:
 - a) Pupils who have two B and four C GCSE grades (thirty-two points) will be considered.
 - b) These must include English Language and Mathematics.
- 9 Should there be over-subscription selection for all places remaining in this category will be on the basis of the initial letter of the surname as identified on the Application Form.
 - The order was determined by a randomised selection witnessed by a Governor and Principal in June of that year.
 - In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surname will be used in alphabetical order using the randomised selection. In the event of two or more identical surnames the alphabetical (randomised) order of the initials of the forenames will

be used. Where names cannot be separated by this process, students will be accepted by date of birth with preference given to the oldest.

- 10 Other General Criteria:
- a) There must be a vacancy.
 - b) It must also be possible to accommodate the choice of subjects to be studied by the pupil.
 - c) The Principal must be of the opinion that admission is academically and in all other respects appropriate.

- 11 Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13:

The Department of Education may, on request, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its Year 13. Places that become available in this way shall be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for Senior School study (as above) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

- a. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St Mary's Grammar School.
- b. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at St Mary's Grammar School has been agreed by the Department of Education*

*Parents should note how the Department of Education will, in response to a school's request, increase the school's admission number in order to allow an extra post-16 pupil to enrol. DE will first check whether there is another school or schools of a type suitable for that pupil within an hour's journey of where the pupil lives. If there is, DE will then check whether this other school or schools may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue. If these checks find that no other suitable school may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue - then DE will agree a school's request for an extra place.

What is a school of a type that is suitable for a pupil? To determine this, DE first considers all schools to be one of 4 types: (1) denominational (2) non-denominational (3) Integrated and (4) Irish-Medium. A school requesting an extra place for a post-16 pupil will belong to one of these 4 types and DE will consider any other school or school from this type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school from the same type of school that the child attended in Year 12.

- 12 It is required that an application to attend St Mary's Grammar School will indicate that there is an acceptance to respect the ethos and traditions of the school and to comply with all school Rules and Regulations.
- 13 Admission will not be offered where it is judged to be prejudicial to the efficient use of school resources.