

ST MALACHY'S HIGH SCHOOL

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Maintained Secondary School

Includes a Learning Support Unit and an Irish-Medium Stream

Age Range: 11-19

Admissions No: 164*

Enrolment No: 950*

OPEN DAY INFORMATION

Due to DENI guidelines re COVID open days in schools will now not take place. We will be producing a Virtual Open Day presentation and online prospectus for parents to view.

***Admission Number: 164 of which 25 places are in the Irish Medium Unit**

***Enrolment Number: 950 of which 125 places are in the Irish Medium Unit.**

In 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.

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

YEAR 8 ADMISSIONS TO ST MALACHY'S HIGH SCHOOL

In the case of pupils for whom special circumstances apply (medical, social or security) the Board of Governors will determine the merits of individual cases and may offer a place without regard for the admissions criteria. Written evidence will be required to support any such request and must be given on or attached/uploaded to the transfer application.

CRITERIA

If places are available, the school will admit all pupils whose parents wish them to attend. In the event of oversubscription, the following criteria will be applied in the given order:

1. Pupils that **attend a primary school within a contributory parish** listed as (in no particular order), Castlewellan (Kilmegan); Clonduff (the Cabra area only); Drumaroad and Clanvaraghan; Dromara and Drumgooland; Dundrum and Tyrella; Kilcoo; Newcastle (Maghera).

Priority will be given to children who have a child of the family currently enrolled in the school.

2. Pupils from other parishes, **but attend a contributory primary school** (in no particular order) with which the school has had a special relationship for many years, priority will be given to children who have a child of the family currently enrolled in the school.

St Mary's Rathfriland

St Patrick's Legamaddy

St Brigid's Downpatrick

St Columban's Kilkeel

Holy Family Teconnaught

St Nicholas Ardglass

St Patrick's Saul

Christ the King Drumaness

St Macartan's Loughinisland

OLSP Downpatrick (Non IME)

St Patrick's Ballynahinch

St Malachy's Kilclief

3. Pupils from other parishes where a child of the family is enrolled in the school.

4. Pupils from other parishes.

Admissions Criteria in the event of a Tie Breaker

If necessary, where over-subscription still exists, final selection will be on the basis of random selection, using the methods listed below, in the order which they are given:

- (i) Alphabetical: For admission to the school in September 2021, pupils will be selected for admission on the basis of the initial letter of surname (as entered on the original Birth Certificate) in the order set out below:

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This order was determined by a randomised selection of the letters of the alphabet, as selected by ballot by the admissions subcommittee at its meeting on 18th November 2020. In the event of surnames beginning with the same

initial 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 forename will be used.

- (ii) Random Selection: In the event that the school cannot distinguish between pupils with exactly the same full name, computerised random selection will be used to determine rank order.

NOTES: IMPORTANT

- 1 Full responsibility rests with parents/guardians to provide sufficient and full details on the transfer application to allow the admissions criteria to be fairly administered.
2. Inaccurate or misleading information provided on or attached/uploaded to an application may prejudice an offer of a place and may lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to an applicant who has thereby gained an improper advantage.

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 application.

All applicants for places in Saint Malachy’s should note that the provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by post-primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated in the application.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2018/19	164	214	214
2019/20	164	212	164
2020/21	164	205	*183

*Includes SEN students

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR YEARS 9–12 (and Year 8 post 31 August each year)

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A pupil may be accepted into the school provided this would not prejudice, in the opinion of the Governors, the efficient use of the school’s resources and that the school is in a position to provide a curriculum appropriate to the applicant’s needs.

The pupil’s previous school report, attendance, work record and behaviour will be considered and admission will be dependent on a favourable report.

If at the time of the consideration of the application, there are more eligible applicants than places in a particular year group available, then the admission criteria to Year 8 will be applied to select pupils to fill available places.

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**Aonad Meándeacrachta Foghlama
Sruth na Gaeilge**

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1. Pupils who have had all of their primary education through the medium of Irish
2. A child of the family of pupils currently enrolled in St Malachy's High School
3. Pupils who attend an Irish Medium Primary School in the Parish of Kilmegan, namely Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche
4. Pupils from the following bunscoileanna (not in any order of priority)
Bunscoil Mhuire agus Phadraig
Bunscoil an Iúir
Gaelscoil na mBeann
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