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**Voluntary Grammar School
 Co-Educational**

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 200

Enrolment No: 1410

OPEN EVENINGS

Our Open Evening will be virtual this year. Details of how to register will be posted on our website in early February.

To Parents/Guardians naming Belfast Royal Academy as a preference on your child’s Transfer Application.

Due to the disruption of the education provision for Primary 7 pupils, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board of Governors of Belfast Royal Academy will apply the Admissions Criteria detailed in Section 3 to select applicants applying for entry to Form 1 (Year 8) in 2021.

CAPITAL FEE £140 per annum

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors has resolved to maintain its practice of delegating to the Principal certain functions and responsibilities in relation to the admission of pupils to Belfast Royal Academy. The Board of Governors nominate a sub-committee to consider all Special Cases.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO FORM 1 (YEAR 8) IN SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 The Board of Governors will not use as a criterion the position of preference given to the school by the applicant on the Transfer Application. Therefore, an applicant who has listed Belfast Royal Academy as a second or subsequent preference school will be considered in the same way as those who have placed this school first on the list, where the applicant does not secure admission to his/her first preference school.
- 2 In the selection of applicants for admission to Belfast Royal Academy, the Board of Governors will apply the following criteria, subject to the overriding criterion that priority will be given to pupils normally resident in Northern Ireland. In these criteria:

“entitled to free school meals”	- means applicants who are listed on the Education Authority register as entitled to Free School Meals at the date on which their parent or guardian has signed their post-primary Transfer Application, or at any date up to and including 12 th April 2021 (no later than 4 p.m.).
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- 3 Belfast Royal Academy will apply the following admissions criteria for admissions in September 2021 only in priority order for those children who have applied to sit the AQE assessment*:
 - i. those pupils enrolled in the Preparatory Department of Belfast Royal Academy from the Autumn Term of 2020/21;
 - ii. those children who have siblings (with a common parent) currently in attendance at Belfast Royal Academy;
 - iii. those children who have had a sibling (with a common parent) who previously attended the school (dates to be supplied);
 - iv. those children who have or had a parent or guardian who attended the school (dates to be supplied);
 - v. those children who, at the time of their application, have a parent/guardian who is a member of the permanent teaching, administrative, or ancillary staff of Belfast Royal Academy;
 - vi. those children who are pupils at a feeder primary school subject to the information set out below**;
 - vii. those children who are entitled to Free School Meals;
 - viii. those children who are the first or only child of the family or a twin***;
 - ix. those children who are the first boy or first girl of the family***.

In the event of a tie for a remaining place or places, which is not resolved by the application of the criteria above, then the Board of Governors will select an applicant using computerised random selection.

***Belfast Royal Academy will seek verification of registration.**

**** Feeder primary schools** are those that have sent the most pupils to Belfast Royal Academy over the past 7 years. A list of feeder primary schools is provided in the following table in ranking order starting with the highest number of pupils sent over the last 7 years, according to data and records available to Belfast Royal Academy.

The maximum number selected from each feeder primary school will be in proportion to the average number of pupils who were successfully admitted to Belfast Royal Academy over the last 7 years.

In the event that the number of applicants from a feeder primary school, and to whom this criterion applies, is in excess of this proportionate number, the remaining criteria (vii) – (ix), set out above, shall be applied in priority in order to admit applicants.

This criterion will be applied to the feeder primary schools in ranking order as set out in the table below.

If, prior to the conclusion of the selection process, the Board of Governors receives information from a feeder primary school concerning the educational performance of pupils attending that school and applying for admission to Belfast Royal Academy, and the number of applicants exceed the average number applicable to that school, the Board reserves the right to use that information to admit applicants.

3.vi.1 Cavehill Primary School	3.vi.2 Whiteabbey Primary School
3.vi.3 Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	3.vi.4 Templepatrick Primary School
3.vi.5 Mossgrove Primary School	3.vi.6 Greenisland Primary School
3.vi.7 Mossley Primary School	3.vi.8 Carnmoney Primary School
3.vi.9 Ashgrove Primary School	3.vi.10 Whitehouse Primary School
3.vi.11 Glengormley Integrated Primary School	3.vi.12= Carr's Glen Primary School
3.vi.12= St MacNissi's Primary School	3.vi.14= Seaview Primary School
3.vi.14= St Therese of Lisieux Primary School	3.vi.14= Cliftonville Integrated Primary School
3.vi.17 Forth River Primary School	3.vi.18 Ligoniel Primary School
3.vi.19 Whitehead Primary School	3.vi.20 St James's Primary School
3.vi.21 St Mary's on the Hill Primary School	3.vi.22= Springfield Primary School
3.vi.22= St Bernard's Primary School	3.vi.24 Holy Family Primary School
3.vi.25 Hazelwood Integrated Primary School	3.vi.26 Glenwood Primary School
3.vi.27= Lowwood Primary School	3.vi.27= Springhill Primary School
3.vi.29= Carrick Model Primary School	3.vi.29= Kings Park Primary School
3.vi.31= Harmony Primary School	3.vi.31= Loanends Primary School
3.vi.33 Thompson Primary School	3.vi.34= Fairview Primary School
3.vi.34=EdenBrooke Primary School	3.vi.34= St Vincent de Paul Primary School

*****This is subject to satisfying verification requirements as set out below:**

The verifying letter must state that the child is the eldest/first boy/first girl and that the child and family are known to the verifier. It must be written on headed notepaper and signed by one of the following who is not a member of the applicant's family:

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| a a medical practitioner | c a member of the clergy or equivalent |
| b a solicitor | d a primary school principal |

These criteria will apply throughout the academic year 2021/22.

Please note: When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will take into account information which is detailed on or uploaded with the Transfer Application. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the Transfer Application or uploaded with it.

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 applicant's Transfer Application.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the 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.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Should a vacancy arise after 18th June 2021 all applications for admission to Form 1 (Year 8) that were initially refused, new applications, late applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will be in place until 24th June 2022. The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method.

Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2018/19	200	311	212**
2019/20	200	309	209*
2020/21	200	278	208*

* Includes pupils admitted with a statement of educational need

** Includes pupils admitted through the Exceptional Circumstances Body and those admitted with a statement of educational need