

ULIDIA INTEGRATED COLLEGE

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Grant Maintained Integrated College

Age Range: 11–19

Admission Number: 100

Enrolment Number: 585

OPEN DAY INFORMATION

The school will be open for visits by parents and transferring P6 OR P7 pupils on:
 Saturday 6th January 2018 from 9.30am to 1.00pm
 Principal's Address at 9.45am
 Year 12 pupils considering transfer to the College for 'A' level are also welcome.

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 the Principal and a selection committee the responsibility of applying the criteria.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will follow the below outlined procedures precisely. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria is stated on the application form, pupil information form or attached to either of them.

NOTES OF INFORMATION

- In accordance with DENI regulations, all children resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their proposed admission will be selected for admission before any child not so resident may be selected.
- It is the sole responsibility of the parents/carers of prospective pupils to ensure that all information relevant to the Admissions Criteria of Ulidia Integrated College is submitted on the Ulidia Pupil Information Form, the green Transfer Form or is attached to the Form at the time of submission.
- Parents should use the Official Transfer Form (the Green Form) to provide as much information as possible to assist the College in the application of its criteria. This must include the child's preferred religious category.
- In order to facilitate the proper application of criteria, the Ulidia Board of Governors requests parents to **ALSO** complete a "Ulidia College Pupil Information Form". **The College's 'Pupil Information Form' is available from the Principal's Secretary and should be returned ONLY to the Principal's Secretary. The College will acknowledge receipt of this form within 7 working days.**
- The Criteria have been determined by the Board of Governors and will be applied by the College's Admissions Committee. Through the application of the Criteria the Board of Governors seeks to establish an overall balance between religious affiliations and academic abilities. **These are the pre-eminent features which distinguish an Integrated school from all other schools.**
- Our aim is to have an intake which is as close as possible to the ratio of 45% Catholic, 45% Protestant and 10% of pupils of other faiths or none (Other Category). **The Board of Governors also seeks to affirm the all ability nature of the College, ensuring that each year group caters for all students, including the most academically able.**
- NB: The provision of inaccurate, ambiguous or misleading information provided on, or attached to, any such application, may prejudice the offer of a place and may subsequently lead to the withdrawal of a place awarded to any applicant, who shall be deemed to have gained unfair and improper advantage by submitting such information. **The College Authorities reserve the right to authenticate and seek verification of the content of any application.** In the case of a surname, the final decision will be based on the surname shown on the birth certificate, or any subsequent court order. The failure to provide verifying documents according to the required deadline may result in the inability of the College to offer a place.

ULIDIA INTEGRATED COLLEGE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO YEAR 8 IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Parents naming Ulidia Integrated College, as a preference on their applicant's transfer form, must include the following information in Section C of the Green Transfer Form.

A) A Statement of the preferred **religious affiliation** of the applicant, either:

- Catholic (category 1)
- Protestant (category 2)
- Other (Please State, even if 'none') (category 3)

(If religious affiliation is not stated on the Green Form, the applicant will be deemed Protestant if transferring from a controlled school; Catholic if transferring from a maintained school and Other if transferring from an integrated school or preparatory school).

B) 35% of places are available for pupils wishing to apply for the Grammar Pathway. Parents of academically able pupils wishing to be considered for Grammar Pathway entry must clearly indicate this on the Green Transfer Form. Supporting evidence must also be attached. This may be one or more of the following suggested indicators: PTE/PTM scores, or any other standardised test results available from the child's primary school; a school report which reflects high academic ability; or equivalent supporting evidence.

*Note: Academic evidence is simply an indicator of the student's suitability for the Grammar Pathway and is not used for differentiating between, or rank ordering applicants for Grammar Pathway Entry. Confirmation of a place on either the Grammar or All Ability Pathway will be only determined by internal baseline testing and available data **following** admission in September.*

The remaining 65% of places will be allocated to All Ability Pathway.

YEAR 8 ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The College will initially:

- Determine which Pathway each applicant has applied for
- Starting with the Grammar Pathway, allocate each applicant to their declared religious affiliation
- Rank order each applicant according to the criteria for determining rank order

The College will then admit 100 pupils in total. The admissions criteria will be applied within each of the three religious categories in the following order:

1. Application to Grammar Pathway (35% of available places)

- Step 1: Allocate equally from Catholics and Protestants until 30 Grammar places have been thus allocated or until either one or other of those Categories is exhausted.
- Step 2: Allocate, initially, up to 5 places from the Others category.
- Step 3: Allocating just one place at a time, starting at Category 1 and working in sequence through Categories 1, 2, and 3, allocate from those Categories which still have transferring pupils, until 35% places in total have been allocated.

Those applying for Grammar Pathway entry, and who are not admitted under criterion 1, will automatically be considered for All Ability admission with all other applicants, using the remaining 'criteria for determining rank order', 2 – 7 (see below). Criteria 2-7 are given a numerical weighting with criterion 2 being the highest weighting and criterion 7 the lowest weighting.

2. Application to All Ability Pathway (65% of available places)

- Step 4: Allocate equally from Catholics and Protestants until 60 All Ability places have been thus allocated or until either one or other of those Categories is exhausted.
- Step 5: Allocate, initially, up to 5 places from the Others category.
- Step 6: Allocating just one place at a time, starting at Category 1 and working in sequence through Categories 1, 2, and 3, allocate from those Categories which still have transferring pupils, until 65% places in total have been allocated.

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING RANK ORDER

Notes: In the case where a pupil meets both a. and b. criteria in 4 or 5, they will only be credited once.

Each criterion will be allocated a descending numerical value (criterion 1 being the highest score, criterion 7 the lowest score) for the purposes of rank ordering.

If the number of applicants for a pathway exceeds the number of places available, the criteria listed below will be used in order to determine a rank order of applicants for each category:

1. The Board of Governors in seeking to affirm the all ability nature of the College will ensure that each year group caters for students of all abilities, including the most academically able. Grammar Pathway Entry is available for a maximum of 35% of the intake. Parents of academically able children, may opt for Grammar Pathway entry, and should indicate this on the green transfer form, including appropriate supporting evidence. The College will strive for religious balance, both within the Grammar Pathway Entry and the overall admissions number.
2. Transferring pupils who have a brother or sister or foster brother/sister currently attending the College. Half-brother/sisters and step brothers/sisters will only be admitted under this criterion if they reside at the same address as the applicant. Names and dates of attendance must be stated.*
3. Transferring pupils who are the first child* of the family to transfer to mainstream post-primary education since the establishment of Ulidia Integrated College in 1997.

** Twins and other multiples who are the eldest in the family are treated **joint** first children. In the case where a twin or other multiple is accepted onto the Grammar Pathway, the other sibling/siblings will be deemed to have met criterion 2.*

4a. Transferring pupils who are currently in Primary 7 of a grant-maintained integrated primary school or a controlled Integrated Primary School as defined in the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989,

Or 4b. Transferring pupils whose parent/carer is an employee of, or member of, the Board of Governors of Ulidia Integrated College or who is due to take up an appointment in the forthcoming academic year. **Note: In the case where a pupil meets both 4a and 4b they will only be credited once.**

5a. Transferring pupils whose Parents / Carers were former pupils of Ulidia Integrated College; transferring pupils who have formerly had a brother/ sister or foster brother/sister enrolled in the college (Half-brother/sisters and step-brothers/sisters will only be admitted under this criterion if they currently reside at the same address as the applicant). Names and dates of attendance must be stated,

Or 5b. Parents /Carers of transferring pupils who can demonstrate a commitment to Integrated Education. (See note 1 below) *In the case where a pupil meets both 5a and 5b they will only be credited once. If Criterion 5 is to be deemed applicable to parents of transferring pupils, they are asked to state clearly their commitment to integrated education, as defined in Note 1 below, on the Transfer Form.*

6. Pupils whose parent/carer has indicated a first or second preference for Ulidia Integrated College.

7. Other Applicants (i.e. those who have not met criteria 1-6)

In the event of over-subscription in the last criterion that can be applied at each stage of the process, selection for places will be on the basis of the initial letter of the legal surname (as shown on the birth certificate) of the child wishing to transfer, with the child being selected in the order set out below.

CTJESMcAMRGOIPH YLDB MacVQN XK F W Z U

The order was determined by a randomised selection of letters. These letters will also be used in the event of a tie occurring at any of the above admissions stages. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter, the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of two identical surnames the alphabetical order of the letter of the first forename appearing on the transfer form will be used. Hyphenated surnames, consisting of two separate surnames will be treated as one complete word for selection purposes.

Note 1: Demonstration of commitment to Integrated Education (Criterion 5 above) will be measured *only* by the following;

- The submission of a 'Pupil Information Form' for Ulidia or any other Integrated College; (Please note: it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that this is noted on the Transfer Form)
 - Membership or employee of the Integrated Education Fund, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, All Children Together, any Integrated Education Trust; and/or
 - Membership of the Board of Governors or employee of any other Integrated School.
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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 the Transfer Form or appended to the Transfer Form by parents/carers. For verification purposes original documents are required and not facsimiles or photocopies.

The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide any requested verifying documents within the deadline set by the college will result in either the withdrawal of a place or the inability of the College to offer a place. It is the responsibility of the Parents/Carers to ensure that:

- The Transfer Form, Pupil Information Form and other necessary documentation are correctly completed and present
- All relevant information is included on or attached to the Transfer Form including the religion of the applicant, and any material relating to a grammar entry application.
- Any required verification documents are provided within specified deadlines.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The College will only consider admissions commencing at the start of the academic year (unless in exceptional circumstances as determined by the College).

All applications for admission that were:

- a) Initially refused,
- b) New applications and late applications received following the completion of the Transfer Process and
- c) Applications where new information has been provided

will be placed on a waiting list that will be used in the event of a place becoming available.

These applications will remain open until 30th June of the year following application at which point the application is deemed to have lapsed.

Should there be more applications than places available the procedure outlined in the Admissions Criteria for entry of children to Year 8 will be followed. Parents/Carers who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September should write to the Principal's Secretary clearly stating this.

In the event of such application, the Board of Governors will only make an offer if there is a place available and the pupil's needs and Health and Safety considerations can be met.

If the application is made by an applicant who arrived in Northern Ireland after the transfer process has been concluded and the College's Admissions Committee determines that the applicant is suitable to be admitted, the College will then seek Department of Education approval to admit the applicant through an additional place. If such approval is given, the applicant will be admitted.

Further information about Ulidia Integrated College can be obtained from the school website or the Principal's Secretary.

Number of Applications and Admissions:

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2015/16	100	135	101*
2016/17	100	153	100
2017/18	100	157	101*

* on ECB

This table does not include children who were admitted to the school with a statement of special educational needs.