



APPENDIX 3

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS CRITERIA (for admission to Lower Sixth (Year 13) from September 2021 until further notice)

The day to day work associated with entry is delegated to the Principal working with members of the Senior Leadership Team. Decisions at any stage will be taken on the basis of relevant information available at that time. These decisions will be reported to the Board of Governors.

The following criteria will be applied.

Preferred Criteria:

All pupils entering Year 13 in September are expected to meet our Preferred Criteria;

1. A minimum of 14 points (A/A* = 4, B = 3, C* = 2, C = 1) at least 3 of which are GCSE Grade B level or high C* (former Grade B in 2018), including at least Grade C in English and Mathematics. (The Principal will award points for non-GCSE level 2 equivalents). English Board examination points on a 1-9 scale will be converted to CCEA equivalent grades.
2. A sound record of attendance in Years 11 and 12 (95% +) (the school will take into account contemporaneous medical evidence in relation to this).
3. For every AS subject chosen the student must ensure that they fulfil the entry requirements set by subject departments.
4. Satisfy the Principal, together with the Vice Principals that they have a sound good behaviour record in Years 11 and 12 or to have a significantly improved behaviour record in Year 12. (Pupils transferring from other schools will be required to present a good behaviour record, similar to that described, in their previous school).

If a student seeks application to Year 13 and has not fulfilled these criteria he/she may, following an interview be placed on waiting list from which places will be awarded on merit. Where the entry criteria for a particular subject have not been met, the Head of Department may exercise discretion regarding a student's suitability in that subject.

In the case of pupils whose performance in GCSE examinations may have been detrimentally affected by medical or other problems, the Principal is empowered, in exceptional circumstances, to waive the requirements of (1). Each case will be carefully assessed by the Principal and will necessarily take into account appropriate documentary evidence, medical, or otherwise. In such a case the decision of the Principal will be final.

It is expected that the majority of our Year 13 students will study four subjects at AS level.

It should be noted that occasionally a Sixth Form subject is oversubscribed, in which case the following criteria will be applied progressively until the **maximum class size** is reached:

- (i) pupils who have initially selected the subject at Careers Interview in Year 12 and who have attained at the minimum entry requirement as published by each department;
- (ii) pupils will be admitted to each class, in rank order, based on attainment in relevant GCSE subjects in the May/June examinations as published by each department. In 2020 and 2021, due to exceptional circumstances and the cancellation of examinations by the Education Minister, the rank order from Centre Determined Grades will be used in place of the outcomes of the May/June GCSE examinations. In the event of a similar situation in 2022, this will also apply.

If, after the application of the above criteria, there are a number of applicants of equal rank, so that if they were all accepted the maximum class size would be exceeded, priority will be given to applicants on the basis of total GCSE points score.

Conversely, where a course is not viable, the School reserves the right not to run that particular course.



4. **Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission to Lower Sixth (Year 13) (Sixth Form) from September 2021**

The Department of Education may, in response to a request from a school, 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 Sixth Form study (as set out below) 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 Limavady Grammar School.
- (b) Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at Limavady Grammar School has been agreed by the Department of Education.*

* Parents should note how the Department of Education (DE) will, in response to a school's request, temporarily increase a school's enrolment number in order to allow extra post -16 pupils to enrol. DE will only increase the school's enrolment number if it is content that each external pupil for whom a place is requested would not be able to pursue their post-16 course-choices at another suitable school without undertaking an unreasonable journey (i.e. a journey, that by public transport, would be over an hour from where the young person lives or is further than 15 miles distance). If DE finds 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: (i) denominational (ii) non-denominational (iii) Integrated and (iv) 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 same type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school from the same type as the type of school that the child attended in Year 12.

