

ADMISSION TO SIXTH FORM IN OUR LADY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2012 – 2013

All applicants must have taken GCSE or equivalent examinations.

- 1 The minimum academic requirement for acceptance into A level studies in Our Lady's Grammar School is the same for internal and external applicants, that is, at least 3 Grade Bs and 3 Grade Cs at GCSE or equivalent, appropriate to the A level course which they wish to follow.
- 2 Certain subjects have specific entrance requirements. Details may be obtained from the 'A' Level Choices Booklet available on request from the school on or after **Wednesday 15th February 2012***.

***(OLS A Level Information & Choices Conference will take place from 9.30am – 12.30pm on the 15th February; students from other schools and colleges are very welcome to attend as are their parents / guardians)**

- 3 If there are more applicants than the number of places available in the Year Group or desired subject group(s) priority will be given to students presently attending the school. *****(see below)***
- 4 If it is necessary to decide between applicants from other schools who fulfil criterion 1 in this section the following will be applied in order of priority:
 - (i) Academic abilities, determined by points score where A* = 8 points; A = 7 points; B = 6 points; C = 5 points

In the event that two applicants have the same points score, priority will be given to pupils according to chronological age, starting with the youngest.
 - (ii) The Criteria as outlined for applicants seeking admission into Year 8.

Applicants who have obtained grades in equivalent examinations other than GCSE examinations will be allocated points for their qualifications.

Pupils considering a transfer from another school must contact the Principal of Our Lady's Grammar School as soon as possible following the publication of the GCSE results. Interviews will be arranged.

Applicants must bring with them to interview:

- their results slip(s)
- their two most recent school reports
- their Progress File (if available)

(All external applicants for places in Year 13 must provide evidence from their former school that they have a good disciplinary and attendance record).

****NB: Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for Admission to Sixth Form in Our Lady's Grammar School**

The Department of Education may, upon request, increase the number of pupils that a school can accept into 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 in Our Lady's Grammar School *(as outlined above)* and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order below:

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in Our Lady's Grammar School;
2. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place in Our Lady'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 enrolment number in order to allow an extra post-16 pupil to enrol. DE will first check whether there is another school or schools of the type suitable*** (see below) 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 with places available 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:

- (i) Denominational;*
- (ii) Non-denominational;*
- (iii) Integrated;*
- (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