

LORETO COLLEGE

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Voluntary Grammar School
(Denominational)

Age Range of Pupils: 11-18

Admissions Number: 160

Enrolment Number: 1010

Virtual Open Day

A Virtual Open Day video will be available on the school website from Saturday 16 January 2021 along with the School Prospectus. Anyone looking for a hard copy of the Prospectus should contact the school.

CAPITAL FEE

A Capital Fee of £100 per pupil is charged.

ADMISSIONS

Loreto College Coleraine is a Catholic, co-educational, Voluntary Grammar Day School and will accept applicants who are suitable for the type of education being offered by the College, being applicants who and whose parent(s) or person(s) with parental responsibility are, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, in agreement with the philosophy and aims of the College. The Board assumes that applicants and their parent(s) or person(s) with parental responsibility are in full agreement with the aims and philosophy of the College.

Verification

Applicants should note that they may be required to produce documents verifying their address or other information pertinent to the school's admission criteria. The provision of false or incorrect information or failure to produce this within the deadline set by the College can result in the withdrawal of the offer of a place by the College. Original documents are required; facsimiles or photocopies will not be accepted. It is emphasised that the onus is on parents/guardians to ensure that all of the information required is provided. Parents are advised to retain a copy of all documentation.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 8

Pupils resident in Northern Ireland at the time of their application will be considered before any pupil not so resident.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the application form. **Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admission criteria is stated on the application form or attached to it.**

Respective functions of the Board of Governors and Principal in relation to Admissions to the school

The Board of Governors delegates to an admissions sub-committee the responsibility of selecting pupils for admission to the College. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants will be selected by the admissions sub-committee of the Board of Governors according to the Admissions Criteria.

In the event of the number of children applying exceeding the places available the following criteria will be applied in the order set down. If the Admissions Number is exceeded by application of a particular criterion, then the remaining criteria will be used, in turn, to reduce the number of children still being considered for places until the admissions number is reached:-

1. Preference will be given to all children who give Loreto College as their first preference school on the Application Form.
2. *Children with a sibling¹ who is currently a pupil of the College or children who have a parent who is currently on the permanent staff of the College.
3. *Children with a sibling¹ who is a past pupil of the College.
4. Children who are the eldest² or only child in a family eligible for transfer.

5. *Children who have a parent who is a past pupil of the College.
6. Children from the following Primary Schools, directly affected by the closure of St Joseph's College:
Ballyhackett PS, St. John's PS, Coleraine and St Malachy's PS, Coleraine.
7. Children who are from the feeder primary schools listed in the table below:

Ballykelly	Honourable Irish Society	St Columba's Ballerin
Ballysally	Killowen	St Columba's Kilrea
Barnish	Macosquin	St Finlough's, Ballykelly
Bunscoil an Chaistil	Mill Strand	St John's Dernaflaw
Carnalridge	Millburn	St John's Swatragh
Castleroe	Portrush	St Joseph's Dunloy
Crossroads	Portstewart	St Mary's Gortnaghey
Damhead	Roe Valley Integrated	St Matthew's Drumsurn
DH Christie Memorial	St Aidan's Magilligan	St Patrick's & St Brigid's B'castle
Faughanvale	St Brigid's Ballymoney	St Patrick's & St Joseph's Garvagh
Gaelscoil Leim an Mhadaidh	St Brigid's Cloughmills	St Patrick's Loughgiel
Gaelscoil Neachtain	St Brigid's Tirkane	St Patrick's Portrush
Gorran	St Canice's Dungiven	St Patrick's Rasharkin
Harpur's Hill	St Canice's Feeny	Termoncanice
Hezlett	St Colm's Portstewart	St Columba's Kilrea

8. *Children who have a parent who is a past pupil of any Post Primary Loreto School.
9. Children will be selected based on the month in which they were born using the randomised order of the months as follows:

April September February January March August October May July November June December

(This order was determined by a randomised selection process and will be updated each year)

Within each month children will be selected who are the youngest according to birth date as entered on the birth certificate with the youngest being admitted first. This criterion will alternate between youngest and eldest in subsequent years.

Should more than one child have the same birth date and the number of places remaining available is less than the number of children then the names will be randomly selected.

* Full name(s) and dates must be given.

- 1 Where applicable "sibling" is defined as another child of the family [Article 2 (2) of the Domestic Proceedings (NI) Order 1980] to include, for example, half-brothers and sisters, together with children who are adopted or fostered.
- 2 Twins and other multiples who are eldest in the family are treated as joint eldest children.
This criterion intends to prioritise the child of a family that has not had the opportunity to have an elder child already and currently enrolled. The most common reason for this is in respect of the first or only child. However in the opinion of the Governors the follow cases also constitute circumstances where a family have not had the opportunity to have an elder child already and currently enrolled;
 - (i) where a child is more than seven years younger than their next eldest sibling.
 - (ii) where a family has moved residence so that a child who is not the eldest child of the family is the first child of that family to have the practical opportunity to apply to the school.
 - (iii) where the eldest child of a family attends a special school and the child applying is the next eldest sibling.
 - (iv) where elder siblings from the three schools named in 6, have in the past, been unable to transfer to Loreto College.

Verification of Information

It should be noted that the information contained within an application that qualifies a child for admission may be verified. The Board of Governors therefore reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may require to support or verify information on any application/transfer form.

Those making applications should also note the provision of false information or incorrect information, or the failure to provide verifying documents according to the required deadline, may result in either a withdrawal of a place or the inability of the school to offer a place.

ADMISSIONS TO YEAR 8 AFTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2021

Parents/Guardians who wish to have their child considered for admission in the event of a place arising after 1 September should write to the Principal clearly stating this. Written acknowledgement will be issued. In the event of such a vacancy arising, the above criteria will be applied to these applications only.

Number of Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No.	Total Applications All Preferences	Total Admissions
2018/19	160	174	162**
2019/20	160	190	162*
2020/21	160	176	160

* 1 on appeal

**2 on appeal

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

More detailed data on application and admission numbers is contained in the school prospectus.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEARS 9 – 12

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It is the College's policy to admit new pupils only at the start of the academic year, except in exceptional circumstances. When there are places available, the College wishes to accept applicants who are suitable for the type of education offered by the College, and who are in agreement with the Philosophy and Aims of the College. Any applications must be received before 30 June prior to entrance in September.

The following criteria will be applied:

- For admission to KS3 the applicant's report records must provide evidence of the ability to cope with the work being done in the year group applied for.
- For admissions to KS4, applicants must have achieved at least Level 5 in end of KS3 Assessments, in Communications and Using Mathematics. Where KS3 Assessments are not available the applicant's report record must demonstrate comparable performance/ achievement.

Where there are more applicants who meet these criteria than there are places in the year group, preference will be given as follows:

- Applicants whose family has moved into the catchment area of the College within the last year.
- Applicants whose sibling(s) will be pupil(s) of the College during the year for which application is made.
- Applicants who had previously applied for a place in the College.
- Those residing closest to the College as measured on the map by the straight line distance from the home to the middle gate of the College.

Parents/Guardians should contact the College in the first instance and thereafter forthwith, make application by completing form AP1.

Applicants will be informed before the end of July prior to entrance in September.