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**Voluntary Grammar  
School (Non-  
Denominational)**  
Age Range of Pupils: 11-18  
Admissions Number: 110  
Enrolment Number: 735

**Principal:** J Wylie BA PGCE MSc PQH (NI)  
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## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO YEARS 13 OR 14 (SIXTH FORM) IN 2020/21

### D. ENTRY TO YEARS 13 & 14 (SIXTH FORM)

There are currently 185 places available in the Sixth Form, subject to an overall School Enrolment Number of 735 pupils. A small number of pupils enter Year 13 each year from neighbouring schools. All applicants should be aware that in the majority of cases **a minimum of 4 'AS' subjects in Year 13 must be studied and a minimum of 3 'A2' subjects in Year 14.**

#### Part 1 - ENTRY TO YEAR 13

**NOTE:** In general terms it is **very strongly recommended that pupils have achieved a GCSE grade B (or above) or have teacher recommendation in those subjects they wish to study at Advanced Level;** with the exception of some subjects for which GCSE in the subject is not a prerequisite (e.g. Environmental Technology, Health and Social Care, Travel & Tourism).

#### POINTS 1-3 APPLY TO CURRENT LARNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PUPILS ONLY

- Parents and pupils should note that all Larne Grammar School pupils who meet all of the following criteria will automatically have the right to a place in Year 13, regardless of the grades/points of outside applicants to the School, subject to meeting the criteria to study at least three AS subjects:**
  - have achieved a minimum of six GCSEs at Grade C or above with at least three subjects at Grade B or above.  
The Principal will determine the grade awarded for other non-GCSE level 2 qualifications;
  - satisfy the Principal on past school record and achievement including attendance, behaviour, motivation and punctuality (a satisfactory attendance rate would be at least 90%);
  - have no outstanding fees.
- In the case of Larne Grammar School pupils whose performance in GCSE examinations may have been detrimentally affected by **extreme medical or other problems**, the Principal is empowered, in exceptional cases, to waive the requirements of Criteria 1(i) and 1(ii). Each case will be carefully assessed by the Principal, taking into account the appropriate documentary medical evidence.
- If a Larne Grammar School pupil fails to gain admission via the criteria detailed above they will be considered via criteria 4 - 6.

#### EXTERNAL APPLICATIONS

##### *Please Note*

- All applications for places should be received, at the latest, by the School Office staff by 1.00 p.m. on the day following the publication of the final GCSE results. Applications received after this time will only be considered for a place if there are places available.*
- If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants will be ranked according to the points score based on their best 7 GCSE grades [where a GCSE Grade A\* (or 9) = 5 points, A (or 8/7) = 4 points, B (or 6) = 3, C\* (or 5) = 2 points and C (or 4) = 1 point; please note the grade achieved in a GCSE Short Course is worth half the points of a full GCSE Grade i.e. A\* = 2.5, A = 2 points, B = 1.5 point, C\* = 1 point and C = 0.5 of a point]. Applicants will be selected in accordance with their place in this rank order of the points score. The Principal will determine the points awarded for other non-GCSE level 2 qualifications.
  - In the event that criterion 4 fails to separate candidates for a remaining place then applicants will be ranked according to the points score based on their best 8 GCSE grades (where a GCSE Grade A\* or 9 = 5 points, A or 8/7 = 4 points, B or 6 = 3 points, C\* or 5 = 2 points and C or 4 = 1 point). Applicants will be selected in accordance with their place in this rank order of the points score.

6. In the event that criterion 5 fails to separate candidates for a remaining place then the total points tally of each applicant will be used to rank them (where a GCSE Grade A\* or 9 = 5 points, A or 8/7 = 4 points, B or 6 = 3 points, C\* or 5 = 2 points and C or 4 = 1 point). Applicants will be selected in accordance with their place in this rank order.

#### Criteria for all extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13 (Sixth Form)

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 above) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in Larne Grammar School.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission has been agreed and additional places granted 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 of the same type as that attended by the child in Year 12.

#### **Part 2 - ENTRY TO YEAR 14**

1. The Governors and Senior Leadership of Larne Grammar School consider the following to be the minimum requirements for success at A Level:
  - (i) have achieved in AS examinations during Lower Sixth year **at least 3 grades D OR scored a minimum of 100 points in AS;**  
[Points Tariff (AS or equivalent): A = 60, B = 50, C = 40, D = 30, E = 20];
  - (ii) satisfy the Principal on past school record and achievement including attendance, behaviour, motivation and punctuality (a satisfactory attendance rate would be at least 90%);
  - (iii) be willing to study no fewer than 3 A2 subjects (or equivalent)
2. Any pupil failing to achieve these standards will be required to attend a meeting with the Principal or senior member of staff to determine the course of action that is in the best interests of the pupil concerned. It may be possible for pupils to repeat their Lower Sixth (Year 13) year, provided they will be under 19 years of age on 1 July prior to their final year in school AND that places are available and that the Principal feels it is in the best interests of the pupil to do so. In certain cases, progression to Year 14 may involve implementation of some of the following strategies:
  - A discussion with parents about the best way forward.
  - The implementation of a specific Target Setting programme.
  - The identification of re-sit modules
  - The implementation of regular meetings with a teacher mentor to discuss progress and targets.
3. **Non Larne Grammar School applicants to enter Year 14.**
  - 3.1 There **MUST** be places available in the Year 14 year group. Places are subject to an overall school enrolment number of 735.
  - 3.2 All Larne Grammar School pupils that meet the minimum entry requirements will be accepted first. If the Principal deems that there are still places available and the total number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, then applicants will be scored according to their results in AS examinations. Applicants will be rank ordered according to their total score and selection will be according to their place in this rank order, the highest scores being selected first.  
[Points Tariff (AS or equivalent): A = 60, B = 50, C = 40, D = 30, E = 20]

All applications for Sixth Form that were initially refused will be automatically added to a separate waiting list for each Year Group. New applications and applications where new information has been provided will also be added to the relevant Year Group waiting list. The Year 13 and Year 14 waiting lists will be in place until the end of September of the year of application, after which their application is deemed to have lapsed. Please contact the School if you wish your child's name to be removed from the list.

Should a vacancy arise all applications on the waiting list will be treated equally and the procedure outlined in the Admissions Criteria for entry of pupils to Sixth Form will be followed. The School will contact parents/guardians in writing if their child gains a place in the School by this method.