

DALRIADA SCHOOL, BALLYMONEY

Enrolment Number: 815

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO YEARS 9 TO 12 IN 2015-16

Dalriada School, as a co-educational grammar school, provides secondary education for young people in the upper band of the range of academic ability. The School draws its pupils from a wide geographical area and from the full range of social, religious and cultural backgrounds.

The School's Board of Governors determines Criteria for Admission and, on the advice of the Principal, admits pupils to the School.

When considering which children should be selected for admission, the Education Committee of 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.

The criteria below will be applied to applications for admission to Years 9-12 throughout the 2015-2016 school year.

Admission to Years 9 to 12

To gain admission

1. applicants must demonstrate that they have academic ability within the range existing in the year group to which application is made. The academic ability, aptitude and achievement of applicants will be assessed mainly on the basis of reports from their present schools, but other evidence may be sought and considered.

If there are more suitable applicants than places available, preference will be given (in the following order of priority):

2. Children whose record of behaviour, school attendance and attitude to study is generally satisfactory;
3. Children demonstrating greater academic ability as evidenced by reports from their present schools;
4. Children whose families have links with the school, where:
 - (a) the applicant who, at the date of his/her application, is a member of a family with a child currently enrolled at Dalriada School.
 - (b) the applicant is a member of a family with a child formerly enrolled in the Secondary Department of Dalriada School.
5. Children who, at the date of their application, are the eldest child of the family to be eligible to apply for admission to Dalriada School.
6. Children who are entitled to free school meals.
7. The age of the child, preference being given to an older child.