

DALRIADA SCHOOL, BALLYMONEY

Enrolment Number: 815

DALRIADA CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE SIXTH FORM 2015-2016

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.

To gain admission, applicants must demonstrate that they have the behavioural attitude and academic aptitude to achieve success in their chosen GCE A2/AS level courses. Academic potential will be assessed on the basis of GCSE examination results and school reports. **Please note that where an AS or A2 course is oversubscribed, numbers entering such courses will be limited.**

- (a) Applicants with 6 higher grades (A*,A,B,C) in the GCSE examinations, including grades A*, A or B in subjects to be studied at GCE A/AS level, will be accepted if places are available. Entry to A2 Courses in Upper Sixth Form will be dependent on success at AS level in 3 AS courses.
- (b) Applicants with lower achievements in the GCSE examinations may be accepted if other evidence suggests that they are likely to achieve success in the GCE A/AS level examinations in courses **available to them**.
- (c) Applicants with fewer than six higher grades, including at least **three** grades A*, A or B are unlikely to be admitted.

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

The Department of Education, may, on request, 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 above) 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 Dalriada School.
- (b) Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at Dalriada 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 a type suitable 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 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.