

Admission Criteria for entry to Year 13 at Omagh Academy Grammar School.

The criteria listed in Section A below apply when the school remains within its overall enrolment number, which has been the case in recent years. Should the school exceed its overall enrolment number, the criteria listed in Section B will be applied in combination with those of Section A. Please note that the wording of Section B corresponds to the guidance issued by the Department of Education in April 2013.

SECTION A

Omagh Academy criteria for admission to Year 13 where places are available.

Firstly, in order to be eligible for admission into Year 13 an applicant must have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at Grades A*-C. He or she must also have a record of good attendance, behaviour and discipline.

Then, if there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places shall be awarded in rank order of the applicants' respective total GCSE scores (highest total score first) calculated on the following basis: A* = 5 points, A = 4 points, B = 3 points, C* = 2 points, C = 1 point. In the event of a tie, priority shall be established by computerised random selection.

Notes:

1. Any applicant who has achieved less than a grade C in GCSE English or Mathematics will be required to repeat this subject at GCSE level.
2. Any applicant with a total GCSE score of less than 11 points must satisfy the school that he or she has a viable programme of study in Year 13 which is likely to lead to success at AS level.

SECTION B

Omagh Academy criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission to Year 13.

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 (Section A 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 Omagh Academy.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at Omagh Academy has been agreed by the Department of Education.*

*Parents should note how the Department of Education (DE) 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 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 a 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). 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: (1) denominational (2) non-denominational (3) Integrated and (4) 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.