

## Carrickfergus Grammar School

### Criteria for Admission to Year 13

1. Students must meet the Academic Standards for admission to Year 13 as set out in the school's *Senior School Subject Booklet*. These are:
  - a. A minimum of six GCSEs, including Mathematics and English, at Grade C or above;
  - b. A total score of 10 points using A\*/A=3, B=2, C=1;

Students are **strongly advised** that they should have obtained at least a 'B' Grade at GCSE in any subject they wish to study at AS/A2 level.

2. Pupils who have studied a GCSE Double Award in Science **must** have achieved a minimum of 70% in the Theory paper of the Science(s) which they wish to study at A level.
3. Some subjects may be taken at AS level without previous study at GCSE level, however pupils are again **strongly advised** that they ought to have obtained at least a 'B' Grade at GCSE in an allied subject as listed below:

<b><u>Subject</u></b>	<b><u>Allied Subject</u></b>
Accounting	Mathematics
Business Studies	English Language
Government & Politics	History or English Literature
History	English Literature
Home Economics	Biology
Geography	English
Music	Musicianship of Grade 5 standard (excluding <i>Rock School</i> qualifications)
Photography	Art & Design
Physical Education	Biology
Religious Education	History or English Literature

Note that if a class is oversubscribed students will be chosen on the basis of GCSE performance in that subject, where applicable, higher grades/scores before lower grades/scores, then in Allied Subjects as listed above, higher grades/scores before lower grades/scores, and then according to the criteria set out in 4 below. In addition to these academic criteria the School reserves the right to refuse admission to Year 13 to any pupil whose behaviour, attendance or punctuality has been previously unacceptable.

4. If there are more pupils eligible than there are places available, places shall be allocated in the following order:
  - i. Applicants with the highest total GCSE score, an applicant's GCSE score being calculated on the basis of GCSE results as follows:

A*/A	= 3 points
B	= 2 points
C	= 1 point
  - ii. **In the event of a tie on the same total GCSE score priority shall be established by calculating the GCSE points score in the subjects which are strongly recommended as prerequisites for study of the AS subjects chosen by the applicant.**
  - iii. In the event of a tie after ii above, priority shall be established by a random selection process determined by the Board of Governors and overseen by the Principal. Each application to be considered at this stage will be allocated a random number electronically generated within "Microsoft Excel"; applications will then be ranked in numerical order, with higher numbers having preference over lower numbers.

## **Criteria for extra places made available by the Department of Education (DE)**

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 below:

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in Carrickfergus Grammar School.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at Carrickfergus Grammar 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 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 to 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 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.