



In the event of over-subscription the following criteria, drawn up by the Board of Governors of St Mary's College will be applied in the order set down to select pupils.

All applicants who are ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland at point of application will be considered for admission.

- 1 Applicants who are entitled to Free School Meals* (FSME): Priority will be given so that the proportion of such children admitted is not less than the proportion of the first preference FSME applications received within the total number of first preference applications received.**

"entitled to Free School Meals" will mean applicants who, at the date on which they have signed their post-primary Transfer Form, or at any date up to and including May 12, 2010, have communicated within their application that they are listed on the Education and Library Board/ESA register as entitled to Free School Meals.

** The calculation of this proportion will be on the basis of first preference application received by the post-primary school on or before March 26, 2010.

- 2 Pupils who have sisters, half sisters or foster sisters currently enrolled in the school.
- 3 Pupils whose normal place of residence falls within the geographical area circumscribed by the St Mary's Parish boundaries.
- 4 Pupils whose parent/guardian is a member of the college staff or a member of the Board of Governors.
- 5 Pupils who are the eldest girl in the family.
- 6 Pupils presently resident in other parishes in the Derry City Council area who have chosen St Mary's College as their first preference of Catholic Maintained School.
- 7 Pupils who presently reside in the Derry City Council area.
- 8 Pupils whose mother was a past pupil of the school.
- 9 Pupils whose siblings formerly attended the school.
- 10 Pupils from other parishes who are presently resident in Northern Ireland.

The permitted admission number for Year 8 as determined by the Department of Education for the academic year 2010/2011 is 135.

In the event of over-subscription in any one criterion when applied in the order set, the selection of available places will be carried out using a method of random selection.

The following random selection process will be applied in the event of over subscription in any of the criteria listed based on the initial letter of the pupils surname as stated on her birth certificate in the order set out below.

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O' M S C B R
Z N H V U W Y Mc
K O F I X G

The order was determined by a random selection of the letters of the alphabet witnessed by Board of Governors. In the event of surnames beginning with the same initial letter the subsequent letters of the surnames will be used in alphabetical order. In the event of 2 identical surnames the alphabetical order of the initials of the forenames will be used.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application/transfer form. The school will if necessary contact the relevant ESA to obtain verification of successful applicants FSME registration.

Note: This will be necessary:

- Only for those applicants who would not have been offered a place but for their parent's declaration of FSME registration; and
- Of those, only those applications whose parent's declaration was not confirmed, on the Transfer Form, by the child's primary school principal.

Admissions Criteria 2010/2011



If you are successful in gaining a place in St Mary's College you will be asked to provide the following:

A Any one of the following original documents:

- The child's Birth Certificate
- A letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit.
- The child's Medical Card showing the child's current permanent place of residence.

AND

B Any two of the following original documents:

- A bank, post office, Credit Union or building society statement which shows the address at which the child is resident;
- A current utility bill (for instance electricity, gas, Television Licence, telephone) which shows the address at which the child is resident;
- A letter awarding Child Benefit to the child or another letter relating to this benefit;
- The child's Medical Card showing the child's current permanent place of residence.

Please note that other documents equally capable of verifying your information, or other equally capable

means of verification, will be considered at the discretion of the Board of Governors. If, therefore, you are unable to provide the specific documents listed above then please contact St Mary's College to establish how you can verify your application.

Upon receipt the school will take a copy of your documents but will retain this copy only until the admissions procedure (including Appeals Tribunals) is complete.

Your provision of these documents is essential if we are to offer your child a place at St Mary's College. By law, St Mary's College's Board of Governors has a duty to verify the important information within your child's application in order to ensure that it has applied its admissions criteria correctly and that the admissions process is accurate and fair. The provision of false or incorrect information or the failure to provide information within the deadlines set by post-primary schools can result in the withdrawal of a place and the inability to offer a place on the part of any school nominated on the applicants transfer form.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Applications And Admissions

	2007	2008	2009
Number of Applicants	138	150	159
Number Admitted	132	134	135

Destination Of Leavers 2008 – 2009

	Year 12	Year 13	Year 14
Entered Higher Education	0	0	33
Entered Further Education	37	14	25
Entered Jobskills	4	3	0
Entered Employment	1	1	6
Seeking Employment	18	5	3
Transferred to Another School	3	0	0
None of the Above	0	0	0
Total	63	23	67