

SECTION 6: CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO YEAR 13 - INTERNAL

Priority for entry will be given to pupils currently on the school roll who wish to continue into Year 13.

- 6.1 Pupils will require a minimum of 7 GCSE level grades (A*-C), with a minimum combined GCSE points score of **13**. Pupils will be expected to have at least a grade C in GCSE English and Mathematics. Combined points scores will be worked out on the following basis:

GCSE Score	GCSE Grade	Entry Points Awarded
9	Grade A*	4 points
8/7	Grade A	3 points
6	Grade B	2 points
5	Grade C*	1.5 points
4	Grade C	1 point

- 6.2 The ability to satisfy the entry requirements for each of their AS/A level subjects;
- 6.3 The availability of a place in the preferred A Level subjects;
- 6.4 A previous record, which clearly indicates that high standards have been consistently met in the following areas:
- (i) Commitment to the aims, ethos and life of the school
 - (ii) Conduct
 - (iii) Application to study
 - (iv) Attendance
 - (v) Punctuality
- 6.5 If deemed necessary, pupils will have to satisfactorily complete an interview with the Principal and/or another member of the school’s management team. Applicants will, on the basis of their combined GCSE points score, be guided towards courses that maximise their chances of success, consistent with their career aspirations. Designation of pupils to courses and classes will be at the discretion of the school.

SECTION 7: CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO YEAR 13 - EXTERNAL

To accommodate those pupils from outside the school who wish to join the Sixth Form, if any places remain, the following criteria for admission to Year 13 will apply. Those seeking admission will be required to show that they have the capacity to cope with the academic demands of a grammar school.

- 7.1 Pupils will require a minimum of 7 GCSE level grades (A*-C), with a minimum combined GCSE points score of **13**. Pupils will be expected to have at least a grade C in GCSE English and Mathematics. Combined points scores will be worked out on the following basis:

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9	Grade A*	4 points
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- 7.2 Pupils will have to satisfactorily complete an interview with the Principal and/or another member of the school’s Senior Leadership Team. Pupils will need to demonstrate that they have the ability to cope with the academic demands of a grammar school and that they satisfy the entry requirements for each of their AS/A level subjects;
- 7.3 The availability of a place in the preferred A Level subjects;
- 7.4 Previous school reports which clearly indicate that high standards have been consistently met in the following areas:
- (i) Commitment to the aims, ethos and life of the school
 - (ii) Conduct
 - (iii) Application to study
 - (iv) Attendance
 - (v) Punctuality

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- 7.5 Applicants will, on the basis of their combined GCSE points score, be guided towards courses that maximise their chances of success, consistent with their career aspirations. Designation of pupils to courses and classes will be at the discretion of the school.
- 7.6 In the event of there being more applicants than places available, those to be admitted will be identified by the application, in the indicated order (i-ii) of the criteria set out below:
- (i) Applicants who have previously attended a school whose AS/A2 provision does not meet their needs;
 - (ii) Pupils with the highest combined GCSE score.

Criteria for any extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13.

The Department of Education (DE) 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 below.

- (i) Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St Patrick's Academy
- (ii) Pupils from other schools where admission to an extra place at St Patrick's 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 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 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.

If you have any queries regarding the School or its Admissions Criteria, contact the school Principal.

SECTION 5: CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO YEAR GROUPS 9-12

The Board of Governors delegates to an Admissions Panel, comprising of the Principal and Vice Principals, the application of the admissions criteria to Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. The school will only consider applications for a place commencing at the beginning of the academic year. Admissions to Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be within the limit set by the school. This cannot exceed the overall enrolment number agreed with the Department of Education or the limit on numbers in science classes in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Parents/Carers of candidates who wish to transfer into Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 should complete an online application form which can be found in the admissions pages on the school website: www.stpatricksacademy.org. Applications received after the closing date, Friday 15 May 2026, will not be considered. Candidates are required to provide a copy of their most recent school report by Friday 15 May 2026.

5.1 The first criterion for entry into Years 9-12 at St Patrick's Academy is academic ability. Those seeking admission will be required to show that they have the capacity to cope with the academic demands of a grammar school. Candidates will come into school for an Assessment Day in June 2026.

- (i) Candidates will be given a Cognitive Ability Test;
- (ii) Candidates may be given an English and/or Mathematics test;
- (iii) Candidates who wish to enter Years 10 and 11 may be given a Science test;
- (iv) Candidates who wish to enter Years 10 and 11 may be given a Modern Language test;
- (v) Candidates may be interviewed by members of the Admissions Panel;

The admissions panel will decide whether the candidate should be considered for admission on the basis that their educational evidence shows that they have the capacity to cope with the academic demands of a grammar school. Where vacancies are identified in a particular year group, a rank order of candidates will be drawn up and places offered.

For candidates with a Special Educational Need, parents/carers should make the school aware by completing the relevant section of the online form referred to above. This should be verified by supporting documents and provided by the Friday 15 May 2026 deadline.

- 5.2 Transfer to Year 12, the year of the main external examinations, is unlikely to be considered.
- 5.3 St Patrick's Academy reserves the right to contact the candidate's present school for a reference before a place is offered.
- 5.4 Should a place become available after Monday 1 September 2026, the school will retain the list of candidates in ranked order and this list will be used as a waiting list by the school to determine which candidate(s) can be admitted up to 31st October 2026. (Please refer to the school's waiting list policy).

