



Ballyclare Secondary School

Criteria for Admission to Year 13

1. Pupils wishing to study 3 GCE Advanced Level Courses

- i. At least 5 GCSEs at Grades A* to C, **three** of which must be at least Grade B
- ii. A minimum of 8 points from 5 GCSE grades calculated on the basis of the GCSE results as follows:

A*/A = 3 points

B = 2 points

C = 1 point

Applicants must achieve a B Grade or above in the subject they wish to study at A Level or in a suitable subject in the options booklet.

2. Pupils wishing to study 2 GCE Advanced Level Courses and either BTEC National Award in Children's Care, Learning and Development (Level 3) or BTEC National Award in Sport (Level 3).

- i. At least 5 GCSEs at Grades A* to C, **two** of which must be at least Grade B
- ii. A minimum of 7 points from 5 GCSE grades calculated on the basis of the GCSE results as follows:

A*/A = 3 points

B = 2 points

C = 1 point

Applicants must achieve a B Grade or above in the subject they wish to study at A Level or in a suitable subject in the options booklet and a C Grade or above in either Child Development or Physical Education.

3. Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business (Level 2)

- i. At least 2 GCSEs at a minimum of Grade D
- ii. Interview (Please note that this is a one year course)

4. BTEC National Award in Sport (Level 2)

- i. At least 2 GCSEs at a minimum of Grade D
- ii. Interview

(Please note that this is a one year course)

The Board of Governors reserve the right to consider applications from pupils where it is considered that there are exceptional circumstances.

Addendum To Sixth Form Admissions Criteria.

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

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 below) 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 Ballyclare Secondary School.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission has been agreed and additional places granted by the Department of Education.*

*Parents should note how the Department of Education (DE) will, in response to a school's request, temporarily increase a school's enrolment number in order to allow extra post -16 pupils 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 another 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 or is further than 15 miles distance). 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.