



Most students choose four AS-level subjects.

**Please indicate your AS-level subject choice (including a Reserve choice) and preferences, and state which subjects you are likely to carry through to A-level.**

CHOICE OF COURSES		
Preference	AS-level subjects in order of preference	Likely A-level subjects
1 <sup>st</sup> choice:		
2 <sup>nd</sup> choice:		
3 <sup>rd</sup> choice:		
4 <sup>th</sup> choice:		
Reserve choice:		

**If you wish, you can also select another programme by ticking the relevant box below**

		SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND OTHER INFORMATION
Mandarin Language and Cultural Programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please state the nature of your Special Educational Needs (confidential):  Do you need us to support your learning in a particular way? (e.g. due to Special Educational Needs, registered disability, family circumstances, etc). Other information (confidential):
Student Mentor Programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	

CAREER ASPIRATIONS
Please state briefly why you wish to join the Sixth Form in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, and what your career aspirations are.

The information that you provide on this form will be transferred onto the College's management information system. Under the Freedom of Information Act, anyone named on this form has the right to access the information held about him/her and to be given an opportunity to check its accuracy. All information is highly confidential and will be treated as such.

**This form should be signed below by an adult with parental responsibility**

Name of adult \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- As soon as you receive your examination results in August, inform the Student Secretary by telephone of the grades that you have achieved.
- The Transfer Sub-Committee of the Board of Governors will decide which applicants will be admitted.
- Applicants will be informed of the decisions made and successful applicants will be invited to join our Sixth Form.
- Successful applicants should visit the College and submit their birth certificate (original) and examination results (original), which will be copied by the Student Secretary and returned. They will also be invited to attend our Year 13 Induction Day in late August.

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY		
	Tick	Comment
Has applicant contacted the College after the examination results have been published?		
Have copies of all examination results been submitted?		
Has a copy of a birth certificate (long version) been submitted?		
Has a reference from the applicant's previous school been submitted?		
Has the applicant been offered a place? State when.		
Has the applicant accepted a place? State when.		

**OUR LADY AND ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, KNOCK YEAR 13 ENTRY REFERENCE FORM (2018-19)**

Please ask the person responsible for writing your reference (e.g. Principal/Vice Principal/Head of Year/Tutor) to complete the information asked for below and return this Form as soon as possible, to The Principal, Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock, 120 Gilnahirk Road, Belfast BT5 7DL.

**Section A (To be completed by applicant)**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Current school \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of referee \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B (To be completed by referee)**

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor
Suitability for A-level work					
Punctuality					
Work ethic					
Relationships with teachers					
Relationships with students					
Motivation as an independent learner					
Meeting controlled assessment/coursework deadlines					
Self confidence					
Self discipline					
Attitude to school					
Reliability					
General conduct					
Participation in school events					

What is the applicant's percentage attendance during Year 12? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you any concerns about the ability of the applicant to cope with transferring to Our Lady and St Patrick's College?

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Have you any further comments?

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Signature of referee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark with school stamp here:

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form*

## CRITERIA FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 13

*Please read carefully and ask for clarification if necessary*

You should have talked to subject teachers, tutors and Careers staff before choosing your Sixth Form courses. You should be realistic about your individual capabilities, interests and academic strengths. You should also understand that the academic pathway of AS-Levels and A-Levels might not be the best option for you. Perhaps a combination of **Vocational A-Levels** in a Further Education College would be a more appropriate choice.

**You should only choose four AS-Level subjects in Year 13 if your GCSE grades and motivation are good.** Approximately 80% of returning students choose to study four AS-Levels in Year 13, and the vast majority of these students will progress to A2 with three of these subjects in Year 14.

A student is expected to conform to the **Contract for Admission to Upper School and the College's Positive Behaviour Policy** as formulated by the Board of Governors and interpreted by those in charge of discipline. In addition, a student must be prepared to accept **timetable and curriculum arrangements**. This will include being involved and present at **Religious Education, Careers Education, Life Issues and Personal Development classes, morning assemblies and the College celebration of the Eucharist**. (Arrangements relating to exceptions from above can be made on behalf of those students who are registered as members of other mainstream denominations or none).

It is important to ensure that students embarking on Sixth Form study have the right **attitude** as well as **aptitude**. Where a student wishes to transfer from another school, GCSE results will be used as evidence of academic ability. The advice and opinions of the Principal and teachers of the previous school(s) will also be taken into consideration.

**Normal minimum requirements for entry include the following in terms of Academic Criteria and Positive Attitude.**

### **ACADEMIC CRITERIA**

1. The minimum academic qualification for entry to Year 13 is **five** GCSE passes at grades A\*- C, with **four** at grade B.
2. A minimum of a **grade B at GCSE** is required if the subject is to be studied at AS-level. Where "special circumstances" occur, the Transfer Sub-Committee has the flexibility to deviate from this "additional requirement".
3. The following AS-level courses have additional entry requirements:
  - Government and Politics requires grade B in GCSE English Language.
  - Computer Science: ideally students should have studied GCSE Computing, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, and have obtained at least a grade A in two or more of these subjects.
  - Sociology requires grade B in GCSE English Language.
  - Economics requires grade B in GCSE Mathematics and grade B in GCSE English Language.
  - Biology requires grades BB in GCSE Double Award Science (including grade B in the Biology component) OR grade B in GCSE Biology.
  - Chemistry requires grades AA in GCSE Double Award Science (including grade A in the Chemistry component) OR grade B in GCSE Chemistry.
  - Physics requires grades AA in GCSE Double Award Science (including grade A in the Physics component), plus grade A in GCSE Mathematics OR grade B in GCSE Physics plus grade A in GCSE Mathematics.
  - Mathematics requires grade A in GCSE Mathematics (obtained from the **T4/T6** combination) OR grade C in GCSE Further Mathematics, if this course has been studied.

### **POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

A student is expected to have a positive attitude towards discipline, study, religion and school attendance. This will involve the signing of an agreement accepting the rules and standards set by the College and the obligations and restraints resulting from accepting these standards. This agreement includes a commitment to be present in the College for the whole of the school year as a full-time student and to refrain from going on holiday during term time. We will focus on **attendance, behaviour and commitment** in Year 12 before accepting a student into Sixth Form.

#### ***Attendance***

It should be 95%+ in Year 12.

#### ***Behaviour***

Evidence of positive attitude will be a lack of detentions and/or suspensions for serious or recurring misdemeanours in Senior School.

#### ***Commitment***

Prospective Sixth Form students must have demonstrated commitment to their studies in Year 12, e.g. completion of all coursework/controlled assessment on time. Where a student opts for Additional Mathematics - Grade C is expected as evidence of commitment. This latter point is to deter students from opting out or switching off from Additional Mathematics in Year 12 after completing GCSE Mathematics in Year 11.