

NENDRUM COLLEGE COMBER

Controlled Secondary School

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Principal: V Thompson (Acting)

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Age Range: 11-16

Admissions No: 80

Enrolment No: 432

OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 11 JANUARY 2024 7.00PM – 9.00PM

There will be an address by the Principal at 7.00pm, followed by a tour of the College. A warm welcome is extended to P7 pupils and their parents.

Please visit our website for an introductory video, virtual tour and transition video along with the prospectus and important information.

Queries may be emailed to info@nendrumcollege.comber.ni.sch.uk or you can telephone us on 02891872361.

RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PRINCIPAL IN RELATION TO ADMISSIONS TO THE SCHOOL

The Board of Governors draws up the admissions criteria and delegates to an Admissions Sub-Committee, which includes the Principal, the responsibility for applying these criteria. Any reference herein to the term the Board of Governors includes any Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by the Board of Governors for the purposes of applying the Admissions criteria set out herein.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any applicant’s Transfer Application/Application Form.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline specified by the Board of Governors, this will result in the withdrawal of an offer of a place. Similarly, if information is supplied which appears to be false or misleading in any material way, the offer of a place will be withdrawn.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 30 January 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 22 February 2024 at 12 noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon (GMT) on 22 February 2024 and up to 4pm on 4 March 2024 will be treated as a late application.

Where the College is over-subscribed the Principal and Governors will consider applications subject to the following prioritised criteria:

- 1 Pupils who have an older sibling who is presently enrolled at the College or who previously attended Nendrum College within the last 7 years. (This information must be indicated on the Transfer Application).
- 2 Children who are the only or eldest child(ren) of the family* or the first child of the family to transfer to a mainstream or non-Grammar school and who attend one of the traditional contributory primary/preparatory schools as listed in Criterion 3. (This information must be indicated on the Transfer Application).
- 3 Children who attend one of the following contributory primary/preparatory schools:

Abbey PS	Alexander Dickson PS	Andrews Memorial PS	Brooklands PS	Carrickmannon PS
Castle Gardens PS	Comber PS	Derryboye PS	Dundonald PS	Killinchy PS
Killyleagh Integrated PS	Londonderry PS	Model PS, Newtownards	Moneyrea PS	Regent House Prep.
St Finian’s PS, Newtownards	St Mary’s PS, Comber	St Mary’s PS, Killyleagh	Victoria PS, Newtownards	West Winds PS

- 4 Other pupils who have applied to the College.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criteria, preference will be given to pupils whose place of residence is closest to Nendrum College Comber, as calculated by driving by public road on the RAC Route Finder. In the unlikely event of two children living at the same distance from the College, the oldest child will be admitted.

*child of the family as defined in DE Circular 2022/15 The Procedure for Transfer from Primary to Post Primary Education.

When considering which children should be selected for admission the Board of Governors will only take into account information which is detailed on or attached to the Transfer Application. Parents should therefore ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school’s admissions criteria is stated clearly on the form or attached to it.

DUTY TO VERIFY

The Board of Governors reserves the right to require such supplementary evidence as it may determine to support or verify information on any application form/Transfer Application.

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 applicant’s Transfer Application.

WAITING LIST POLICY

The above criteria will also apply to those applicants who have not been successful in gaining a place and to pupils who now wish to be on our waiting list. This applies on the day a place becomes available. After 1st September if parents have not informed the school in writing that they wish their child’s name to remain on the waiting list, he/she will be removed from the list.

APPLICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>i.e. All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2021/22	80	120	83
2022/23	80	144	85*
2023/24	100	139	112*

****Includes temporary variation/on appeal***

Total Admissions numbers include pupils with a statement of special educational needs

Admissions Criteria - Years 9 - 12

1. Pupils will be admitted whose parents indicate a preference for them to attend Nendrum College Comber, subject to:
 - (i) the College’s enrolment number not being exceeded;
 - (ii) the year group to which admission is sought not being full;
 - (iii) classes including practical classes not having to be re-organised thus altering the planned allocation and usage of staff, accommodation and other resources.

2. Preference will also be given to prospective pupils who have family relationships with a pupil currently enrolled in Nendrum College Comber.

3. Preference will be given to prospective pupils whose named place of residence is within the town of Comber and the surrounding area.

4. Preference will be given to all prospective pupils who are resident in Northern Ireland at the time of the proposed admission.

5. If upon application of any criteria above, there is still a greater number of applicants than places available, preference will be given to pupils whose place of residence is closest to Nendrum College Comber, as calculated driving by public road, by the RAC Route Finder.