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WELCOME

Banbridge Academy

Transfer 2023

Entry to Year 8 (Form 1)
September 2023





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Outline of Presentation

- Transfer Procedure
- Common Entrance Assessment
- Registration Arrangements
- Key Dates
- Admissions Criteria
- Further Information





Roles in the Process

Role of Department of Education

To determine Admissions Arrangements

To communicate details to schools

To set Admissions and Enrolment numbers

Role of Education Authority

Administer EA online application system

Application Timeframe

Issue of Parents' Guide

Statements of SEN





Roles in the Process

Role of Primary Schools

- Assist parents with the procedure
- Support with Claims for Special Circumstances

Role of Boards of Governors (Post-Primary)

- Statutory Admissions Authority
- Draw up & publish Admissions Criteria
- Apply Admissions Criteria
- Fill all places up to the approved Admissions Number





Overview

- No Department of Education Transfer Test
- Unregulated admissions system
- Association for Quality Education (AQE)
- Common Entrance Assessment (CEA)





Common Entrance Assessment

- Administered by AQE
- Takes account of KS2 Revised Curriculum for English & Mathematics. **Science is not included**
 - Details available on the AQE website
- Coaching not required but old Transfer Test papers (without the Science) and past AQE papers (available on the AQE website) can serve as practice papers





Common Entrance Assessment

- 3 papers - Best two papers count
- First Assessment : 19 November 2022
- Second Assessment : 26 November 2022
- Third Assessment: 3 December 2022





Taking the Test

- Tests held in Grammar Schools
- Not Primary Schools
- Nominate chosen school to sit assessment when registering – *NB: AQE allocates assessment places on a first come first served basis*
- Informed in advance of venue
- No bearing on eventual Post-Primary school
- Familiarisation by school arranged in October/November





Marking

- Each paper marked three times
- By different markers
- Quality Assured
- Opportunity to apply for re-mark





Results

- Best 2 out of 3 forms the final result
- Age standardised scores (as in Transfer Test)
- Issued to arrive late January/early February





Registration Arrangements

- Registration details on AQE website
- Choice of Test Centre
 - NO bearing on application for a place but Test Centres allocated on a first come first served basis





Application for Access Arrangements

- Parental responsibility to submit Access Arrangements request to AQE by deadline – further details on AQE website
- Decision made by a panel of assessors
- Decision sent to parents
- Decision sent to Test Centre
- Appropriate arrangements made





Taking the Test in Banbridge Academy

- Pupils with others from same Primary School
- Invigilators will follow common AQE procedures (adapted from JCQ)
- Instructions clearly announced
- Time elapsed announced





January / February

- Results Issued: late January/early February
- Application for re-marks
- Consultation with Primary Principals
- Online Transfer Application
 - Including details of Special Circumstances/Special Provisions





March - June

- Transfer Applications processed
- Schools apply Admissions Criteria
- Decisions are made
- Parents informed of allocated schools
- Appeals process opens





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- Unregulated system not our preferred option
- The current position is not of our choosing
- We would prefer a test run and administered by DE
- The Board of Governors will continue to have regard to the DE's Guidance





Entry to Banbridge Academy

- Result of the AQE test will be the first criterion
- To improve the chances of your son/daughter gaining entry to Banbridge Academy in September 2023 he/she **must** sit the AQE test





Draft Admissions Criteria Transfer 2023

Will be determined and applied by the Board of Governors

1. Rank order of AQE scores
2. If the number of applicants exceeds the approved Admissions Number:
 - i. Current Sibling/Eldest
 - ii. Primary School from which pupils have been admitted 3 out of the past 5 years
 - iii. Tie Breaker: Random

Further details available from the Principal





Scores Admitted

- Don't make assumptions about scores
- No cut off score
- Rank order





	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Admissions No.	184	184	184	184	192
Applicants	211	231	217	276	324
Upper Score	127	128	130	125	N/A
Lower Score	99	101	99	104	N/A



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Further Information

www.aqe.org.uk

www.banbridgeacademy.org.uk

www.eani.org.uk





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Our Vision & Commitment

*Our central aim is for everyone to be happy at school,
known personally and cared for individually.*

Excellence in a caring and supportive environment,
enabling all pupils to realise their full potential and
become tolerant and confident adults.

academically

personally

socially

physically

spiritually

