

BELFAST MODEL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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**Controlled School
Girls' Secondary**

Age Range: 11-18

Admission No: 200

Enrolment No: 1100

OPEN EVENING – Thursday 23rd January 2025 – Principals Speech at 6.30pm

Please visit school website <http://belfastgms.org/site/>

Updates will be placed on school social media platforms

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

The Board of Governors delegate to the Principal and/or the Vice-Principals those functions relating to the admission of pupils.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR ENTRY OF PUPILS TO FORM 1 (YEAR 8) IN SEPTEMBER 2025

Criteria will be applied in the following order

1. A girl who, at the date of their application, has a sister (child of the family*) who attends or has attended Belfast Model School for Girls.
(The name and dates of attendance must be indicated on the Transfer Application)
2. A girl who, at the date of their application, has a brother (child of the family*) who attends or has attended Belfast Boys' Model School.
(The name and dates of attendance must be indicated on the Transfer Application)
***'Child of the family' Covers**
 - A child born to a married couple;
 - A child born to a co-habiting couple;
 - A child of either of those people by a previous marriage or relationship;
 - A child living with same sex partners whether there is a Civil Partnership under the Civil Partnership Act 2004 or not;
 - An adopted or fostered child.
 - A situation where for example an orphaned cousin is being brought up with a family.
3. A child of the family who is the first girl in the family to transfer to a mainstream secondary (non-grammar) school.
(The relevant information must be indicated on the Transfer Application).
4. Those applicants for whom Belfast Model School for Girls is the closest controlled school (ie straight line distance from home address to the main entrance of the school in Dunowen Gardens). In order to ensure accuracy and impartiality, this information will be provided by the OSNI.
5. If the number of applicants in any of the above groups within each category exceeds the remaining number of places available, the applicants will be further ranked for acceptance on the basis of a computerised random selection process which will have the names and dates of birth of the applicants as shown on their Transfer Application.

Please note: 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 ensure that all information pertaining to their child and relevant to the school's admissions criteria (1-5 above) is stated on the Transfer Application or uploaded 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 applicant's Transfer Application.

If the requested evidence is not provided to the Board of Governors by the deadline given, 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.

WAITING LIST POLICY

Should a vacancy arise after 10 May 2025 all applications for admission to Year 8 that were initially refused, new applications and applications where new information has been provided will be treated equally and the published criteria applied. This waiting list will remain in place indefinitely and be reviewed annually. Parents will be asked if they wish to remain on the list on an annual basis. The school will contact you in writing if your child gains a place in the school by this method. Your child's name will be automatically added to the list. Please contact the school if you wish for your child's name to be removed from the list.

Applications and Admissions

Year	Admissions No	Total Applications <i>ie.</i> <i>All preferences</i>	Total Admissions
2022/23	200	192	187
2023/24	200	205	200
2024/25	200	204	196

Criteria for admission to years 9 onwards

Criteria applied as above, application ranked and then placed into order, in terms of date of application.