

Dominican College, Portstewart



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Dear Principal

Arrangements for Transfer 2020 – Dominican College, Portstewart

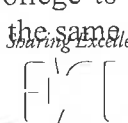
The purpose of this letter is to remind you of specific information in relation to the arrangements Dominican College, Portstewart is making for Transfer 2020 and to invite your P7 parents and their children to an Information Morning in the College on Saturday 7th September 2019 at 9.00am. It would be very helpful if you could inform your P7 parents of the meeting. An A4 poster is enclosed.


In September 2020 Dominican College will have a bilateral entry of 100 places in year 8. The allocation of places will be the same as September 2019 with 50 places allocated on GL grade and 50 on other criteria. The admissions criteria will be finalised by the Board of Governors later this month.

It is **not** intended that the Common Entrance Assessment being used by a number of schools through AQE will form part of the Admissions Criteria for Dominican College.

Here are some specific points about the GL transfer test:

- The Entrance Assessment is on Saturday 16th November 2019.
- There will be no charge to parents for registering or for sitting the Assessment.
- The Assessment will consist of two separate multiple choice papers. The English Paper will last 50 minutes and the Maths paper will last 45 minutes and each is preceded by some practice questions.
- A sample paper for English and Maths and sample mark sheets are in the registration pack.
- Both papers have specifications linked to the current N.I. Curriculum at Key Stage 2.
- The assessment will be held in Dominican College.
- The Registration Form has sections which allow parents to identify if their children require special access arrangements or have medical / dietary requirements which are relevant.
- An Irish Medium Assessment will be available for those parents who prefer their children to be assessed through Irish.
- A Supplementary assessment will be available for children who have been absent on 16th November 2019 with good reason. If the supplementary assessment is taken, then only outcomes from the Supplementary Assessment will be used.
- Results/outcomes will be issued to parents by being posted, first class, on Friday 24th January 2020. It is intended that outcomes will be given as “Standardised Age Scores (SAS)”, “Cohort Percentile” and “Grades”.
- It is the intention of the Board of Governors of Dominican College to use “Grades” as a banding system which allows other criteria also to be applied i.e. the same process as we have used in recent years.


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- Parents will be able to register their children for the Entrance Assessment until 20th September 2019. Registration Packs will be available from the schools using the Entrance Assessments, on the web-sites of each of these schools and on the PPTC web-site, www.pptcni.com see "Information for Parents"

Dominican College intends to hold an Information Morning for parents and P7 pupils on Saturday 7th September at 9.00am. Registration Packs will be available at the meeting.

I hope that the details above are helpful. If you would like to contact me about our Transfer arrangements please either come along on to the meeting on 7th September or ring me at school, 70832715 or e-mail me at rroman628@c2kni.net.

Yours sincerely



R Ronan
(Principal)



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Invite you to an

Information Morning Regarding the GL Entrance Assessment

**On Saturday 7th September 2019
from 9.00am to 10.00am**

Parents, Guardians and P7 pupils are all warmly invited to visit the school for an information morning in relation to the GL assessment that will take place on 16th November 2019.

This will provide an opportunity for pupils and parents / guardians to familiarise themselves with the school prior to the assessment day.

The Principal will give information relating to the assessment arrangements for this year.

Parents who are yet to register can hand in registration forms or collect registration packs during this time.

Original birth certificates previously left into Dominican will also be available for collection after the Principal's talk.