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# Admissions Policy

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Good Counsel College

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## 1. Rationale

Good Counsel College is subject to all legislative requirements and regulations set down from time to time by the Department of Education & Skills (DES). The College is funded by the DES and is provided with staff in accordance with DES staff allocation systems. This Admissions Policy complies with the requirements of the Education Act 1998, the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and the Equal Status Act 2000. In drafting this policy, the board of management of the college has consulted with college staff, the college patron and with parents of children attending the college.

The policy was approved by the college patron on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. It is published on the college's website and will be made available in hardcopy to any person who requests it.

The relevant dates and timelines for Good Counsel College admission process are set out in the college's annual admission notice which is published annually on the college's website at least one week before the commencement of the admission process for the relevant school year.

This policy must be read in conjunction with the annual admission notice for the relevant school year.

The application form for admission is published on the college's website and will be made available in hardcopy to any person who requests it.

The curricular programme of the college is governed by Department of Education and Skills regulation in accordance with sections 9, 30, 61, 62 and 63 of the **Education Act of 1998**.

Enrolment is limited by college capacity and by the requirements of the college curriculum, and organisation as prescribed from time to time by the Board of Management and as determined by DES regulations and standards.

In assessing applications for admission the college will take fully into account:

- a. The rights of parents to enrol their children in the school of their choice bearing in mind recent High Court decisions.
- b. The capacity of the college to provide adequately for the education of all of its pupils.

This policy also aims to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to enable the college:

- a. To make decisions on all applications in an open and transparent manner consistent with its Ethos, the Mission Statement of the College and legislative requirements.
- b. To make an accurate and appropriate assessment of the capacity of the college to cater for the needs of applicants in the light of the resources available to it.
- c. To put in place a framework which will ensure effective and productive relations between students, parents and teachers where a student is admitted to the college.

The **Education Welfare Act, 2000** (Section 19 (1)) requires that a Board of Management shall not refuse to admit a child except where such refusal is in accordance with the college's Admission Policy. Section 19(2) requires that parents must provide relevant information to the college while Section 19 (3) requires that the Board of Management shall, as soon as practicable (but not later than 21 days) after receiving such information *'make a decision in respect of the application concerned and inform the parent in writing thereof'*.

Good Counsel College will not discriminate in our admission of a student to the college on any of the following:

- a) the gender ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- b) the civil status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- c) the family status ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- d) the sexual orientation ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- e) the religion ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- f) the disability ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,
- g) the ground of race of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned,

- h) the Traveller community ground of the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned, or
- i) the ground that the student or the applicant in respect of the student concerned has special educational needs

As per section 61(3) of the Education Act 1998, 'civil status ground', 'disability ground', 'discriminate', 'family status ground', 'gender ground', 'ground of race', 'religion ground', 'sexual orientation ground' and 'Traveller community ground' shall be construed in accordance with section 3 of the Equal Status Act 2000.

- Good Counsel College is an all-boys school and does not discriminate where it refuses to admit a girl applying for admission to this college.
- Good Counsel College is a school whose objective is to provide education in an environment which promotes certain religious values and does not discriminate where it admits a student of Catholic faith in preference to others.
- Good Counsel College is a school whose objective is to provide education in an environment which promotes certain religious values and does not discriminate where it refuses to admit as a student a person who is not Catholic and it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the college.
- Good Counsel College is a school which has established an ASD class, with the approval of the Minister for Education and Skills, which provides an education exclusively for students with a category or categories of special educational needs specified by the Minister and may refuse to admit to the class a student who does not have the category of needs specified.

## **2. Introduction**

- a. Good Counsel College is a Catholic, all boys, voluntary secondary school with a Catholic ethos under the trusteeship of Augustinian Schools Trust.

'Catholic Ethos' in the context of a Catholic voluntary secondary school means the ethos and characteristic spirit of the Roman Catholic Church, which aims at promoting:

- the full and harmonious development of all aspects of the person of the pupil, including the intellectual, physical, cultural, moral and spiritual aspects; and
- a living relationship with God and with other people; and

- a philosophy of life inspired by belief in God and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus; and
- the formation of the pupils in the Catholic faith,

and which school provides religious education in accordance with the doctrines, practices and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, and/or such ethos and/or characteristic spirit as may be determined or interpreted from time to time by the Irish Episcopal Conference.

In accordance with S.15 (2) (b) of the Education Act, 1998 the Board of Management of Good Counsel College shall uphold, and be accountable to the patron for so upholding, the characteristic spirit of the college as determined by the cultural, educational, moral, religious, social, linguistic and spiritual values and traditions which inform and are characteristic of the objectives and conduct of the college.

- It is expected that an application to attend Good Counsel College indicates an acceptance of all college regulations and the Code of Behaviour by parents/guardians and pupils.
- Parents/guardians applying on behalf of a prospective pupil will be deemed to have read all the information set out in this document.
- The Board of Management retains the right to restrict intake below the number that the physical capacity of the college indicates if it considers that the admission of some pupils would be detrimental to the interests of those pupils or to pupils currently attending the college or to prospective pupils.
- All prospective pupils must meet current Department of Education and Skills requirements.
- See page 5 for additional details regarding enrolment in the ASD Unit.

**The Trustees of the College approve the Admissions Criteria and delegate to the Board of Management and the Principal the responsibility of applying the criteria.**

### **3. Admissions Criteria.**

Good Counsel College shall admit each student seeking admission except where –

- the college is oversubscribed (please see section 6 below for further details)

- b) a parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the Code of Behaviour of the college is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student
- c) Good Counsel College provides education exclusively for boys and may refuse to admit as a student a person who is not of the gender provided for by this college.
- d) Good Counsel College is a Catholic school and may refuse to admit as a student a person who is not of Catholic denomination where it is proved that the refusal is essential to maintain the ethos of the college.
- e) The special class attached to Good Counsel College provides an education exclusively for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the college may refuse admission to this class, where the student concerned does not have the specified category of special educational needs provided for in this class.
- f) Pupils, on entering 1<sup>st</sup> Year must be a minimum of 12 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the calendar year following entry. (Original birth certificates will be requested)

In the event that the college is oversubscribed, the college will, when deciding on applications for admission, apply the following **selection criteria** in the order listed below to those applications that are received within the timeline for receipt of applications as set out in the college’s annual admission notice: (1 to 5):

1. Boys applying to the ASD Unit, to a maximum of 2 boys for the 2021/22 academic year.
2. Son of permanent staff members of the College.
3. Brother of the student concerned attending or having attended the College.
4. Parent of the student concerned having previously attended the College, provided the maximum number of places filled pursuant to that criterion does not exceed 25 per cent of the available places<sup>1</sup> as set out in our annual admission notice for the school year concerned. *Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available under this criterion, a lottery will be carried out with unsuccessful applicants being treated as coming within the 5th criterion.*
5. Other boys.

Where necessary within any category, should demand exceed availability, places will be allocated by lottery. With the exception of criteria 1 (ASD Applications), all students in

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<sup>1</sup> The 25% quota applies to those in this criteria only and is exclusive of sons of past pupils who may secure places under any other criteria.

that category in which demand for places first exceeds supply and all preceding categories will be entered for this lottery (Section 4 Stage 3).

The maximum number of admissions is 150 boys, which is inclusive of any boys admitted to the ASD unit – referred to as Ostia<sup>2</sup>. In the 2021/22 year there are 2 places available in our ASD Unit as 12 boys currently access that support with 2 due to transition out in June 2021. (See page 6 point d.) The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 3.00pm on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.

In the event of students not being offered a place due to the maximum number being exceeded they will be placed on a waiting list. If a place subsequently becomes available, the criteria listed above, 1 to 5, will be invoked including the application of Footnote 1 below.

#### **4. What will not be considered or taken into account**

In accordance with section 62(7)(e) of the Education Act, the college will not consider or take into account any of the following in deciding on applications for admission or when placing a student on a waiting list for admission to the college:

- a) the payment of fees or contributions to the college;
- b) a student’s academic ability, skills or aptitude; other than in relation to admission to our ASD Class as it is necessary in order to ascertain whether or not the student has the category of special educational needs concerned;
- c) the occupation, financial status, academic ability, skills or aptitude of a student’s parents;
- d) a requirement that a student, or his or her parents, attend an interview, open day or other meeting as a condition of admission;
- e) the date and time on which an application for admission was received by the college, provided said application was received within the timeframe specified for applications as set out in the annual admission notice of the college for the school year concerned.

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<sup>2</sup> For the 2021/22 academic year Ostia -ASD Unit has 10 students carrying on with 2 places available. Where the number of applicant places available to the ASD Class is 2 at the closing date for applications, the number of boys accepted into the mainstream cohort will be 148. [Total intake still at maximum of 150 boys (2 boys in ASD Class plus 148 in mainstream).] Should, for example, only one place is accepted in Ostia – ASD Unit then the enrolment to the mainstream cohort will be 150 – 1 = 149)

## **5. Admissions Procedure/Decisions on Applications**

All decisions on applications for admission to Good Counsel College will be based on the following:

- a) Our college's admission policy
- b) The college's annual admission notice (where applicable)
- c) The information provided by the applicant in the college's official application form received during the period specified in our annual admission notice for receiving applications

Selection criteria that are not included in our college admission policy will not be used to make a decision on an application for a place in our college.

Should the College be oversubscribed a lottery will be carried out, observed by an independent adjudicator. As explained in Section 3 - Where necessary within any category, should demand exceed availability, places will be allocated by lottery. With the exception of criteria 1 (ASD Applications), all students in that category in which demand for places first exceeds supply and all preceding categories will be entered for this lottery.

## **6. Notifying applicants of decisions**

Applicants will be informed in writing as to the decision of the college, within the timeline outlined in the annual admissions notice.

If a student is not offered a place in our college, the reasons why they were not offered a place will be communicated in writing to the applicant, including, where applicable, details of the student's ranking against the selection criteria and details of the student's place on the waiting list for the school year concerned.

Applicants will be informed of the right to seek a review/right of appeal of the college's decision (see section 18 below for further details).

***Closing dates for these stages will vary from year to year. At each stage the closing date will be clearly stated in our Admissions Notice and adhered to rigidly.***

## **7. Acceptance of an offer of a place by an applicant**

In accepting an offer of admission from Good Counsel College, you must indicate—

- a) whether or not you have accepted an offer of admission for another school or schools. If you have accepted such an offer, you must also provide details of the offer or offers concerned and
- b) whether or not you have applied for and awaiting confirmation of an offer of admission from another school or schools, and if so, you must provide details of the other school or schools concerned.

Applicants should be aware that failure to disclose this information on the acceptance of a place may lead to an offer being withdrawn by the college.

## **8. Circumstances where offers may not be made or withdrawn**

An offer of admission may not be made or may be withdrawn by Good Counsel College where -

- a) it is established that information contained in the application is false or misleading.
- b) an applicant fails to confirm acceptance of an offer of admission on or before the date set out in the annual admission notice of the college.
- c) the parent of a student, when required by the principal in accordance with section 23(4) of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, fails to confirm in writing that the Code of Behaviour of the college is acceptable to him or her and that he or she shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with such code by the student; or
- d) an applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of 'acceptance of an offer' as set out in section 7 above.
- e) The board of management has a duty of care to ensure as far as practicable the health and safety of the students and staff of the school. In addition, the board of management is required under section 15(1) of the Education Act 1998 to provide, or cause to be provided, an appropriate education for each student at the school for which that board has responsibility. An application for admission may be refused, therefore, where the admission of the applicant would pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the applicant or students and staff of the school, or risk significantly interfering with the right of other students to an appropriate education.

## **9. Sharing of Data with other schools**

Applicants should be aware that section 66(6) of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 allows for the sharing of data between schools in order to facilitate the efficient admission of students. Section 66(6) allows a school to provide a patron or another board of management with a list of the students in relation to whom—

- a) an application for admission to the college has been received,
- b) an offer of admission to the college has been made, or
- c) an offer of admission to the college has been accepted.

The list may include any or all of the following:

- a) the date on which an application for admission was received by the college;
- b) the date on which an offer of admission was made by the college;
- c) the date on which an offer of admission was accepted by an applicant;
- d) a student's personal details including his or her name, address, date of birth and personal public service number (within the meaning of section 262 of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005).

## **10. Waiting list in the event of oversubscription**

In the event of there being more applications to the school year concerned than places available, a waiting list of students whose applications for admission to Good Counsel College were unsuccessful due to the college being oversubscribed will be compiled and will remain valid for the school year in which admission is being sought.

Placement on the waiting list of Good Counsel College is in the order of priority assigned to the students' applications after the college has applied the selection criteria in accordance with this admission policy. See our Admission Criteria.

Offers of any subsequent places that become available for and during the school year in relation to which admission is being sought will be made to those students on the waiting list, in accordance with the order of priority in relation to which the students have been placed on the list.

## **11. Late Applications**

All applications for admission received after the closing date as outlined in the annual admission notice will be considered and decided upon in accordance with our college's admissions policy, the Education Admissions to School Act 2018 and any regulations made under that Act.

Late applicants will be notified of the decision in respect of their application not later than three weeks after the date on which the college received the application. Late applicants in any year will only be considered in chronological order on the basis of availability of places.

## **12. Eligibility for Enrolment in ASD Class**

The following conditions, along with the general criteria outlined above, must be satisfied for enrolment to be considered;

- a. The pupil has a diagnosis of Autism i.e. DSM-IV, DSM-IV-TR, DSM-V or ICD-10, from an ASD Multi-Disciplinary team and the pupil is recommended for placement in a Special Class or Unit attached to a mainstream secondary school.
- b. A detailed Psychological and Cognitive Assessment noting that the student is assessed to be within the mild/general to above average range of intellectual ability together with a Speech and Language report and an OT report within the previous two years must be provided. Indicators are that the needs of a student with moderate intellectual ability who is not capable of any significant level of integration are best met in a Special School placement. The ASD Class will not cater for boys with severe or profound learning difficulties.
- c. Each application should be supported by a report from the primary school or previous secondary school if transferring, outlining the student's academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs and outlining the current extent of social inclusion.

### **ASD Class Enrolment Policy:**

- a. All vacancies in the ASD Class will be filled as per the criteria outlined in the Admissions Policy, page 4, and subject to all the conditions above being in place i.e. diagnostic criteria etc.
- b. Pupils who meet criteria for enrolment but are not offered a place for September will remain on that year's waiting list in the event that a mid-school year vacancy should arise.

- c. Where an application for a boy to be enrolled specifically in the ASD Class is unsuccessful this boy will not be accommodated in the mainstream intake as GCC would not have the capacity to meet their diagnosed needs. (see f below)
- d. The number of students enrolled in the ASD Class each year will depend on resources and the ability of the college to integrate the students into mainstream classes. The total capacity of the ASD Class is 12 boys. This will not be exceeded. The number of boys enrolled each year is determined in consultation with the NCSE.
- e. The inclusion operates on the understanding that the intellectual ability of students enrolling in the special class is similar to the profile of the population of students attending the main stream section of the college and the student would have the ability to integrate into mainstream classes according to individual need.
- f. In certain circumstances and following assessment, Good Counsel College may be unable to meet the needs of an ASD student on the grounds that they are considered a risk to themselves or others. The board of management has a duty of care to ensure as far as practicable the health and safety of the students and staff of the school. In addition, the board of management is required under section 15(1) of the Education Act 1998 to provide, or cause to be provided, an appropriate education for each student at the school for which that board has responsibility. An application for admission may be refused, therefore, where the admission of the applicant would pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the applicant or students and staff of the school, or risk significantly interfering with the right of other students to an appropriate education.
- g. An Annual Review of the student's placement within the ASD Class may be held by the ASD Class team together with a nominated representative from the Multidisciplinary Team, and any other significant professional/personnel involved in the students life to ensure that the ASD Class continues to be the most suitable placement option available to the student.
- h. All potential applicants may be visited by a member of the Admissions Committee to observe the student in their existing placement and to provide for feedback to the Admissions Committee.

### **ASD Application Process:**

- a. Parent/Legal Guardians are required to indicate on the standard application form that they request consideration for enrolment in the ASD Unit on behalf of their son. Applications from a third party will not be considered.

- b. Applications should be made to the College Principal on the standard application form.
- c. Applications for enrolment will be considered, for eligibility, by the Admissions Committee<sup>3</sup>.
- d. The completion of a written application form for placement of a boy does not confer an automatic right to placement in the ASD Class.
- e. Completed application forms and **all of the required documentation** (outlined at page 5 point 5.b) must be received in the college no later than 3pm on November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- f. If the number of applicants to the ASD Class exceeds the places available in any year the Admissions Criteria outlined on Page 4 (points 2-5) of this policy will be applied with those unsuccessful applicants being assigned to the waiting list.
- g. Late applications to the ASD Class will not be considered. (See footnote 1 Page 4) Such applicants will be placed on the colleges waiting list, in chronological order of receipt of application, and will only be offered a place in the ASD Class whereby there is;
  - a. A space available in the Class

**AND**

- b. The overall enrolment in the year does not exceed 150 boys.  
Such late applications will not supersede those to the ASD Class or mainstream made before the closing date for receipt of applications who are already on the waiting list.
- h. If parents/guardians have decided to avail of a place in another school rather than accept a place in the ASD Class within Good Counsel College, they are required to inform the Principal, in writing, immediately. This will enable the college to offer the place to another student.

**ASD Class Notification of Vacancies:**

- a. The Principal will notify the Special Educational Needs Organiser (S.E.N.O.) of the number of vacancies in the existing classes in the college for the following year. The S.E.N.O. will also be informed of names of pupils on the application list.
- b. When the places for the following school year have been filled, the Principal will inform the S.E.N.O. of the pupils who still remain on the waiting list without places.

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<sup>3</sup> The ASD Admissions Committee, ASD Coordinators and Principal or Deputy Principal, will process and assess any applications for enrolment in the ASD Class, review the psychological and other available assessments of the child and any enrolment is subject to that applicant satisfying our general criteria in section 12.

- c. The S.E.N.O. will also be informed if vacancies occur during the school year. Vacancies may be filled as they arise during the school year following recommendation from the Admissions Committee.

**ASD Class Transition Programmes:**

- a. The college will endeavour to make arrangements for staff to visit and observe new pupils in their existing placements, during the last school term to gain information about the students.
- b. Transitional Programmes will be arranged on an individual basis with successful applicants in consultation with parents, educational and multi-disciplinary personnel.
- c. Parents will be invited to a meeting with the Principal/Deputy Principal for all new incoming students in May.

### **13. Admission to all other years**

Admission is subject to the same conditions as outlined above. Admission is considered subject to;

- i. The completion of Application Forms which are available from the Office, Good Counsel College. These will be accompanied by the Admission Policy, Code of Behaviour and College Calendar.
- ii. Any application must be fully completed. Incomplete application forms will be returned to parents.
- iii. Normally applications should be submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the academic year the student intends commencing. Late application procedures are outlined later in this policy.
- iv. All applications must be accompanied by a reference from previous school.
- v. Applicants will be required to furnish details about previous 2nd Level education including school reports and other relevant information.
- vi. All applicants may be required:
  - a. to attend for interview with Principal/Deputy Principal;
  - b. to provide written assurances regarding compliance with the college's Code of Behaviour;
  - c. to agree a specific behaviour support plan.
- vii. Selection Criteria: The following will determine the success of the application:
  - a. The capacity of the college to cater for the applicants needs i.e. subject choice, class size.

- b. The behaviour record of a student in their previous school
- c. The attendance record of a student in their previous school
- d. The potential impact of the student on class dynamics.

#### **14. Late applicants to all other year groups:**

In the event of applications being received after April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to entry but before January 1<sup>st</sup> in any academic year the student wishes to enter the following will apply:

- i. All procedures as outlined previously for 'Application for other year groups'
- ii. Class Size – certain subjects (i.e. practical class compliance with Department of Education & Skills capacity limits.)
- iii. Subject Choice / availability of subjects.
- iv. There are certain restrictions on class sizes also in line with Department of Education & Skills guidelines and with college policy such as for Transition Year. Details of such restrictions may be had from the college.
- v. Applicants **must** have studied the available subjects in their previous school.
- vi. A period of at least one week will pass between the acceptance of a student and the student commencing classes to allow time for the Year Head and Tutor to disseminate relevant information regarding the new student's arrival.

**Applications received after January 1<sup>st</sup> in a particular school year will not be accepted for that school year.**

#### **15. Admission to specific programmes or subjects (or subjects at a specific level) to students from the college.**

If numbers applying for TY or for places in specific subjects are greater than the number of places available the following will apply:

- i. Behavioural record.
- ii. Attendance record.
- iii. Performance in subject previously. If the student has not taken the subject previously the Principal will liaise with Guidance Counsellor and subject teachers in order to ascertain the viability of this option while being cognisant of the subject departments approved policy.
- iv. Student's commitment to the programme modules and completion of projects.
- v. Student's willingness to participate in all aspects of the programme.

In relation to the above courses an application process will apply. The college will be the final arbiters of who enters any of the programmes listed above.

## **16. Repeat Years**

A separate policy is available for these applicants. This is guided by the conditions set down by the DES. [Circular M2/95](#).

## **17. Declaration in relation to the non-charging of fees**

The board of Good Counsel College or any persons acting on its behalf shall not, except in accordance with section 64 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, charge fees for or seek payment or contributions (howsoever described) as a condition of-

- a) an application for admission of a student to the college, or
- b) the admission or continued enrolment of a student in the college.

## **18. Arrangements regarding students not attending religious instruction**

A parent of a student, or a student who has reached the age of 18, who wishes to attend Good Counsel College without attending religious instruction should make a written request to the Principal. A meeting will be then be arranged with the parent or the student, as the case may be, to discuss how the request may be accommodated by the college.

## **19. Reviews/appeals**

### **Review of decisions by the Board of Management**

- The parent of the student, or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student, may request the board to review a decision to refuse admission. Such requests must be made in accordance with Section 29C of the Education Act 1998.

Appeals should be made in writing to;

*The Secretary,  
Board of Management,  
Good Counsel College,  
New Ross  
Co. Wexford*

- The timeline within which such a review must be requested and the other requirements applicable to such reviews are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister under section 29B of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the website of the Department of Education and Skills.
- The board will conduct such reviews in accordance with the requirements of the procedures determined under Section 29B and with section 29C of the Education Act 1998.

**Note:**

- Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the college being oversubscribed, the applicant must request a review of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.
- Where an applicant has been refused admission due to a reason other than the college being oversubscribed, the applicant may request a review of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998.

**Right of appeal**

- Under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998, the parent of the student, or in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student, may appeal a decision of this college to refuse admission.

- An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(i) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due to the college being oversubscribed.
- An appeal may be made under Section 29 (1)(c)(ii) of the Education Act 1998 where the refusal to admit was due a reason other than the college being oversubscribed.
- Where an applicant has been refused admission due to the college being oversubscribed, the applicant must request a review of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. (see Review of decisions by the Board of Management)
- Where an applicant has been refused admission due to a reason other than the college being oversubscribed, the applicant may request a review of that decision by the board of management prior to making an appeal under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. (see Review of decisions by the Board of Management)
- Appeals under Section 29 of the Education Act 1998 will be considered and determined by an independent appeals committee appointed by the Minister for Education and Skills.
- The timeline within which such an appeal must be made and the other requirements applicable to such appeals are set out in the procedures determined by the Minister under section 29B of the Education Act 1998 which are published on the website of the Department of Education and Skills.

## **20. Review of Policy**

The policy will be reviewed regularly in the light of experience. It will be reviewed by a representative staff group for ratification by the Board of Management annually. Any staff member, Board member, parent, guardian or student who is unhappy with the content or the implementation of any college policy may request a review, by outlining their observations in writing to the Secretary of the Board, at any time and such a request will be dealt with as quickly as possible

## Notification regarding the Board of Management's annual review of the Admissions Policy

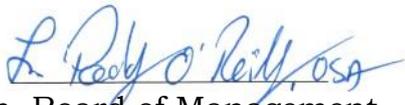


### To whom it may concern.

The Board of Management of Good Counsel College wishes to inform you that the Board of Management's annual review of the college's Admissions Policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Signed John Hennebry OSA  
Chairperson, Augustinian Schools Trust

Date: September 24<sup>th</sup> 2020

Signed   
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date: September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

Signed   
Principal, Secretary Board of Management

Date: September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

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Appendix – Will appear separately on our website also.

## Good Counsel College

### ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE FOR 2021/22

Copies of the college’s **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2021/22 school year are available as follows: –

Application forms will be available from October 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. They can be:

- downloaded at [www.goodcounselcollege.ie](http://www.goodcounselcollege.ie)
- On request: From the college office in person or by emailing [info@goodcounselcollege.ie](mailto:info@goodcounselcollege.ie) or writing to: Application Form Request, Good Counsel College, New Ross, Co Wexford

#### 1. Application and Decision Dates for admission to 1<sup>st</sup> Year for 2021/22

1.	The college will commence accepting applications for admission on	October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2020
2.	The college will cease accepting applications for admission on	November 6 <sup>th</sup> 2020 at 3PM
3.	Applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application by	November 12 <sup>th</sup> 2020
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	November 19 <sup>th</sup> 2020

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by the November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 may result in the offer being withdrawn.

#### 2. Application and Decision Dates for admission to Ostia – ASD Class for 2021/2022

1.	The college will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2020
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2.	The college shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	November 6th 2020 at 3PM
3.	Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class by	November 12th 2020
4.	Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by	November 19th 2020

Failure by an applicant to accept an offer by November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 may result in the offer being withdrawn

### 3. Number of places being made available in the 2021/22 school year

The number of places being made available in 1 <sup>st</sup> year is	148
The number of residential places is (boarding schools only)	0
The number of non-residential places is (boarding schools only)	0
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> years students with ASD is	2

### 4. Number of places in 1<sup>st</sup> year for the 2021/22 school year which were offered and accepted before 1 February 2020

The number of places for 1 <sup>st</sup> year that were offered and accepted prior to the coming into operation of section 62 of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 on 1 February 2020 is	0
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### 5. Breakdown of applications in the previous year

The total number of applications for admission received by the college for admission in 1<sup>st</sup> year in the 2020/21 school year was 223 ( 219 Mainstream and 4 ASD)

<b>Breakdown of places allocated for 1<sup>st</sup> Year for the 2020/21 school year:</b>	
Number of places available	147
Number of applications received	219
Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1: N/A Criteria 2: 2 made – 1 accepted Criteria 3: 57 made – 55 accepted Criteria 4: 32 made – 28 accepted Criteria 5 and subsequent rounds : 126 made – 63 accepted
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	2

The total number of applications for admission received by the college for admission in the special class catering for students with [insert category or categories of SEN catered for in the special class] in the 2020/21 school year was [insert number].

<b>Breakdown of places allocated for Special Class for the 2020/21 school year:</b>	
Number of places available	3
Number of applications received	4
Number of Offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1: N/A Criteria 2: 0 Criteria 3: 1 made - 1 accepted Criteria 4: 0 Criteria 5: 2 made - 2 accepted
Number of names placed on waiting list for the school year concerned	1