

## Applying for Secondary School

You should start the process of applying for most secondary schools when your child begins in sixth class of National school. The usual method is to contact the school office for a form and return that form with basic information, sometimes a birth cert and sometimes also a deposit or admin fee, to the school who will then inform you of the next step. Enrolment policies are usually available on the schools' own websites.

The following information has been put together by parents and is intended to act as a starting point for families who are considering applying for secondary schools. It is as accurate as we can make it at this time. The details have been gathered from school websites and from speaking directly to schools and so may be subject to change. You should contact or visit the schools for further information on the ethos and approach of each school and to discuss individual situations.

Galway is a growing city and there is high demand for secondary places. Schools often prioritise applicants in certain categories and these can be very restrictive so we would strongly advise that you apply to multiple schools as you are not always guaranteed to get your first choice. Don't worry if you are placed on a waiting list as these can move fast. Check application closing dates as some are as early as end of September 2019.

We have tried to include all schools in Galway City centre and a number of suburbs. There are also secondary schools in surrounding towns such as Athenry, Headford and Claregalway which might be accessible to you.

When applying you might want to consider:

- Application deadlines
- How to apply: online, written form.
- Additional info needed, certs etc.
- Deposit: when required, how much, is it refundable if no place is offered, does it go towards fees for year.
- How are places allocated i.e. is priority given to primary pupils, siblings etc.
- Waiting list: are places allocated according to date applied, lottery or other.
- When are families contacted with place offers
- Deadline for acceptance of place
- Places available after term begins

- Open days
- What is the next step if you have not received an offer
- Alternatives e.g. Sudbury school, Steiner school, home schooling, online tutoring

## **School information**

### **Boys Only**

#### **1. The Bish (St. Joseph's Patrician College)**

Nun's Island

091565980 [www.bish.ie](http://www.bish.ie)

Apply when child in 6<sup>th</sup> class, name and contact details should be left at office and family will be contacted/form sent

Deposit required €25 at time of application

No late applications accepted

1<sup>st</sup> round offers made within month of application closing date (not known yet)

Priority given to children in feeder school (St Pats) then siblings/family of staff then remaining spaces allocated in a lottery.

#### **2. St Mary's (*joining with Our Ladys to become CoEd in 2021*)**

St. Mary's Road

091522369 [www.stmaryscollege.ie](http://www.stmaryscollege.ie)

For 2019 download online form, available from office towards end of September

Open day 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Closing date for applications is near end of December

€150 admin fee, payable at time of application, no refund if offered place

### **Girls Only**

#### **3. Our Lady's College (*joining with St Mary's to become CoEd in 2021*)**

Newtownsmith and Presentation Road

091563495 [www.ourladyscollege.ie](http://www.ourladyscollege.ie)

Taking applications now and forms are available from office to be returned there with copy of birth cert. €50 can be included but not required.

Application deadline published in press and on open evening.

€210 to be paid after accepting place includes €50 deposit, €50 locker and insurance fee, €60 voluntary contribution.

1<sup>st</sup> round place offers notified up to 21 days after application closing date

Offers based on 1. Siblings, feeder school, 1<sup>st</sup> come first served applications. Anyone with application form in before closing date will be contacted with further information

#### **4. Salerno (Jesus and Mary Secondary School)**

Threadneedle Road, Salthill

091529500 [www.salerno.ie](http://www.salerno.ie)

Apply any time from birth. Apply in writing on form, offers sent in October. Allocation starts Oct for following year: Siblings, feeder (Scoil Ide), child of staff, remaining in order of application, exceptional cases.

#### **5. Dominican College (Taylor's Hill)**

Taylor's Hill

091523171 [www.taylorshill.ie](http://www.taylorshill.ie)

Open day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7.00 in the school

Offers made 28 days after closing date: Siblings, feeder school (Scoil Rois), relatives/past pupils, catholic, 1<sup>st</sup> come, lottery

### **CoEd**

#### **6. St Enda's College (Colaiste Einde)**

Threadneedle Road, Salthill

091521407 [www.endacollege.ie](http://www.endacollege.ie)

Applications begin when child is in sixth class and open evening is closing date for applications.

144 places available including Autism Spectrum Disorder class and Hearing Impairment class

Priority is given to siblings of past and present pupils and children of staff.

Remaining places are allocated by lottery and a waiting list is generated.

#### **7. Merlin College**

Doughiska

091769000 [www.merlincollege.ie](http://www.merlincollege.ie)

Non-denominational

Formal application forms available from school office now. Open evening on September 30<sup>th</sup> is closing date for applications.

Form dated and receipt given and must be retained

Form dated when returned with requested documentation

Places offered up to two weeks after closing date and 7 days to respond.

No deposit, just voluntary contribution, payable at any time

Applications subject to pupil living in catchment area (Roscam, Doughiska, Ardunn). Catchment given priority, then those from primary school (Merlin Woods primary) then siblings of current pupils/children of staff.

Children outside of catchment area may be offered places remaining after open day

If no places remain, children outside catchment will be put on waiting list and if places become available decided by lottery

Late applications go on a waiting list in order of date received

#### **8. Jes (Colaiste Iognaid)**

Sea Road

091501550 [www.colasteiognaid.ie](http://www.colasteiognaid.ie)

2x English stream and 1x Irish stream

Written application, forms available now from school office

Closing date 25<sup>th</sup> October for 2020 entry.

Priority given to siblings of current students, then siblings of past students, children of staff/Jesuits, child of past pupil. 67 places available to Jes primary students. Any places remaining allocated randomly to remaining applicants. 6 discretionary places (applications received by chairman of board by closing date). No late applications considered.

€200 payable on accepting place

#### **9. Educate Together Secondary**

Grianach House, Merlin Park

0917793259 [www.galwayetss.ie](http://www.galwayetss.ie)

This is a new school opened 2019. Applications now being taken for 2020 first years. Application form can be accessed online and completed electronically.

All correspondence regarding applications are handled this way.

Closing date for application is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5m and offers of places will begin Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Families must respond to an offer within 14 days.

Priority given to siblings of current students, students in the catchment area then a lottery for other applicants if number exceeds places available. Catchment area can be viewed on website.

Late applications will be subject to places being available after priority places given.

Open evening September 26<sup>th</sup> -9pm.

#### **10. Galway Community College Secondary School**

Moneenageisha, Wellpark

091755464 [www.galwaygcc.ie](http://www.galwaygcc.ie)

Application forms available from office and on open day. Closing date last working day in February (year of entry)

Priority to students in catchment area, outside of area subject to places being available, decided by lottery.

Late applications dealt with individually

### **11. Calasanctius College**

Oranmore

091 794564 [www.calasantius.ie](http://www.calasantius.ie)

Application forms available from school office now or online application available using fill and sign function

Closing date 5pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Offers made within 21 days of closing date

The school tries to offer places to all applicants but where there is excess, priority is given to applicants with a sibling, those from certain primary schools and then random allocation for the remaining applicants, then late applicants.

Open day on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

### **12. Coláiste na Coiribe:**

[www.colaistenacoiribe.ie](http://www.colaistenacoiribe.ie)

(091) 592000

Open Night: October (see website)

Entry form on website (no due date just yet but sometime in October/November, €15 admin charge)

<http://www.colaistenacoiribe.ie/pages/ioslodalacha/form-iontrala.php>

Called for Exam: November, called for Interview: November then offers made.

Criteria:

1. Apply by the due date.

2. Proficiency in the language.

3. At least 12 by the January the year the student enters (not clear if it means the Jan before (calendar year) or the January after (School year), probably the latter). 4. Full policy available here:

<http://www.colaistenacoiribe.ie/pages/ioslodalacha/polsaithe.php>  
(see Polasaí Iontrála)

### **13. Coláiste Chroí Muire Gan Smal, An Spidéal**

<http://ccm.ie/>

Phone: (091) 553113

Oíche Oscailte: Déardaoin 24ú Deire Fómhair, 7-9in

Open Night: Thursday 24th October, 7-9pm

Spriocdáta don Foirm Iontrála: 31ú Mí na Samhain

Deadline for Entrance Application: 31st November.

Criteria:

Siblings

Pupils from Scoil Éinne

Children of staff

Children from schools in the area

Special needs children

Those who recently moved to the area.

Most recent applicants.

### **Some alternative options**

#### **1. Sudbury School, Galway**

Child led curriculum

[galwaysudbury@gmail.com](mailto:galwaysudbury@gmail.com), 0870657782 (Stephanie), 0876898731 (Eleanor)

#### **2. IScoil 014537570**

For students aged 13-16 yrs. Referral through TUSLA. Online or in centre (Dublin) tutoring and support. Student builds up portfolio for QQI accreditation to return to school, further education or employment.

#### **3. Home schooling/Unschooling**

Curriculum and approach unique to each family. Support available online ie HEN Home Education Network. Formal assessments can be taken if wanted.