

## Annual Admission Notice 2025/2026

*The following Annual Admission Notice has been prepared by the board of Abbey Community College respect of the admission of students to the school for the school year 2025/2026. This notice was published on 05/09/2024.*

<b>Total number of places available in First Year Group:</b>	180
[Note: this number is subject to reduction if a student(s) awarded a place in the Special Class is due to be part of the First year Group.]	
<b>Note:</b> <i>The figures set out below in relation to the Special Class are subject to change dependent on whether current students in the Special Classes retain their place in the school and whether a student(s) transfers into the school after the publication of this Notice.</i>	
<b>Total number of available places in Special Class(es):</b>	ASD Class – 2 places MGLD Class – 5 places

<b>A copy of Abbey Community College’s Admission Policy is available at:</b>	School website <a href="http://www.abbeycommunitycollege.com">www.abbeycommunitycollege.com</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:info@abbeycommunitycollege.com">info@abbeycommunitycollege.com</a>
<b>An Application Form for admission to Abbey Community College is available from 06/09/2024.</b>	School website <a href="http://www.abbeycommunitycollege.com">www.abbeycommunitycollege.com</a>
	School office (for printed copy)
	By emailing <a href="mailto:admissions@abbeycommunitycollege.com">admissions@abbeycommunitycollege.com</a>

**All applications to the First Year Group or the Special Class (for ALL year groups) in Abbey Community College will only be accepted after the 01/10/2024 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 22/10/2024 at 11.00 am. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school’s Admission Policy.**

**All transfer applications to the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth Year Groups in Abbey Community College other than to the Special Class, will only be accepted after the 04/03/2025 and the closing date for receipt of applications is the 25/03/2024 at 11.00 am. Applications received after this date will be considered and processed as late applications in accordance with the school’s Admission Policy.**

**Please be reminded that, in line with the school’s Admission Policy and the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, all waiting lists going forward are only in place for the academic year to which they apply. Therefore, if a student is seeking a place in the Special Class and is not successful in a given academic year or is on a waiting list for this year, a new application must be made for the following year.**

<p><b>All applicants to the First-Year Group and/or Special Class* will be notified of an offer of a place or refusal of admission by week of:</b></p> <p><b>*Please note that offers of a place in the Special Classes 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> year are dependent on the student securing a mainstream place first.</b></p>	<p>11/11/2024</p>
<p><b>Successful applicants to the First Year Group and/or Special Class must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by completing and returning the Acceptance Form on or before:</b></p>	<p>26/11/2024 @4.00pm</p>
<p><b>Note: Failure to accept an offer of admission before the relevant deadline set out above may result in the offer being withdrawn.</b></p>	
<p>Abbey Community College will cooperate with the National Council for Special Education in the performance by the Council of its functions under the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 relating to the provision of education to children with special educational needs, including in particular by the provision and operation of a special class or classes when requested to do so by the Council.</p> <p>Abbey Community College will comply with any direction served on the patron or the board of management, as the case may be, under section 37A and any direction served on the board of management under section 67(4B) of the Education Act.</p>	

<p><b><i>Last year the school was oversubscribed and the following is a breakdown of the award of places:</i></b></p>	
<p><b><i>The number of applications to Abbey Community College for the <u>First-Year Group</u> exceeded 180 places available within the school in 2024/2025.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Number of places available:</b></p>	<p>180</p>
<p><b>Number of applications received:</b></p>	<p>245</p>
<p><b>Number of offers made:</b></p>	<p>180</p>
<p><b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b></p>	<p>180 – Total offers made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 81 offers – Siblings</li> <li>• 4 offers – Children of Staff</li> <li>• 63 offers – Feeder Schools (not siblings)</li> <li>• 32 offers – Everyone Else (Category 4)</li> </ul>

<p><b><i>The number of applications to Abbey Community College for the <u>Special Classes</u> exceeded the 12 places available within the school in 2024/2025.</i></b></p>	
<p><b>Number of places available:</b></p>	<p>12</p>
<p><b>Number of applications received:</b></p>	<p>16</p>
<p><b>Number of offers made:</b></p>	<p>9</p>
<p><b>Breakdown of offers against criteria applied:</b></p>	<p>The class was established for students with Autism and both students meet the criteria.</p>