

MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL MOUNTHAWK
ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE
IN RESPECT OF ADMISSIONS TO THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

ADMISSION POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **Application Form for Admission** for the 2026/2027 school year is available at <https://mercymounthawk.ie>

PART 1 ADMISSIONS TO THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR
APPLICATION AND DECISION DATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE 2026/2027
SCHOOL YEAR

The following are the dates applicable for admission to First Year

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to first year on	8th October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to first year on	14th November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to first year is	21st November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to first year is*	By the 5th December 2025

**Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.*

NOTE: *The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.*

SPECIAL CLASS APPLICATION AND DECISION DATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The following are the dates applicable for admission to the school's special class which caters for children with **Autism**.

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to the special class on	8th October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to the special class on	14th November 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application for admission to the special class is	21st November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to the special class is*	By the 5th December 2025

**Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.*

NOTE: *The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.*

NUMBER OF PLACES BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN THE 2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The number of places available in First Year	232
The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with Autism	0

PART 2 - ADMISSIONS TO THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

(This section should only be completed if your school intake group/special class was oversubscribed in the previous school year)

INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSION PROCESS FOR THE INTAKE GROUP FOR FIRST YEAR/SPECIAL CLASS FOR THE 2025/2026 SCHOOL YEAR

In respect of the 2025/2026 school year, the total number of applications for admission received by the school was **346**

Breakdown of places allocated for the 2025/2026 school year:	
Number of places available	232
Number of applications received	346
Number of offers made and accepted under each criteria	Criteria 1 siblings: 101 offers - 91 accepted Criteria 2 Children of staff: 4 offers -4 accepted Criteria 3 feeder schools: 107 offers – 92 accepted Criteria 4 other schools: 164 offers - 88 accepted
Total number of offers made	232
Number of names placed on waiting list	114