

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC COLLEGE
A Voluntary Academy

ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2017/18

All Hallows Catholic College is an 11-18 co-educational Catholic Voluntary Academy under the Trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

As a Catholic Voluntary Academy, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the academic year commencing September 2017, the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at 210.

Admissions to the College in Year 7 will be made by the Governing Body, in accordance with its published criteria. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis. If the College is oversubscribed, applications for admissions will be considered in the following priority order, according to the following criteria:

1. Cared for Children and previously Cared for children, as defined in Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989.
2. Children with a medically verified need for specialist additional provision for hearing impairment.
3. Children who have a sibling in the Academy at the time of admission.
4. Children from our Learning Community Primary Schools: St Alban's Catholic Primary School (Macclesfield), St Benedict's Catholic Primary School (Handforth), St Gregory's Catholic Primary School (Bollington), St John the Evangelist Church of England Primary School (Macclesfield), St Mary's Catholic Primary School (Congleton), St Paul's Catholic Primary School (Poynton), Christ the King Catholic and Church of England Primary School (Macclesfield).
5. Baptised Catholic children from other Primary Schools.
6. Baptised Christian children attending other Church Primary Schools.
7. Baptised Christian children from other Primary Schools.
8. Children of all staff employed at the Academy for two or more years, at the time at which the application for admission is made or staff recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
9. Other Children.

NOTES

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date which is 31 October 2016.
- b) All Catholic applicants will be required to produce baptismal certificates. Catholic refers to baptised members of the Roman Catholic Church, children enrolled in or having completed the catechumenate, or members of other oriental rite churches in full communion with Rome. Those belonging to other Christian denominations will need to show such by proof of Baptism or Confirmation in writing from a Minister of Religion.
- c) If category (4) is oversubscribed, children who satisfy (3) and (4) will have priority over children who satisfy only (4). Subsequently if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available oversubscription will be by a random lottery which will be carried out in a public place.

- d) In relation to children of multiple births it may, exceptionally, be necessary to offer places over the published admission number. This is to ensure that, as far as possible that twins, triplets or children from other multiple births can attend the same school.
- e) Sibling is defined as a brother or sister by the same parents, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
- f) In addition to Catholic applications, applications are particularly welcome from other Christian traditions (as recognised by Churches Together in England). Applications are also particularly welcomed from the parents of children attending other local Church schools who wish for their Christian education to continue.
- g) The college has specialist provision for children with hearing impairments who may or may not have a formal statement. In such cases a letter or report from a medical or para-medical professional is required if an application is made without a statement.
- h) A waiting list of children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. Parents will be informed on their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.
- i) For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admission round and if places are available then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. 'In Year' and late application will be treated as per the admission arrangement published by the Local Authority.
- j) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 20 school days of refusal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- k) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

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