

DETERMINED

St Augustine's Catholic College

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6th Form Admissions Policy 2019-20

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The closing date for applications to be considered in the first round of allocations is 12 noon on 4 January 2019

MISSION AND ETHOS

St Augustine's is a Catholic College which embraces the gospel values of Jesus Christ in its everyday life and work.

It is a learning community which seeks the highest standards of excellence whilst remaining committed to valuing each individual and their gifts.

Our aim is to help each person achieve their potential and become equipped for an adult life of service to others.

BACKGROUND

The Governors, by law, control admissions to St Augustine's Catholic College and admit children in accordance with their published policy.

PUBLISHED ADMISSION NUMBER (PAN).

The Published Admission Number for Year 12 is **30**. This PAN is the total for external applicants. **INTERNAL** applicants are defined as those St Augustine's students who complete an Option Choice Form and meet the entry requirements for the agreed programme of study. All other applicants are defined as **EXTERNAL** applicants. The remainder of this policy applies to **EXTERNAL** applicants only.

APPLICATIONS PROCESS

1. ADMISSION TO YEAR 12 FOR EXTERNAL STUDENTS

External students are those who have not completed their KS4 studies at St Augustine's

- a. Year 11 students wishing to transfer to St Augustine's Sixth Form from other educational establishments must complete the application form and submit this to the college by the published deadline, 12 noon on 4 January 2019. Offers of a conditional place will be sent out to those who qualify following the first Admissions Committee meeting after 4 January 2019.
- b. Students may be invited to attend a consultation to discuss course options and academic entry requirements.
- c. Offers of a place by the Governing Body to students wishing to join the Sixth Form will be conditional upon students meeting the entry requirements for the agreed programme of study (a list of detailed requirements is available from the Sixth Form office and college website).
- d. If there are more applications than places available, then each application received on time will be ranked against the Oversubscription Criteria below. Those students whose applications are ranked highest, will be offered a conditional place up to the number available.
- e. Students who are unsuccessful in securing a place in the first round of admissions will be entered on a waiting list until 30 September 2019. Should places become available, these will be offered in accordance with the Oversubscription Criteria given below. Each added child to the list will require the list to be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria.

2. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) All students who have been offered a conditional place will be entered on a full time programme of study **but** must achieve 5 grades A*-C (grades 9-4) passes at GCSE or equivalent.
- b) Students will be expected to have achieved at least a grade B (grade 5) or equivalent in subjects they wish to study at A level. In the case of Mathematics, this will be grade 7; Biology, Chemistry and Physics this will be grade 6. The College reserves the right to offer an alternative programme of study based on your average GCSE points score.
- c) For subjects not studied at GCSE, students will need to meet the subject specific entry requirements (which are available on the college website) in order to cope with the demands of the subject.
- d) The examination requirements must be obtained prior to any reasonable adjustments being made for students with special needs or disability.

3. OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA

Overview. St Augustine's Catholic college operates the following Oversubscription Criteria Model:

CATEGORY 1. Baptised Catholic Looked After and, previously Looked After Children (Must provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate) - See Note 1.

CATEGORY 2. Baptised Catholic students. (Must provide a copy of the Baptismal Certificate) – See Note 2.

CATEGORY 3. Looked After and previously Looked After Children.

CATEGORY 4. Baptised Christian students – See Note 2.

CATEGORY 5. Students who do not fall within any of the categories above.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

APPEALS

Unsuccessful applicants will have the opportunity to appeal to an independent appeal panel, outlining the reasons for their appeal.

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NOTES

Note – 1 Looked after and previously looked after children.

LAC. The term LAC applies to "looked after child" or a child who was previously looked after but, immediately after being looked after, became subject to a child arrangements order, adoption, residence, or Special Guardianship Order. A Looked After Child is defined as a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in section 22 (1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of application.

For Children Previously Looked After:

- this includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children Act 2002

(see section 46 adoption orders)

- child arrangements orders are defined in s.8 of the Children Act 1989, as amended by s.12 of the Children and Families Act 2014. Child arrangements orders replaced residence orders and any residence order in force prior to 22 April 2014 is deemed to be a child arrangements order

- in accordance with Section 14A of the Children Act 1989, a Special Guardianship Order is defined as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).

Note 2 - Baptism Certificate

In the context of the Admissions Policy, '**Baptised children**' means those baptised as Catholic or baptised in a Church which is in Communion with the See of Rome or who have been received into the Catholic Church or baptised into another Christian denomination and who can produce a baptismal certificate or equivalent validation. To be considered in the first round of allocations, the certificate must be submitted by 4 January 2019.

Children who have been received into the Catholic Church will be considered in the same way as children who are baptised Catholic and must provide a certificate of reception into the Catholic Church.

Where a certificate is not available, a statement from a member of the clergy, confirming that the child has been baptised or received into the Catholic or Christian Church must be provided.

The governors may also request sight of the original certificate.

Note 3 – Tie Breaker Process

Priority within each oversubscription category will be determined by a lottery using a random sequence generator (<https://www.random.org/sequences>) supervised by an independent adjudicator.