

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admission to the schools shall be open to those children who reach the required standard of academic achievement. The selection criteria is applied equally to all prospective pupils. Priority of places in the senior school shall be given to those children who are already attending the junior school and in all other cases children who are baptized Catholics and/or who have siblings in the school shall be afforded priority.

IMPLEMENTATION AND PROCEDURES

WHOLE SCHOOL

Aims

To give the pupils and the parents as much information about St Edward's School and the education we provide as possible.

To make each pupil's start a happy and successful one and to begin a partnership with the parents which will be lasting.

Parents who make enquiries are furnished with a prospectus and are invited to contact the Admission Secretary for an appointment to see around the school and to meet the Head. Upon receipt of an application form and a non-returnable Registration Fee of £50, the prospective pupils will be tested in a variety of methods, depending on age (see below) before places are offered. Upon acceptance of the place, parents are furnished with a New Parents' Booklet which contains all the relevant information for entry and a deposit of £300 is required to secure the place. This is offset against the fees for the final term of U6th form (year 13).

SENIOR SCHOOL

The school usually admits a maximum of 72 pupils in each age group (years 7-11) who are divided into 3 forms of 24 who are taught in 4 teaching groups in blocks of subjects, two of which are setted by English and Maths ability as measured by performance in the entrance test, and one mixed-ability. If it is decided to accept more pupils in any year group, the number of forms will be increased to ensure the maximum form size of 24 pupils.

At 11 Years

All entrants must show that they have sufficient academic potential to access the school's curriculum and are likely to be able to achieve a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above. For both external and internal applicants, this is measured through the entrance test held in November of the year prior to entry (depending on availability of places, a late entrance test may also be held later in the academic year). In the case of a child who is of borderline (or below) academic performance, the school may make it a condition of acceptance that the parents consent

to additional (paid for) special needs tuition or other additional tuition in English or Maths. In the case of a child for whom English is not his/her first language, additional tuition in English as a foreign language may be required. All such additional tuition will be charged for in addition to the normal school fees.

Assuming the applicants gain the required academic level, places are offered first to pupils currently in the Junior School. Thereafter, consideration is given to:-

- i Siblings of pupils already in the school
- ii Baptised Catholics
- iii Committed Christians of other denominations
- iv Academic ability

AT 12 to 15 Years

At ages other than 11, if places are available, prospective pupils are invited to attend the school on one day during the term. Tests are administered in English and Mathematics and subject to satisfactory report from the previous school, places are offered.

At Sixth Form

The normal entry requirement for the Sixth Form is 5 GCSE passes at Grade C or above, including Maths and English with normally a Grade B minimum in subjects to be studied at A-level. Places are offered to applicants from outside on the basis of an interview and school reference and are conditional on their achieving the above requirements.

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By Whom	-	Headmaster