

ST. EDWARD'S SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Admission to the schools shall be open to those children who reach the required standard of academic achievement. The selection criteria are 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

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 round the school and to meet the Head. Upon receipt of an Application Form and a non-returnable Registration Fee of £50.00 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).

GENERAL

The school aims to admit a maximum of 60 pupils into Year 7. These students are divided into 3 Tutor Groups of 20. Students may be considered for entry into other years if there are spaces available.

AT 11 YEARS.

The students are taught in 3 or 4 teaching groups within 3 blocks of subjects; one block is set by English, one by Mathematics (ability as measured by performance in the entrance test, and possibly reassessed during Year 7), and one of mixed-ability. The school reserves the right to deliver its curriculum in different groupings depending on the circumstances.

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 and other additional tuition in English or Mathematics. 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 standard being reached and a satisfactory report from their previous school, places are offered. If appropriate, prospective pupils may be asked to sit the on-line test as an alternative.

AT SIXTH FORM.

The normal entry requirement for the Sixth Form is 5 GCSE passes at Grade C or above, including Mathematics 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, a satisfactory school reference and are conditional on their achieving the above academic requirements.

Up-dated - **November 2011**
To be reviewed - **as appropriate**
By whom - **Headmaster**