



# All Hallows Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy

*Aspire not to have more but to be more*

## ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2024-25

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 2024, the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at 210.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. At a Catholic school, Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We therefore hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

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:

### Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked after and previously looked after children (this also includes internationally adopted previously looked after children, i.e. a child who appears (to the Admissions Authority) to have been in state care outside of England and who cease to be in state care as a result of being adopted)
2. Catholic 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), Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School (Congleton), St Paul's Catholic Primary School (Poynton), Christ the King Catholic and Church of England Primary School (Macclesfield)
3. Other Catholic Children
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5. Other Children

***Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.***

- (i) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made
- (ii) The children of staff will be given increased priority within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made

### Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) and the main entrance of the school using the local authority's computerised measuring system. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person

independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

## Notes

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date which is 31 October 2023.
- 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,
- c) 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.
- d) Sibling is defined as a brother or sister by the same parents, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, stepbrother 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.
- e) In addition to Catholic applications, applications are particularly welcome from other Christian traditions. Applications are also particularly welcomed from the parents of children attending other local Church schools who wish for their Christian education to continue.
- f) The College has specialist provision for children with hearing impairments who may or may not have a formal EHCP. In such cases a letter or report from a medical or para-medical professional is required if an application is made without a statement.
- g) 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.
- h) A child's "home address" refers to the address where the child usually lives with a parent / carer and will be the address provided in the Common Application Form ("CAF"). Where parents have shared responsibility for a child, and the child lives part of the week with each parent, the home address will be the address given in the CAF, provided that the child resides at that address for any part of the school week.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.

## In-Year Applications

An application can be made for a place for a child at any time outside the admission round and the child will be admitted where there are available places. Applications should be made to the Local Authority, Cheshire East <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/in-year-applications.aspx>. Where there are places available but more applications than places, the published oversubscription criteria, as set out above, will be applied. If there are no places available, the child will be added to the waiting list (see above). You will be advised of the outcome of your application in writing, and you have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel if your application is unsuccessful. In-Year applications are normally processed with 10 school days.

## Fair Access Protocol

The school is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admission round the governing body is empowered to give absolute priority to a child where admission is requested under any locally agreed protocol. The governing body has this power even where admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

Date:



Signed: Clair Watson  
Chair of Governors