



All Hallows Catholic College

A Voluntary Academy | National Teaching School

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SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS POLICY SEPTEMBER 2023-24

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 College, with admissions made directly to the College between December and August.

Admissions Criteria

The PAN for external students into Year 12 at All Hallows College is 30. The admission number only refers to students joining the college for the first time and does not include students transferring from Year 11.

In the event of All Hallows College Sixth Form being over-subscribed, the Governors in prioritising applications will use the following 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. Children who have a sibling in the Academy at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children from other secondary schools.
4. Baptised Christian children attending other church schools.
5. Baptised Christian children from other secondary schools.
6. Other children.

Entry Requirements for A Level and Level 3 Vocational Courses

All students applying for A Level and Level 3 Vocational courses must have reached the minimum entry requirements, including a minimum 5 GCSE's at grade 4 and above including Maths and English Language grade 4, (students who do not achieve minimum grade 4 will be required to re-sit, students who have not achieved grade 5 will have the opportunity to re-sit). Students should also meet the GCSE subject entry criteria detailed in the prospectus. Most subjects require minimum grade 5/6 in the subjects chosen. The prospectus is available via the College website. Minimum entry requirements are the same for internal and external applicants.

Students commencing their studies from September 2023 will normally study 3 A levels, in exceptional circumstances student may be given permission to study 4 A levels.

All students including those progressing from Year 11 to Year 12 within All Hallows Catholic College are required to attend an advice and guidance meeting to ensure that they have chosen the appropriate course and have the grades required. Students who are interested in applying to All Hallows Catholic College Sixth Form are invited to attend a range of events designed to enable them to make an informed choice about their Post 16 studies including:

An Open Evening in the autumn term, as advertised in the local press and on our College website

Subject taster sessions in December

Guided tours of the College by arrangement

Advice and guidance meetings

Application forms are available from the College or can be downloaded from the College website from November.

Students holding offers will have their full time place confirmed on enrolment, following receipt of the examination results providing they meet the minimum entry requirements.

Students studying at All Hallows Catholic College Sixth Form will be required to read and sign a learning agreement, which outlines the expectations, commitment, code of dress and other related matters.

Requirements of Progression from Year 12 to Year 13

Students progressing to Year 13 are required to study a minimum 3 A Level or Level 3 Vocational courses (excl EPQ). Students must have passed the end of year examinations / have finished all work targeted for completion by the end of Year 12 at a standard reflecting their Target grade. Where subject leaders have concerns regarding progression, students may be entered for AS examinations in May of Year 12, these results will be used to help determine suitability for progression into Year 13.

NOTES

a) All applicants will be considered at the time the application is received. The closing date for applications is 31st January 2023.

b) A looked after child is 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 (under Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A previously looked after child is one who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, residence or special guardianship order.

c) 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.

d) If category (3) is oversubscribed, children who satisfy (2) and (3) will have priority over children who satisfy only (3). Subsequently if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to school. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the school using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living nearer to the school having priority. In the event

of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

e) 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.

f) 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.

g) 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.

h) A waiting list for 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) 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.