

Secondary Transfer 2024



**Meeting for Year 6 Parents/Carers
St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School
Thursday 14th September 2023**

Prayer

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your spirit upon all of us gathered today
and fill us with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that we may devote ourselves to seeking fullness
of life for the children in our care
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



FIRST AND BEST TEACHERS IN THE WAYS OF FAITH

The distinctive ethos of the Catholic school is rooted in the Word of God who is Jesus Christ. The commitment of the Catholic school to the vision of every human person as a child of God and brother or sister of Jesus is central to the achievement of excellence and success.

I wish you every blessing in your vocation as *“the first and best teachers of your children in the ways of faith”*. Be assured of the support of the Catholic school in fulfilling your responsibilities.

+ Vincent Nichols

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

RESEARCH

- Read the **admission criteria** to find out if your child is likely to be offered a place, and look at how places were offered in the previous year.
- Attend open days / evenings held at the schools.
- Check if any of the schools you want to apply to require your child to take a test.
- Check if the school requires additional forms to be completed by you or a priest (Certificate of Catholic Practice).
- Invitation to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Wilson to discuss your preferences.
- Contact the Admissions Team at your local authority for advice if you are unclear on how the system works.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR SCHOOLS

When you begin researching schools, you will need to read the admission criteria for the school(s) you want to apply to. You must read the criteria and the oversubscription criteria carefully, as some schools may require your child to take a test and church schools will give priority to applicants that demonstrate practice of the respective faith.

In all cases, if a school receives more applications than places available, the school's oversubscription criteria must be applied and this varies for each school.

There is no guarantee that your child will be offered a place at your preferred school, even if it is the closest school to where you live.

http://www.stmaryangels.co.uk/parental_information/secondary_transfer_2024/secondary_transfer_2024.html

ST. GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Headteacher/Principal
Martin Tissot

Type of school
Catholic academy, mixed

Ages
11–18

DfE number
213 4809

Number of pupils to be admitted in September 2024
180



Nearest tube stations
Maida Vale (Bakerloo Line)

Bus routes
16, 98, 332



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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. George's School is an Academy School and part of the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust. We are an ordered and exciting Catholic learning community achieving the highest standards for boys and girls aged between eleven and nineteen. We believe it is important to provide a firmly disciplined learning environment with quality teaching and high expectations. The quality and dedication of the staff team who work at the school is an essential factor in the excellent standards maintained.

We want our pupils to learn, achieve and excel inspired by Gospel values, so that they can reflect God's love in their everyday lives. We focus upon building self-esteem and confidence so that success can be achieved spiritually, morally and academically.

We provide learning opportunities and courses for our local communities too and are committed to high attainment for all learners regardless of ability or aptitude. We have first-rate facilities and resources and a relentless focus on effective teaching and learning reflected in our very good public examination results. The school has benefited recently from a building programme.

We aim to provide our young people with the wide range of skills necessary to become high achievers and leaders in an uncertain dynamic global economy. We have strengths across the board facilitating the development of children in a wide range of curriculum areas.

ADMISSION CRITERIA**

The below criteria has been summarised and you will need to refer to the school website for the full admission policy and arrangements: stgeorgesrc.org/sixth-form

You can also obtain further information by visiting the school on the dates set out opposite.

After the allocation of children with a EHC plan*, the admission criteria will be applied in the following order of priority:

1. Catholic Looked After and previously Looked After Children*.
2. Baptised Catholic pupils who, with their parents, practise weekly and this is confirmed by a supportive parish priest's reference.
3. Other baptised Catholic pupils.
4. Other Looked After Children*.
5. Pupils of another Christian denomination (which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) and whose minister cannot confirm in writing are practising regularly.
6. Pupils of other faiths whose family wishes them to have a Catholic education and whose religious leader can confirm in writing are practising regularly.
7. Any other pupils.

When the offer of a place to all applicants in any of the categories listed above would lead to over-subscription, the following provision will be applied:

- a. Exceptional Need* will be given top priority within a category.
- b. Sibling* attendance will increase the priority of an application within each category.
- c. Distance from home to school*.

Sixth form

Please see the school website for information on applying to sixth form at stgeorgesrc.org/sixth-form

*Common definitions can be found on page 21.

HOW PLACES WERE OFFERED IN 2023

Total applications submitted: 570

5 places allocated to pupils with a EHC plan.

Criterion	Offers
Looked After Children	1 offer
Baptised Catholic Siblings	42 offers to siblings under criterion 2
Baptised Practising Catholics	80 offers to other Catholic children under criterion 2
Other Baptised Catholics	0 offers under criterion 3
Other Looked After Children	0 offers under criterion 4
Other Christian	32 offers under criterion 5
Other Faiths	9 offers under criterion 6
Any Other Applicants	(Distance) 11 offers under criterion 7 up to 0.828 miles straight-line distance

Please contact the school for appeals information.

OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Open Day –
Tuesday 3 October

ADDITIONAL FORMS TO COMPLETE

Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be returned direct to school.

All Saints Catholic College

Admission criteria

The below criteria has been summarised and you will need to refer to the school's website for the full admission policy and arrangements: www.allsaintscc.org.uk 

You can also obtain further information by visiting the school on the dates set out below.

After the allocation of children with an EHC plan*, the admission criteria will be applied in the following order of priority:

1. Catholic Looked After and previously Looked After Children*.
2. Baptised Catholic children with a sibling* at the school at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children.
4. Other Looked After and Previously Looked After Children*.
5. Other children with a sibling at the school at the time of admission.
6. Catechumens and baptised children of Eastern/Orthodox Churches where the application is supported by either a certificate of baptism or a letter from the priest confirming membership of their faith community.
7. Children from where the application is supported by either a certificate of baptism or a letter from their minister of religion confirming membership of their faith community.
8. Children of other faiths where the application is supported by a letter from their minister of religion confirming membership of their faith community.
9. Any other children.

Should there be more applications than places available within any of the above categories, the governors will first allocate places to children on roll of the listed local feeder primary schools.

Feeder schools

Ark Brunel, Avondale Park, Barlby, Bevington, Colville, Oratory, Our Lady of Dolours, Our Lady of Victories, Oxford Gardens, St Charles, St Francis of Assisi, St Joseph's, St Mary's Catholic, St Mary of the Angels, St Thomas CE and Thomas Jones School.

Tie-break

Distance will be measured from the main entrance of the school to the applicant's home using the local authority's geographical measuring system. In the case of a number of addresses in a block with the same geographical reference, priority will be determined by random allocation.

How places were offered in 2023 (on National Offer Day, 1 March 2023)

Total applications: 598

12 places allocated to pupils with a final Education, Health and Care Plan.

Criterion	Offers
Catholic LACs	2 offers
Baptised Catholic siblings	19 offers
Baptised Catholics	112 offers
Non-Catholic LACs	3 offers
Other Siblings	18 offers
Eastern/Orthodox Churches	8 offers
Other Christians	6 offers to those attending a feeder school up to a distance of 0.758 of a mile

Appeals information

2023: Please contact the school

2022: 7 heard, 1 upheld


2021: 2 heard, none upheld

The London Oratory School

Sixth form

Each year the school admits 40 external candidates to the sixth form for A Level and AS courses. The school will only consider candidates suitable for the A Level and AS courses published by the school. All places will be offered conditional on candidates meeting the requirements for advanced courses for the year concerned. Parents and pupils are advised to attend one of the meetings for parents and prospective pupils, which will provide advice on options and entry requirements for particular courses.

Please see the school website for information on applying to sixth form:

www.london-oratory.org/admissions/new-admissions 

How places were offered in 2023

Total applications submitted: 763

4 places allocated to pupils with an EHC plan.

Criterion	Offers
Catholic CLA (A)	1 offer
Catholic boys (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 offers, category B1 practising Catholic boys with a sibling link • 9 offers, category B2 practising Catholic boys who are a sibling of a former pupil • 1 offer, B3 practising Catholic boys whose parent is a member of staff • 13 offers, category B4 practising Catholic boys who attend Oratory Catholic Primary School, Bury Walk, Cale Street, SW3 6QH • 106 offers, category B4 practising Catholic boys

Appeals information

2023: 17 appeals, 2 upheld

2022: 8 heard, 0 upheld

2021: 28 heard, 1 upheld

Key dates

Open evenings

Tuesday 12 September, Tuesday 19 September and Thursday 21 September. All at 6pm

Open afternoon

Monday 25 September at 2pm

DO I NEED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Some schools, usually church schools, require you to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**.

Catholic schools will also require you to provide a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** as proof that you are a practising Catholic family. You will need to obtain the Certificate from the priest at the parish where your family normally worships. You should obtain a Certificate for each school that requires one (i.e. up to 6 Certificates.)

The secondary schools brochures state which schools require a SIF and / or any other documents. The online system will alert you when you enter a preference for any school that requires additional forms to be completed.



BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Details of child (for identification only)

Full name of child: _____

Address of child: _____

Postcode: _____ Date of Birth: _____

I am [the child's parish priest] [the priest in charge of the Church where the family practises] **[delete as applicable]**

I hereby certify that this child and his/her family are known to me and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the child is from a practising Catholic family.

Priest's name _____ Position _____

Parish (or ethnic chaplaincy) _____

Address _____

Priest's signature _____



Telephone _____

Date _____

<https://education.rcdow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

YOU CAN STATE UP TO SIX PREFERENCES

Please remember that you can name up to six preferences and you are strongly advised to **use all six**.

Naming other schools will not affect your chances of being offered a place at a higher preference school.

Schools are not informed of other preferences you have made or the order in which you place them.

TAKE SPECIAL CARE HOW YOU ORDER YOUR PREFERENCES

The preferences you make are treated equally. That means that no matter where you place a particular school in your list of preferences, it will be treated in the same way as all other applicants who also chose that school – regardless of where they have placed the school on their list.

The reason it is so important to list the schools in the order of your preference is that when results are returned to the Admissions Team, offers may have been made for more than one of your preferences. As only a maximum of **one offer** can be made to your child, you will be offered the **highest school possible** from the list you provided. Any offers made lower in your list will be withdrawn and put back into the system.

You will automatically be placed on the waiting list for schools that were not able to offer your child a place.

You also have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel against the decision not to offer your child a place at your preferred school(s).

Example 1

Preference rank	School	Potential offer	Outcome
1st	School A	Yes	Place offered
2nd	School B	Yes	Withdrawn as higher offer met
3rd	School C	Yes	Withdrawn as higher offer met
4th	School D	Yes	Withdrawn as higher offer met
5th	School E	No	Withdrawn as higher offer met
6th	School F	Yes	Withdrawn as higher offer met

Example 2

Preference rank	School	Potential offer	Outcome
1st	School A	No	Placed on waiting list
2nd	School B	Yes	Place offered
3rd	School C	No	Withdrawn as higher offer met
4th	School D	Yes	Withdrawn as higher offer met
5th	No preference made		
6th	No preference made		

YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ON TIME

You must submit your application by **11.59pm on 31st October 2023**. You will not be able to apply online after this date, and will need to request a paper form.

If you submit your application form after this date without a valid reason, your application will be considered after all of those which were submitted on time.

WILL I DEFINITELY BE OFFERED ONE OF MY PREFERENCES?

Not always. To increase your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools, you must be confident that you meet the admission criteria for the schools you are interested in.

If you are not offered a place at any of your 6 preferred schools your home Local Authority will allocate a school that has a space.

Please make an appointment to speak to me if you want to talk through whether you meet the criteria for any of the schools you are considering.