Admissions Policy
2018 - 2020

Mission Statement:
Our Catholic Community offers a learning environment for us to develop our God given talents and to recognize Christ amongst us. We respect the dignity of God’s creation and, inspired by Gospel values, seek to serve one another.

Equality Statement
We have carefully considered the impact of this policy on all protected characteristics as part of our ongoing process to ensure that it is fair and does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil. This is in line with the Equality Act 2010.

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Introduction
St Anselm’s College is a Catholic Grammar School and Academy for boys aged 11 to 18. It is situated in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is under the Trusteeship of the Christian Brothers. It is maintained by the Department for Education. As an Academy, the St. Anselm’s College Edmund Rice Academy Trust is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for decisions on admissions to the College. The co-ordination of admission arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

In drawing together their Admissions’ Policy, Governors recognise the obligations of the College to meet the needs of parents of baptised Catholics in fulfilling the promises and responsibilities accepted by them at their child’s Baptism and to act as an extension of the Catholic home and parish. They also acknowledge that each school must relate to the good of others and their particular responsibility for seeing that the admissions’ policies of all Catholic Secondary Schools in Wirral are co-ordinated in the overall interest of Catholic education.

Admissions to St. Anselm’s College in Year 7:
For the school year commencing September 2019, the Indicated Admissions Number, based on Net Capacity, is 140.

The CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS are that places will go to applicants who have reached the required standard in the assessment and testing procedure which consists of 3 tests in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. If more than 140 boys satisfy these criteria, then places are allocated according to the following over subscription criteria, given below:

1. Baptised Catholic boys, living in the relevant area (defined as Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester and any other areas within 5 miles of the College).
2. Baptised Christian, non-Catholic boys, living in the relevant area.
3. Non-Catholic boys whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

Please note that two documents need to be completed:
- St. Anselm’s College Registration Form for Admission to the College (to be returned to the College together with a copy of the boy’s baptismal certificate, if applicable).
- The Local Authority Wirral Parental Preference Form.

Sixth Form
In addition to places available for boys already in the College, the Governing Body will make available a further 20 places for boys from other schools. The normal requirement for entry to the 6th Form is 5 GCSE grade 5s with grade 6 expected in most subjects to be studied in Year 12.

Should the College receive more external applications for the Sixth Form than stipulated, then the criteria applied for entry in Year 7 will be used to determine admission.

Notes:
a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 31st October 2018 (Y7), 1st September 2019 (Y12).
b) Looked After and previously Looked After Boys will be offered a place at the top of the over-subscription criteria in the category for which they qualify. Priority will also be given to Boys in receipt of Free School Meals, at the time of application, after Looked After Children, in the same way. Documentary proof must be provided.
c) Baptised Catholic boy means a boy who has been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and who can produce evidence of baptism or one who has been baptised a Christian and can demonstrate that he has subsequently been received into the Roman Catholic Church.

d) If in any category there are more applicants than places available, priority will be given on the basis of rank order of performance in the assessment and testing procedures. Where 2 candidates are equally ranked in those procedures priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to the College, those living nearest to the College having priority.

e) For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then boys qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. Occasional and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Education Authority.

f) A waiting list for boys who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions’ criteria. Parents will be informed of their son’s position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

g) 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 Admissions’ Appeals Panel at the College within 20 school days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful. The parents must give their reasons for appealing, in writing, and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

h) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism or place of residence.

i) The Governing Body expects that all students specifically selecting a Catholic Sixth Form education will wish to be both fully involved in the ethos and spiritual life of the College, and in achieving the aims set out in its Mission Statement.