



St. Anselm's College

Admissions Policy

2026-2027

Our Mission Statement

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
Philippians 4:13

At St. Anselm's College, faith is at the heart of all we do.
Inspired by the Gospel and the vision of Blessed Edmund Rice,
we educate the whole person through academic challenge and moral formation,
fostering a heart for service and respect for all God's creation.

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ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2026/27

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 and Gaudete Trust. 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 2026, the Indicated Admissions Number, based on Net Capacity, is 156.

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. Boys who reached the required standard in possession of an Educational Health Care Plan will automatically be offered a place. If more than 156 boys satisfy these criteria, then places are allocated according to the following over subscription criteria, given below:

1. Baptised Catholic Looked After and previously Looked After Boys,
2. Baptised Catholic Boys, living in the relevant area (defined as Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester and any other areas within 10 miles of the College).
3. All other Looked After and previously looked after Boys,
4. Baptised Christian, non-Catholic boys, living in the relevant area.
5. Non-baptised boys whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

Please note that two documents need to be completed:

- St. Anselm's College website Online Registration Form for the candidate to sit the Entrance Exam (to be submitted online together with a copy of the boy's baptismal certificate, if applicable). **Deadline Friday 31st July 2025**.

A copy of a boy's baptismal or Holy Communion certificate is required for applicants to be treated as 'Catholic' or 'Christian' in our oversubscription criteria.

- The Local Authority Wirral Parental Preference Form, to be returned to the Local Authority.

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 (including English and Maths) with Grade 6 expected in most subjects to be studied in Year 12. GCSE Grade 7 is required to study Maths or Physics.

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 2025 (Y7), 1st September 2026 (Y12).
- b) A 'looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making application to the school. A 'previously looked after child' is a child who was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted, or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Included in this definition are those children who appear (to the governing body) to have been in state care outside of England and who ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
- c) Priority will be given to Boys in receipt of Free School Meals, at the time of application, in each category of the Over-subscription Criteria. Documentary proof must be provided.
- d) 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. This also applies to a boy who is a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches and will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.
- e) 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.
- f) **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. Application should be made to Wirral Local Authority by contacting *Mainstream Admissions Tel. no. 0151 606 2020 Wirral Council Fax. no. 0151 666 4450 Delivery Services, PO Box 290 Email: secondaryplaces@wirral.gov.uk Brighton Street, Wallasey, CH27 9FQ*
School admissions | www.wirral.gov.uk

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.
You will be advised of the outcome of your application in writing, and you have the right of appeal to an independent appeal panel.

- g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) 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.
- j) 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.

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