

# Saint Ambrose College

State-funded Independent Catholic Grammar School

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## St Ambrose College Admissions Policy Sixth Form 2016

Saint Ambrose College is a state funded Independent Roman Catholic Grammar School for boys aged 11 – 18. The normal admission years are for pupils aged 11 and 16. The numbers of intended admissions at Lower Sixth is 140 boys. A copy of the School prospectus is available to download from the School website or available in hard copy on request.

An Open Evening will be held in November of the determination year, the year immediately before the offer year, details of which will be published in a local newspaper and further information will be on the School website.

All applicants (both internal and external) will be asked to complete an online Application Form listing in order of preference the four subjects they wish to study at AS level. The closing date for applications is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and this date will be clearly stated on the application form.

### Admission Criteria

Entry is subject to a minimum requirement of 5 A\* - B's at GCSE level (with a minimum of Grade C in Mathematics and English Language) and a minimum of a B grade in the subjects to be studied at A level.

### Applicants from the School

Eligible applicants from the School will be offered a Sixth Form place if they meet the entry criteria on GCSE Results Day.

### External Applicants

After all applicants from St Ambrose College who have qualified for entry into the Sixth Form have been accommodated, places will be offered to students from other schools. External applicants should inform the College by 12 noon on GCSE Results Day of their grades.

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## Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applicants achieving the required standard for entry exceeds the Published Admissions Number, then the following over-subscription criteria will apply in the following order to decide which pupils to admit.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic boys who are designated 'looked after children' or previously looked after children<sup>1</sup>.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic boys who have a brother attending the school
3. Baptised Roman Catholic boys who live in a nominated Local Pastoral Areas.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic boys
5. Other boys who are designated 'looked after children' or previously looked after children.
6. Baptised Christian boys who have a brother attending the school
7. Other Baptised Christian boys whose application is supported by a letter from a minister of Christian religion
8. Other boys whose application is supported by a minister of Christian religion
9. Other boys.

In the event of over-subscription within any one of the categories for Lower Sixth, priority will be given to those boys with the highest mean average points score at GCSE. Where more than one boy has the same score then closest distance from home to St Ambrose will be applied<sup>2</sup>. If distance is tied selection would take place by a random draw witnessed by all concerned parties.

*The definition of a Roman Catholic boy is a boy who has received the Roman Catholic sacraments of Baptism, Confession (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion. All applicants claiming to be Roman Catholics will be required to produce documentary evidence of reception of baptism when they complete the registration form.*

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<sup>1</sup> A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the case of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority, in the exercise of their social services functions (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously looked after children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order (as defined in Section 14A of the Children Act 1989).

<sup>2</sup> As defined by Trafford.



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## Nominated Local Pastoral Areas

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| St. Ambrose Deanery   | (Diocese of Shrewsbury) |
| St. Hugh and St John  | West Timperley          |
| St. Vincent de Paul's | Altrincham              |
| All Saints            | Ashton-on-Mersey        |
| St. Margaret Ward     | Sale                    |
| St. Joseph's          | Sale                    |
| Holy Angels           | Hale Barns              |
| Our Lady of Lourdes   | Partington              |
| Holy Family           | Sale Moor               |
  
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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Our Lady's Deanery                | (Diocese of Salford) |
| St. Alphonsus                     | Old Trafford         |
| St. Ann's                         | Stretford            |
| English Martyrs                   | Urmston              |
| St. Hugh of Lincoln               | Stretford            |
| Our Lady and the English Martyrs' | Davyhulme/Urmston    |
| St. Monica's                      | Flixton              |
| St. John's and St Teresa's        | Firwood / Chorlton   |

## Appeal Process

Parents of boys who are not successful in the offer of places for 6<sup>th</sup> Form following the GCSE Results Day have the right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel.

The decision of the Appeals Panel will be final and binding on all parties. Being granted an appeal hearing is no guarantee of a place being offered.

If you wish to exercise your right to appeal please contact the school directly.

Appeals within the normal admission round will be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals. An appeals timetable will be available on the School website by 28<sup>th</sup> February each year.

Appellants considering making a complaint regarding an appeal may contact:

EFA Complaints  
Chief Executive's Office  
53-55 Butts Road  
Earlsdon Park  
Coventry, CV1 3BH

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