



## ST AMBROSE COLLEGE - YEAR 7 ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2024

### Admission Information

St Ambrose College ("SAC") is a state-funded Catholic grammar school for boys aged 11-18 built on the vision and values of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for the year commencing 1 September 2024 is 140. Applicants must have a date of birth between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013.

The entrance examination for Year 7 entry in September 2024 will take place at the College on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023.

### Applications

Applications will open at midday on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and will close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Late applications cannot be considered until after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**The online application form is available on the College website at: [Saint Ambrose College - Year 7 Admissions 2024 \(st-ambrosecollege.org.uk\)](https://st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).**

On completion of the application form you will receive an automated acknowledgement followed by an email from the College within a few days. If you do not receive either please email [admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) to ensure your application has been received.

You must also complete your Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF). In Trafford, this must be submitted to them by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. If you reside outside of Trafford, please check the return date specified by your Local Authority. If you wish your child to be considered for a place at St Ambrose College, you must ensure that you have named it as a preference when completing your Common Application Form.

Information detailing examination arrangements will be sent during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September. This will include a candidate sheet which will need to be completed and stamped by the applicant's primary school to confirm identity. The applicant must bring the candidate sheet on the day of the exam complete with photographic ID. Failure to bring this form on the day will result in your child not being able to sit the exam on that day.



## The Entrance Exam

The entrance exam consists of three tests:

**Verbal Reasoning Paper** (50 minutes) – multiple choice.

- Our assessment provider for this paper is GL Assessment and familiarisation papers can be found at: [Verbal Reasoning Familiarisation](#)

**Maths Paper** (35 minutes) – multiple choice.

- The Maths paper is prepared in-house and no sample or past papers are available.
- The Maths Paper will assess topics detailed in the National Curriculum for Key Stage 2 Mathematics up to and including those listed in the Year 5 programme of study
- Link to the National Curriculum for Key Stage 2 Mathematics:  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/335158/PRIMARY\\_national\\_curriculum - Mathematics 220714.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335158/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Mathematics_220714.pdf)

**English Paper** (35 minutes) – multiple choice.

- The English paper is prepared in-house and no sample or past papers are available.
- The paper will include a Comprehension and other English elements.
- There is no creative writing element to the test.

## Access Arrangements

You must indicate on your son's application form if there is a requirement for access arrangements. You should then arrange for the Access Arrangements Request form to be completed by your son's primary school and returned to the College with supporting Education Healthcare Plan (EHCP) or official SEND Assessment Report. The deadline for receipt of the form and supporting evidence is **14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**. Decisions regarding Access Arrangements will be communicated early September 2023.

## Exam Results

Tests will be marked and age standardised. Results will be sent to parents by no later than **21<sup>st</sup> October**. This is ahead of the deadline to complete the Common Application Form of **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

A successful outcome will be achieved by those applicants who score 320 or above in the entrance exam "the qualifying score". Success in the entrance exam does not mean that your child will automatically receive a place at the College.



## Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applicants achieving the qualifying score 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'.
2. Baptised Roman Catholic Boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium whose home address<sup>1</sup> postcode falls within a nominated Local Pastoral Area.
3. Baptised Roman Catholic boys who have a brother attending the school.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic boys whose home postcode falls within a nominated Local Pastoral Area.
5. Baptised Roman Catholic Boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium.
6. Other Baptised Roman Catholic boys.
7. Other Boys who are designated 'looked after children' or 'previously looked after children'.
8. Baptised Christian boys who have a brother attending the school.
9. Other boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium.
10. Christian boys practising in other Christian denominations supported by a minister's reference confirming that they are a full and active member of the Church<sup>2</sup>.
11. Other boys

### Nominated Local Pastoral Areas

#### 1 Saint Ambrose Deanery (Diocese of Shrewsbury)

The following Local Pastoral Areas include the following postcodes: All WA14, WA15, M31 and M33 postcodes.

St. Hugh and St John  
St. Vincent de Paul's  
All Saints  
St. Margaret Ward  
St. Joseph's  
Holy Angels  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
Holy Family

West Timperley  
Altrincham  
Ashton-on-Mersey  
Sale  
Sale  
Hale Barns  
Partington  
Sale Moor

#### 2. Saint Ambrose Barlow Deanery

(Diocese of Salford)

The following Local Pastoral Areas include the following postcodes: All M16, M21, M32 and M41 postcodes.

Our Lady's & St. Alphonsus  
St. Ann's & St. Hugh of Lincoln  
Our Lady and the English Martyrs'  
St. Monica's  
St. John's and St Teresa's

Moss Side/Old Trafford  
Stretford  
Davyhulme/Urmston  
Flixton  
Firwood / Chorlton

<sup>1</sup> "Home address" means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not the address of any child-minder, grandparent or any other relative. In the case of parents who are separated, the application will also be considered from the address where the child lives, even though the child may regularly spend some time at another address. Where it is claimed that the child's residency is shared equally between two addresses parents may decide which address will be used for the purpose of the application.

<sup>2</sup> "Full and active" means a regular churchgoer who attends more than once a month, is known to the parish priest / minister and is involved in church activities.



## Supporting Evidence

To ensure that your son is placed in the correct Category for the purposes of over-subscription, the following evidence will need to be provided. Evidence can be uploaded on the Entrance Examination application form or emailed to [admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

Category	Definition	Evidence
1	Baptised Roman Catholic boys who are designated 'looked after children' or 'previously looked after children'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> <li>• LAC/PLAC Evidence</li> </ul>
2	Baptised Roman Catholic Boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium whose home address postcode falls within a nominated Local Pastoral Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> <li>• Pupil Premium evidence</li> </ul>
3	Baptised Roman Catholic boys who have a brother attending the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> <li>• Details of brother</li> </ul>
4	Baptised Roman Catholic boys whose home postcode falls within a nominated Local Pastoral Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> </ul>
5.	Baptised Roman Catholic boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> <li>• Pupil Premium evidence</li> </ul>
6.	Other Baptised Roman Catholic boys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic Baptism Certificate</li> </ul>
7.	Other Boys who are designated 'looked after children' or 'previously looked after children'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAC/PLAC Evidence</li> </ul>
8.	Baptised Christian boys who have a brother attending the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Baptism Certificate</li> <li>• Details of brother</li> </ul>
9.	Other boys who are in receipt of Pupil Premium.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil Premium evidence</li> </ul>
10.	Christian boys practising in other Christian denominations supported by a minister's reference confirming that they are a full and active member of the Church.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministers reference</li> </ul>
11.	Other boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

## National Offer Day

In accordance with the Co-ordinated Admission Arrangements, all parents will be notified of the outcome of their application by their Local Authority on or about 1st March 2024.



## Appeals Procedure

Following 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024, any applicant refused admission has the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. Should you wish to Appeal you should email [admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) on that day for the relevant application form.

Please note that whilst the College issues the examination scores before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to assist parents in making an informed choice when completing their Local Authority Secondary application form, you will be unable to appeal refused admission until **after** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 as no offers will be made until that day.

## Waiting List

A waiting list for Year 7 admissions will be maintained until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 for those boys who have qualified through the entrance examination but have not been allocated a place initially due to over-subscription. If you wish your son to be added to the waiting list please contact School Admissions at Trafford Local Authority after your allocation letter has been received - your child will not be automatically included on the waiting list. The placing of a boy's name on the waiting list does not remove the right of appeal.

## DEFINITIONS

### Definitions

- 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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). A “previously looked after child” is a child who was looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted or became subject to a child arrangement order or special guardianship order (as defined in Section 14A of the Children Act 1989). This also includes children who have been in a state of care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in a state of care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.
- “Brother” means any boy (full, half, step, adopted or foster brother) of admissions age who is residing permanently at the same address as the candidate and will attend St Ambrose College at the time of the proposed admissions.
- “Pupil Premium” refers to Pupil Premium and Service Premium. The Pupil Premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under Section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the attainment of disadvantaged children. The Service Premium is additional funding paid annually to schools under section 14 of the Education Act 2002 for the purposes of supporting the pastoral needs of the children of Armed Services Personnel.
- “Roman Catholic boy” is a boy who has received the Roman Catholic sacraments of Baptism, Confession (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion. All Roman Catholic boys will be required to produce a copy of their Baptism Certificate or Certificate of Reception into the Catholic Church when they complete the registration form to sit the entrance examination. **The Certificate must be dated prior to the date of application.**



This document must be read in conjunction with the College [Admissions Policy 2024](#).

If you require further information please email [admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).