



DIOCESE OF CLIFTON
St Bede's Catholic College

Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements September 2016-2017

St. Bede's Catholic College is an Independent Academy established by the Diocese of Clifton.

Closing date for applications: 5th January 2016

The Christian character of the St. Bede's Community.

We at St. Bede's are charged with the education of the young people entrusted to our care. It is our desire that they achieve well, securing the highest academic and personal standards and are enabled to develop all their God given gifts and talents, for the greater good and the service of others. As a Gospel driven community we believe that academic success and spiritual development lie at the very heart of who we are, both as individuals and as a community learning and growing together.

Admission to Year 12.

- 1.0 The Governing Body is by law responsible for admissions to the Sixth Form and will admit up to 100 in Year 12.
- 2.0 Students from St. Bede's Catholic College, who express a preference for a place, will be admitted provided they meet the published entrance examination requirements and complete the application form on time.
- 3.0 Year 11 students wishing to transfer to the St. Bede's Sixth Form from other educational establishments must complete the Application Form and submit this to the College by the published deadline.
- 4.0 A Planned Admission Number (PAN) applies to the entry of students from other educational establishments. This is the minimum number of external students who will be admitted, provided they meet the published examination requirements.
- 5.0 The Planned Admission Number (PAN) for **September 2016 is 10.**
- 6.0 If there are more external applications than places available in the PAN then each application received on time will be ranked against the oversubscription criteria as outlined below. Those applications ranked highest, who achieve the entry standard required, will be offered places up to the number available.
- 7.0 Students who meet the published examination requirements and are unsuccessful in securing a place will be entered on a waiting list. Should places become available before the start of the academic year, these will be offered in accordance with the oversubscription criteria.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Catholic students in the care of the Local Authority, or who have been previously and are now formally adopted and who have met the Sixth Form published examination entrance requirement for the courses at the time of admission.
2. Students currently on roll at St. Bede's Catholic College who have met the published examination entrance requirements.
3. Students who are baptised Catholics and who have met the published examination entrance requirements at the time of admission. A baptismal certificate will be required to be submitted with the application.
4. Students who are in the care of the Local Authority, or who have been previously and are now formally adopted and who have met the Sixth Form published examination entrance requirement for the courses at the time of admission.
5. Students who are practising members of other Christian organisations and who have met the published examination entrance requirements by the time of admission and who wish to be educated within a Christian Community. A Supplementary Information Form will need to be completed.
6. Other students who have met the published examination requirements by the time of admission and have submitted a completed application form.

Tie Breakers

A 'tie breaker' will be applied where the admission number is reached part way through any oversubscription criterion and there is a need to decide which students meeting this criterion are to be allocated places and which are to be refused. For this purpose, the following tie breaker rules will apply:

1. Governors will breach the admission number in order that children of multiple births, who meet the entrance examination requirements, are not separated.
2. Highest average GCSE points score.
3. Students living nearest the college will have priority. The distance between home and college, from home gate (front door where there is no gate or street door of an apartment block) to pedestrian college gate as a straight line measurement by reference **walkit.com**.
4. Random selection, independent drawing of lots.

Additional Admissions

On occasion, it may be possible to exceed the PAN and admit additional students from other educational establishments, providing there is a demonstrable demand for the academic courses on offer and there is no other establishment within a reasonable distance providing the same course. Such students must meet the entrance examination requirements and complete the application form.

Entrance Examination Requirements

1. All students will be expected to have achieved at least 5 A*-B passes at GCSE, with English and Mathematics at a minimum of grade C.
2. They will be expected to have achieved at least a grade B in subjects they wish to study at A level. In the case of mathematics, this will be a grade A and a pass in the pre-entrance test in order to ensure student success.
3. Students must meet entry requirement levels in at least three subjects.
4. The ability to study four A level subjects will be available for those whose academic record indicates this is an appropriate course of study.
5. For subjects not on offer at GCSE, students will need to meet the entry requirement criteria in related subjects to ensure success.
6. In exceptional cases, a student who was predicted a C in Mathematics and has failed to achieve this minimum grade and has reached all the other standards, may be offered a place if one is available. In such circumstance, this student must retake GCSE Mathematics in order to secure the C grade.
7. In order to retain a place for year 13, students must demonstrate at the end of year 12 that they are on track to achieve success in their A levels.
8. In some circumstances, the facility to study AS level courses may be available.

Appeals

Parents or students whose application has been formally refused will have the right to appeal against the decision of the Admission Authority. An appeal form and information explaining how to exercise this right will be available in such circumstances.

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