



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS POLICY – SIXTH FORM 2021-2023

Date of Review: November 2019

St Joseph's Catholic High School is a co-educational academy, within the St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust and the Diocese of Northampton.

The Academies Trust is responsible for Admissions.

The Planned Admissions Number for Year 12 is 100.

Admissions Criteria:

St Joseph's Catholic High School offers a variety of Sixth Form courses. All applicants (both internal and external) must meet the minimum entry requirements specified by the school for the courses they wish to study. Full details of these are published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus. A supportive school report in the form of a letter from the current Head teacher or Head of Year will be required for all external applicants.

St Joseph's will admit any pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs whose statement names the school and who meet the minimum entry requirements.

In the event of there being more applications than available places, priority will be given according to the following criteria/factors:

- 1) Looked After Children & Previously Looked After Children
- 2) Those applicants who have attended St Joseph's Catholic High School up to Year 11, who fulfil the entry requirements for their chosen courses.
- 3) External applicants who fulfil the entry requirements for their chosen courses
- 4) The availability of courses which best suits the applicant's preferences.

We hope that all parents will give their full, unreserved and positive support for the aims and ethos of the school. This does not affect the right of an applicant who is not Catholic to apply for and be admitted to a place at the school in accordance with the admission arrangements.

Tie Breaker:

For any admission category that is over-subscribed, applications will be prioritised by distance from the home address to the school building. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the front door of the child's home address (including flats), to the main entrance of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. In the event of a tie between two or more children with equal proximity to the school, lots will be drawn.

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

Home Address:

This is defined as the place where the child permanently lives with his or her parents/legal guardians/carers.

Should parental responsibilities be equally shared, the home address will be considered to be that of the parent/legal guardian/carer who receives the relevant Child Benefit Allowance.

Looked After Child:

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.

Previously Looked After Children:

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.

False Information:

If false or misleading information is used to gain entry to the school, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.