



## Admissions Policy - September 2018

1. St John Bosco Arts College is a Catholic Secondary School situated in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, whose Trustees are the Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco, and is maintained by the Liverpool Local Authority.
2. The ethos of this College is Catholic. The College was founded by the Catholic Church to provide education for children of Catholic families. The College is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ. We ask all parents applying for a place here to respect this ethos and its importance to the College community. This does not affect the right of parents who are not of the faith of this College to apply for and be considered for a place here.
3. The Governing Body of the college is responsible for determining and administering the policy relating to the admission of pupils to the college. It is guided in that responsibility by:
  - a. the requirements of the law,
  - b. the requirements of the Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco,
  - c. by the advice of the Archdiocesan Trustees on the nature and purpose of its duties,
  - d. its duty towards the college and the Catholic community it serves,
  - e. the Catholic character of the college and its Mission Statement,
  - f. recognition of the Parish boundaries.
4. The college serves in the first instance baptised Catholic girls in Public Care and those living in the Parishes of:

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin's	St Matthew's
Our Lady & St Philomena's	St Albert's, (Knowsley)
St Teresa's of Lisieux	
5. Having consulted with the LA and others in accordance with the requirements of the law, the Governing Body has published its admission limit at 180 girls and have adopted two categories of entry for the academic year commencing September 2018.  
Category A - Catholic / Faith Allocation 150 places  
Category B - Community Allocation 30 places
6. The Governing Body has delegated responsibility for determining admissions to its Admissions Committee, which will consider all applications made in accordance with the criteria set out over without reference to the ability or aptitude of the child.
7. Applications (to St John Bosco Arts College) are part of the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by Liverpool LA. Parents seeking a place at the College should complete their Home Local Authority Preference Form. St John Bosco Arts College must be one of the schools named on the Local Authority Preference Form. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.



## Admissions Criteria

The Governors wish parents to be aware that they have adopted the Preference Scheme determined by the Liverpool Local Authority.

If the number of applications does not exceed the number of places available, the Governing Body will admit all applicants. Where the number of applications exceed the number of places available the Governing Body will apply the following criteria in allocating places.

### Category A - Catholic/Faith Allocation - 150 places

1. Baptised Catholic girls\* who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children) and children who were previously looked after children, but this has now ceased as they have been adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Baptised Catholic girls\* living in the designated Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Swithin's, Our Lady and St Philomena, St Matthew's, St Teresa of Lisieux and St Albert's (Knowsley).
3. Baptised Catholic girls\* who will have a sister at the college at the time of likely admission. This includes full, half or step-sisters, adopted and foster sisters or the daughter of the parent/carers partner, and in every case who is living at the same address and is part of the same family unit.
4. Baptised Catholic girls\* living in other Catholic parishes.
5. Looked After children and other previously Looked After children who are of other Faiths.
6. Girls from other Faiths (other than Catholic) who have a sibling in the school at the time of admission. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of a Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion or faith leader is required.
7. Girls from other Faiths (other than Catholic) whose parents have expressed a preference in the College. Proof of Baptism in the form of a Baptismal Certificate or confirmation in writing that the applicant is a member of a Faith community from an appropriate Minister of Religion or faith leader is required.

*\* Proof of Baptism will be required for all Catholic applicants. Definition of Baptised Catholic means, within the policies and practices relating to school admissions, any child who, before the due date of application is a baptised Catholic or who, having been baptised into another Christian denomination whose baptisms are recognised by the Catholic Church, has subsequently been formally received into the Catholic Church.*

### Category B - Community Allocation - 30 places for girls other than Catholic who live in the area.

1. Girls who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children) and children who were previously looked after children, but this has now ceased as they have been adopted or subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.
2. Girls who will have a sister at the college at the time of admission. This includes full, half or step-sisters, adopted and foster sisters or the daughter of the parent/carers partner, and in every case who is living at the same address and is part of the same family unit.
3. Girls whose parents have expressed a preference for a place in the College and attend Croxteth or Monksdown primary schools.
4. Girls whose parents have expressed a preference for a place in the College.

In the event of over-subscription in the number of applications made under any of the categories above, then the admissions committee will offer places first to children living nearest to the College, measured by straight line distance from the front door of their home to the main entrance of the College, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the College receiving higher priority.

If either category were undersubscribed, the surplus places would automatically be offered to applicants in the alternate category.