

ST MARY'S COLLEGE SPORTS COLLEGE

Admissions

for the entry of students in

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1. Introduction

St Mary's College is a Voluntary Aided, Secondary, Roman Catholic, Co-Educational comprehensive, Day school for pupils aged 11-19, in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

2. The Admissions Authority

The school's Governing Body is the Admissions authority for St Mary's College, responsible for both Admissions and administering Independent Appeals.

3. Selection Procedures

Applicants will be placed in the appropriate criteria and where requested the school will administer the sporting aptitude analysis assessments during the Autumn Term before the Governing Body's Admissions Committee meeting to allocate places for the following September. Only students who have passed with a double gold rating will be eligible to be placed within categories 5 or 7 where applicable.

4. Planned Admissions Limit

The number of intended admissions for entry into Yr 7 in September 2009 will be 240.

5. Over-subscription

When the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available for entry into Yr 7 or at any time the Admissions over-subscription policy for the appropriate year will be adhered to.

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The Governing Body will use the following criteria, in order of priority, when considering applications for admission.

Children with SEN statements and Children in Public Care are required to be admitted to the named school.

1. Baptised Roman Catholic children. (*Acceptable baptismal evidence required.)
2. Brothers and sisters of children actually in attendance at the College at the time of admission (** See below for determination of siblings)
3. Baptised practising Christians who attend a Catholic Primary School. (**Acceptable baptismal evidence required.) Evidence of frequent worship is required from

their Minister on a form available from the College.

- 4 Baptised practising Christians who do not attend a Catholic Primary School.
(*Acceptable baptismal evidence required.) Evidence of frequent worship is required from their Minister on a form available from the College.
- 5 Children who attend Catholic Primary Schools whose parents are willing to support the aims and ethos of the college as a RC school and Specialist Sports College and have Sporting Aptitude****.
- 6 Children who attend Catholic Primary Schools whose parents are willing to support the aims and ethos of the college as a RC school and Specialist Sports College.
- 7 Children who do not attend Catholic Primary School but whose parents are willing to support the aims and ethos of the College as an RC School and Specialist Sports College and have Sporting Aptitude****.
- 8 Children who do not attend Catholic Primary School but whose parents are willing to support the aims and ethos of the College as an RC school and Specialist Sports College.

* Acceptable evidence is a baptismal certificate or the baptism authenticated by Roman Catholic priest.

** Acceptable evidence is a baptismal certificate or the baptism authenticated by a minister of religion, evidence of other Trinitarian rites of dedication would be considered.

- *** i) Children with the same natural parents living at the same address
ii) Half brothers/sisters living at the same address
iii) Stepbrothers/sisters living at the same address
iv) Children with the same natural parents living at different addresses

**** Maximum 24 places available in total dependant on place available when category reached
(Initial evidence required by form available from the college and then by aptitude analysis)

The governing body may increase the priority of an application within a category where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can be most appropriately met at this school.

Tie Breaker

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in any of the sub-categories listed above would still lead to over-subscription, the places up to the admission number will be offered to those living nearest to the school. "Walking distance" will be used as the measure

6. Entry into other School years

Should the numbers of pupils in one of the years, fall below the pupil admission number which was in operation when the age group entered the school. If several applicants a place will be offered to the applicant who is highest ranked in the appropriate criteria of the Admissions oversubscription policy, if only one applicant the place would be offered to that pupil.

The school does not keep a waiting list.

7. Admission to the Sixth Form

Please refer to 6th Form Section.