

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA for 2012-2013

Whenever there are more applications than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the over subscription criteria stated below. All applicants are required to declare their positive support for the aims and ethos of the school.

The Governors of St Angela's and St Bonaventure's 6th Form intend to admit a minimum of 360 pupils into Year 12 in the school year which begins in September 2012. Applications for places at St Angela's and St Bonaventure's 6th Form Centre last year for Year 12 starting September 2009 were: 740.

The Sixth Form is available for all existing pupils at St Angela's and St Bonaventure's School if pupils fulfil the individual requirements of suitable courses details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus. Remaining places in the Sixth Form will be distributed in accordance with the school's oversubscription criteria, subject to applicants fulfilling the individual requirements of suitable courses.

Over Subscription Criteria

At any time where there are more applications for places than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority

- 1. 'Looked After' children from Catholic Families who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses, details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012.**
- 2. Students from the two feeder schools- St Angela's and St Bonaventure's who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses, details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012.**
- 3. Practising Catholics who are resident in the Deanery of Newham who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses, details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012.**
- 4. Catechumens; members of the catechumenate of the Catholic Church**
- 5. Any other 'Looked After' Children who are not Catholic in Public Care who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses, details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012.**

6. Children of parents residing in Newham who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012 and whom will work within the aims and ethos of the school.

7. Other applicants who fulfil the individual grade requirements of suitable courses, details of which can be found in the Sixth Form Prospectus 2012.

Where the offer of places to all applicants in any of the categories listed above would lead to oversubscription the following provisions will be applied

1. The attendance of a sibling, who will be on roll at St Angela's and St Bonaventure's 6th Form Centre in September 2012 in Year 13 will increase the priority of an application within each category.
2. Distance from home to the nominated central point of Newham, which has been agreed as the Front Entrance of Our Lady of Compassion Catholic Church, Green Street, London E13 9AX.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

Parents may appeal against the decision of the Governors to offer their child a place, in the first instance by writing to the Chair of Governors (Admissions Appeals) c/o the school within 14 days, stating the grounds for the appeal.

- The appeal will be heard by an independent appeal panel, which will be made up of three people, none of whom have any connection with the school and one of whom will be a lay person. The lay person is someone who is aware of educational issues but is not directly involved with it.
- The Appeals Panel will accept representation from any interested parties in writing or in person at the appeal hearing.
- The names of unsuccessful candidates will be placed on a waiting list, which will be organised in accordance with the 6th Form Centre's Admissions Criteria.

Waiting Lists

In addition to their right of appeal, unsuccessful candidates will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained in order of the oversubscription criteria set out above and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list. Names are normally removed from the list at the end of the

Autumn, Spring and Summer terms, parents must make a fresh application to remain on the list for the following term.

Pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs

The admission of pupils with a statement of Special Educational Needs is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining statements by the pupil's home Local Education Authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the *Special Educational Needs Code of Practice*.

Notes (these notes form part of the oversubscription criteria)

'Looked after child' has the same meaning as in section 22 of the Children Act 1989 and means any child in the care of a local authority or provided with accommodation by them (e.g. children with foster parents).

'Catholic' means a member of the Church in communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church and a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

"Practicing Catholic" - Governors will determine the term "Practicing Catholic" in the following way:

- Proof that the child has been baptised in the Catholic Church
- That the obligation to attend Mass frequently (a minimum of twice a month) is observed in accordance with the teaching of the Church.
- The above will be confirmed by the Priest's Reference.

"Sibling" - A sibling includes a half-sibling, or by adoption who is resident at the same address at the school as the child for whom a place is being sought.