

ST ANGELA'S-URSULINE SCHOOL

**A DCSF Designated Specialist School &
Leading Edge School**



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**School Roll: 1368 Girls
Single Sex 11-16
Mixed 6th Form 16-19 (with St Bonaventure's Boys School)**

ADMISSION CRITERIA

2012-2013

INTRODUCTION

St Angela's Ursuline School is an 11-18 voluntary-aided girls' school founded by the Ursuline Sisters in 1862 and now under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Brentwood. The primary aim of the school is the education of Catholic children in accordance with its trust deed and St Angela's seeks at all times to foster the growth of pupils' understanding and appreciation of their faith.

The Governors of St Angela's Ursuline School intends to admit **186 pupils** into Year 7 for the academic year 2012/2013. Applications for places at St Angela's for admission in September 2011 were **586**.

By naming St Angela's as a preference, it is assumed that parents/carers wish their child to receive a Catholic education and support the aims and ethos of the school as described in the school prospectus.

Wherever there are more applicants than places available, priority will always be given to Catholic applicants in accordance with the over-subscription criteria for 2012/13 listed below.

Glossary of definitions:

Catholic

'Catholic' means a member of the Church in communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. (See school website for complete list)

Practising Catholic

The Governors will determine practice of the Catholic Faith with reference to the following criteria:

- Evidence that the child has been baptised in accordance with the disciplines and rites of the Catholic Church.
- A copy of the Child's Baptismal certificate is to be attached to the Priests Reference Form.
- The practice of the faith is confirmed by the Diocesan Priest's Reference Form.

Siblings

Applicants who have a sister currently attending the school in Year 7-10 at the time of application and who will still be attending the school in the Academic Year 2012/2013.

In the event of over-subscription applicants will be considered in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Catholic Children
2. Baptised Roman Catholic girls who attend a Newham Deanery Roman Catholic feeder primary school (listed below), whose permanent residence is within one of the following Roman Catholic parish boundaries of the Newham Deanery, and who with their family practise regularly as confirmed by the Diocese of Brentwood's Priests Reference Form.

| Name of Catholic Feeder School | Parish in Newham Deanery | District |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| St Edward's | Our Lady of Compassion | Upton Park |
| St Joachim's | St Anne's St Mark's | Custom House |
| St Antony's | St Antony of Padua | Forest Gate |
| St Francis' | St Francis of Assisi | Stratford |
| St Helen's | St Margaret & All Saints | Canning Town |
| | St Mary & St Edward | Beckton/Silvertown/North Woolwich |
| St Michael's | St Michael's | East Ham |
| St Winefride's | St Stephen's | Manor Park |

3. Baptised Roman Catholic girls, who do not attend a Roman Catholic Primary Feeder school in Newham but whose permanent residence is within one of the Roman Catholic parish boundaries of the Newham Deanery listed above, and who with their family practise regularly as confirmed by the Diocese of Brentwood's Priests Reference Form.
4. Baptised Roman Catholic girls who attend any Roman Catholic Primary school but live outside the Newham Deanery for whom St Angela's Ursuline School is the nearest Catholic secondary school (as measured by the use of public highways, excluding footpaths and common land) and who with their family, practise regularly as confirmed by a Priests Reference Form.
5. Baptised Roman Catholic girls, who are resident in Newham, attend Roman Catholic Primary Feeder Schools in Newham but whose level of practice cannot be supported by the Diocese of Brentwood's Priests Reference Form.
6. Any other baptised Catholic girls.
7. All other Looked After Children.
8. Children of families in Newham of another Christian denomination in the

following order of priority:

- Baptised Christians whose minister can confirm their level of practice.
 - All other Christians whose minister can confirm their level of practice
 - Any other Christians.
9. Children of families of other faiths residing in Newham whose religious leader can confirm in writing that they are practising regularly.
10. Any other applicants.

Tie Break

Where the offer of a place to all applicants in any of the categories listed above would lead to over subscription the following provision will be applied.

1. The attendance of a sibling at St Angela's Ursuline school on the school roll at the time of enrolment (years 7 – 11) will increase the priority of an application within each category.

2. 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. The distance measured is the shortest walking distance from the front gate or door of the house to the Brescia Gate of the school not using unlit footpaths, parks, other open ground or private property (as calculated by Newham).

N.B. Applicants are requested to note that they must complete their Local Authority's Common Application Form (CAF) for their application to be considered.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

For admissions to the sixth form please refer to St Angela's and St. Bonaventure's Admission Criteria 2012-2013 available from St Angela's and St Bonaventure's Sixth Form Centre. St George's Road, Forest Gate, London, E7 8HU. Telephone Number: 0208 475 7392

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 Authority. Details of this separate procedure are set out in the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.

TIMETABLES

Parents will be advised of the outcome of their application on 1st March 2012, National Offer Day.

Late Applications

Late applications received after the closing date will be considered in accordance with the Admissions Criteria from the date of receipt but not so as to prejudice decisions already taken after the closing date regarding the allocation of places.

ACCURACY

All offers are made on condition that the information received by the Governing Body is entirely accurate. If at any stage this is proved to be otherwise, the offer of a place may be withdrawn.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

- **Parent(s)/Carer(s) may appeal to Chair of Governors in writing, within 14 days of receiving a letter letting them know they are unsuccessful in their application, stating their 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 education.**
- **The Appeals Panel will accept representation from any interested parties in writing or in person at the appeal hearing.**

WAITING LISTS

In addition to the 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 over-subscription criteria set out above and not in the order in which applications are received or added to the list.

All Waiting Lists will be maintained only for the academic year 2012-2013. If parents wish the application to join or to remain on the waiting list for the following year after that date, they need to contact the school in writing to request this after the start of the next school year in early September 2013.

APPLICATIONS

- a. **Common Application Forms (CAF)** found in the 'Moving from Primary to Secondary' handbook provided by Newham's Children and Young People's Services indicating preference of secondary school must be sent to the London Borough of Newham, Pupil Services Section, Newham Dockside, 3rd Floor Eastside (airport side), 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU by the closing date of **31st October 2011**.
- b. **Pink** application forms for St Angela's (obtained from Newham on completion of the CAF or from St Angela's directly) should be returned **only** to the school. **A copy of Baptism Certificate must be attached to this application form. The closing date for the forms is Monday, 5th December 2011.**
- c. Newham residents only should complete the Newham CAF. This includes those whose children attend school outside of the Borough.

Newham residents should return the CAF to Pupil Services by **31st October 2011** and the pink St Angela's Application form together with a photocopy of the Baptismal Certificate to St Angela's by **Monday, 5th December 2011**.

Non-Newham residents **must** apply through their own Local Authority. They can either obtain the pink St Angela's application form from the school or contact Newham's Pupil Service Section to be sent one.

Non-Newham residents should return their own borough's CAF to their local authority and the pink Application form together with photocopies of the Baptismal certificate to St Angela's by **Monday, 5th December 2011**.

- d. Catholic applicants will be required to support their application with a Parish Priest Reference Form, which will confirm practice. The Priests Reference Form is obtainable only from the Parish church/ Parish Priest.

Non Catholic applicants must also arrange for their minister/faith leader to send a letter confirming their practice to the school.

- e. The Governors require parents to submit proof of residence by attaching a photocopy of their most recent Council Tax bill, Housing Benefit or Council Tenancy Agreement with their application form together with a recent utility bill (not telephone). **NO OTHER FORMS ARE ACCEPTABLE.**

Applicants who do not produce a parish priest's reference/minister's supporting letter with their application will not qualify within their respective category and should not assume an offer of a place.