



**THE CEDARS
SCHOOL**

Admissions Policy

Introduction

The Cedars is an independent day school offering an all-round education within a Catholic framework to boys aged 11-18. The Catholic ethos influences all aspects of school life and is underpinned by the *PACT Charter of Educational Principles* which emphasises the important role that parents have to play as the first educators of their children.

The school admits up to 44 boys to Year 7 each September, usually around 8 boys in Year 9 and, from September 2017, a small number to the Sixth Form.

Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- (a) to ensure compliance with PACT's charitable purpose of promoting schools and supporting families with a deep desire for their children to grow into adults of integrity, committed to living their lives by Christian principles; and
- (b) to identify and admit children who are most likely to benefit from the education and formation that The Cedars offers.

Admissions Criteria

11+ and 13+

Subject to availability of places, boys are accepted as long as they are able to take full advantage of the education offered and their parents are in sympathy with the aims of the school.

Parents of prospective pupils must want their son to be educated in a school that has a clear religious, spiritual and moral foundation. On this condition applications are welcome from Catholics, non-Catholic Christians and non-Christians.

Places will be offered on the basis of confidential references obtained from prospective pupils' previous schools, performance in the entrance examination and interviews of the prospective pupil and his parents.

The Cedars School reserves the right to refuse entry to any pupil if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the school does not meet the educational needs of the pupil concerned. Parents have the right to appeal against an unsuccessful application using the school's Complaints Procedure.

Sixth Form

Entry to the Sixth Form is subject to the same principles as to the rest of the school but the procedure differs. In the case of external candidates, references are sought from their current school and the candidate and his parents are interviewed. Both internal and external candidates need to meet the academic requirements specified on the school website. These requirements, which are phrased in terms of GCSE or equivalent qualifications, may change from time to time.

Admissions Procedure

Application

A non-refundable registration fee is payable at the time of application.

Offer

Offers will be made to the highest ranked eligible candidates in February. Any eligible candidates not offered to at this time will be placed on a waiting list. Parents of children who are not eligible will be informed as soon as possible.

Acceptance

To accept the offer of a place, parents should return the offer form together with the required deposit and a signed contract by the date specified in the offer letter. The terms and conditions of the offer are detailed in the contract.

Fees

Fees are payable termly in advance but arrangements may be made for termly payments to be spread over three months. They include the cost of most stationery and textbooks but exclude a small number of other charges such as public examination fees. Individual music tuition is provided at an extra charge.

The Governors reserve the right to review or alter fees at any time and at half-a-term's notice.

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