



Admissions Policy for entry from September 2010

Archbishop Blanch School is a Voluntary Aided Church of England School. Girls are admitted to Year 7 at the age of 11, and boys and girls to Year 12 at the age of 16.

How many pupils will be admitted?

Each year 140 girls are admitted to Year 7. Places are awarded in the following categories:

Category A1:	Church of England Children in Public Care	<i>allocated as required</i>
Category A2:	Non Church of England Children in Public Care	<i>allocated as required</i>
Category B1:	Christian applications*	104 places
Category B2:	Non-Christian applications (sub-divided as follows):	up to 12 places
	<i>B2a Sunni Muslim</i>	<i>up to 8 places</i>
	<i>B2b Shia Muslim</i>	<i>up to 2 places</i>
	<i>B2c Other World Faith</i>	<i>up to 2 places</i>
Category C i:	Applications for those with an aptitude in Music	up to 10 places
	ii: Applications for those with an aptitude in Art...	up to 4 places
Category D:	Medical/Social applications.....	up to 10 places
Category E:	All other applicants whose parents have expressed a preference for the school	

**A Christian application is considered to be from families attending any Church in membership with, or sharing the statement of belief of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, or in full sympathy with its Trinitarian stance.*

Parents may apply for a place for their daughter under more than one main category if they choose. However they may only apply for one sub-category within each category.

Parents wishing to apply for an aptitude place (Cat C) must submit their aptitude forms by Thursday, 10th September 2009. The result of the test in October will enable parents to make an informed decision before they submit the Local Authority and Archbishop Blanch School Application Forms.

Parents with a child who has a statement of educational needs, should refer to the medical/social guidelines in part 4.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED AT ARCHBISHOP BLANCH SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, 6th NOVEMBER 2009.

Late Applications: You should be aware that submitting a late application could reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school.

Who will get the places in each category?

The Governors will only offer places to pupils whose parents have filled in **both** the Archbishop Blanch Application form **and** named Archbishop Blanch School as one of the three schools on the Local Authority Form. In the event of more pupils applying in each category than there are places, the following over-subscription systems will be used to decide who gets the places.

Children in Public Care

Children in Public Care qualify for entry.

Christian and Other World Faith applications

Information will be gathered from parents and an appropriate official of religion. A points system will be used to score each application form. Should two or more girls secure exactly the same number of points in each of the areas where points are awarded, the selection tie-break as to which girl(s) are offered a place will be by proximity of the home address to the school, as measured by the Local Authority's Geographic Information System.

Muslim applications

Information will be gathered from parents and an appropriate official of religion. A points system will be used to score each application form. Should two or more girls have secured exactly the same number of points in each of the areas where points are awarded, random selection will be used by a draw (supervised by an independent member of the Local Authority) to determine which girl(s) is/are offered a place.

Academic applications

Tests will be used to determine whether or not aptitude in **Music or Art** has been demonstrated.

Should girls achieve identical scores (in the test for Art, or audition for Music), any points awarded under the religious criteria (if an application has also been made under this category) will determine who is admitted, with higher scores having priority over lower scores, and with Christians given priority over Non-Christian Faith applicants. In the event that we are unable to separate different applications, the selection tie-break as to which girl(s) are offered a place will be by proximity of the home address to the school, as measured by the Local Authority's Geographic Information System.

Tests and auditions will be conducted in September and the results will be posted to parents on **Friday, 2nd October 2009**

Medical/Social applications

Places will be offered firstly to girls who can demonstrate that *Archbishop Blanch School is the only school that can meet their needs*, and secondly to girls who can demonstrate that *Archbishop Blanch School is the best-placed school to meet their needs*. Applicants must demonstrate either of these statements is true through a standard reference (on the appropriate school form) from a qualified professional such as a social worker, doctor or specialist, who should also state why other schools cannot provide the appropriate support for the child; however **no places will be awarded under this category** (under any circumstances) **unless they are supported by such a reference**. Once applicants have demonstrated that the statements above are true, selection will be considered according to the recommendation of the qualified professional (e.g. social worker, doctor or specialist).

Places will be offered to any girl who is in possession of a statement of educational needs which names Archbishop Blanch School, following consultation with the Local Authority.

Other Applications

All other applicants whose parent(s) have expressed a preference for the school will be considered for any unfilled places in the above categories.

The Governors will offer places in category order:

Children in Public Care (Cat A1/2); Christian Faith (Cat B1); Non-Christian Faith (Cat B2); Aptitude (Cat C); Medical/Social (Cat D) and, finally, those who have **expressed a preference for entry to the school (Cat E)**.

What if there are places left in a Category?

- If Christian places are left unfilled any surplus places will be transferred to the Medical/Social Category
- If Shia Muslim (sub-category B2b) places are left unfilled any surplus places will be transferred to the Sunni Muslim sub-category (B2a)
- If Non-Christian Faith, Aptitude or Medical/Social places are left unfilled, any surplus places will be transferred to the Christian Category
- If, after all the above, places are left unfilled, (for instance, applicants fail to meet the minimum requirements in a given category), all remaining places will be allocated by proximity of the home address to the school, as measured by the Local Authority's Geographic Information System, to those applicants who have expressed a preference for entry.

How can I apply for a place in the Sixth Form?

Each year up to 140 students (of both sexes) are admitted to Year 12 at the age of 16, up to 40 of whom may be external applicants. Places are awarded on the basis of academic suitability for the courses that will run rather than on religious commitment, using criteria that will be published in the Sixth Form Prospectus, and measured in the first instance by GCSE results. GCSE results will be used as an over-subscription criteria should this prove necessary; pupils with the best average GCSE grade will be admitted.

What happens if I am refused a place?

In the event of parents being refused a place for their child, they have the right of appeal to an independent panel. Information explaining how to appeal will be sent to unsuccessful applicants on request.

Can I apply for admission part-way through a school year?

Applications for casual admission / in-year transfers, will be considered for Children in Public Care. All other categories of application cannot be considered if the year-group in question is full. In any given academic year, the Governors will only consider one application in respect of any child who wishes to apply for admission.

ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR FAITH APPLICATIONS

**The term 'parent' in this context is considered to be a parent, grandparent or legal guardian of the girl in question.*

CHRISTIAN APPLICATIONS

The scoring system below will be applied separately to the child and parent* and will take account the attendance over a four year period at Church/Sunday School.	Max points available
Child's attendance at weekly worship in 2009	12
Parental attendance at weekly worship in 2009	9
Child's attendance at weekly worship in 2008	9
Parental attendance at weekly worship in 2008	6
Involvement of the family in Church life beyond simple attendance at weekly worship	3
Attendance of both parent and child at weekly worship (<i>at least fortnightly</i>) in 2007	5
Attendance of both parent and child at weekly worship (<i>at least fortnightly</i>) in 2006	5
Anglican applicants	1
TOTAL POINTS	50

MUSLIM APPLICATIONS

The score will be taken from the parent* with the highest grade for attendance at the Mosque over a three year period	Max points available
Male daily attendance at the Mosque during 2009	9
Female weekly attendance at the Mosque during 2009	9
Male daily attendance at the Mosque during 2008	5
Female weekly attendance at the Mosque during 2008	5
Male daily attendance at the Mosque during 2007	5
Female weekly attendance at the Mosque during 2007	5
Sub-total	19
The scoring system below will be applied to the girl's attendance at Madrassa over a three year period	Max points available
100% attendance during 2009	12
100% attendance during 2008	9
Attendance at least fortnightly during 2007	5
Sub-total	29
TOTAL POINTS FOR SUNNI MUSLIMS	48
TOTAL POINTS FOR SHIA MUSLIMS** (<i>see below</i>)	19

*** The governors recognise that for Shia Muslims no Madrassas are available in Liverpool. Parents must provide a written letter to this effect from the leader of the Mosque.*

OTHER WORLD FAITH APPLICATIONS

The score will be taken from the parent* with the highest grade for attendance over a four year period	Max points available
Parental attendance at weekly worship in 2009	9
Involvement of the family at the place of worship beyond simple attendance at weekly worship	3
Attendance of both parent and child at weekly worship (<i>at least fortnightly</i>) in 2008	5
Attendance of both parent and child at weekly worship (<i>at least fortnightly</i>) in 2007	5
Attendance of both parent and child at weekly worship (<i>at least fortnightly</i>) in 2006	5
TOTAL	27

