



Archbishop Blanch School

Admissions Policy for entry from September 2018

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 150 girls are admitted to Year 7.

Category A1: Places will be offered to:

- i: Children with a Statement of Special Educational Need where, following consultation with the Local Authority, the school is named in the Statement;**
- ii Children Looked After by the Local Authority;**
- iii Adopted children who were previously Looked After by the Local Authority (or those who have become subject to a residence or special guardianship order)**

Category B1/B1a: Christian applications* 122 places

**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.*

Category B2: Non-Christian applications (sub-divided below):	up to 11 places
B2a Muslim	up to 8 places
B2b Other World Faith	up to 3 places

Category C i: Applications for those with an aptitude for Music up to **13 places**
ii: Applications for those with an aptitude for Art up to **4 places**
Parents wishing to apply for an aptitude place must submit their aptitude forms by the 11th September 2017 Aptitude tests will take place on 25th September 2017. Test results will be posted out on the 10th October 2017 to enable parents to make an informed decision before they submit the Local Authority and Archbishop Blanch School Application Forms.

Category D: All other applicants whose parents have expressed a preference for the school. (This category is implemented in the event there are not enough applications to fill categories A-C)

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.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED AT ARCHBISHOP BLANCH SCHOOL IS 31st OCTOBER 2017. National offer day for secondary schools – 1st March 2018. Letters will be posted to parents by the Local Education Authority.

Who will get the places in each category?

The Governors will 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.

Christian Applications (Category B1)

Information will be gathered from an appropriate official of religion to confirm attendance of the parent and child at church. A points system will be used to score each application form.

Christian Self Certification Applications (Category B1a)

If, and **only in exceptional circumstances, an applicant cannot obtain written confirmation of attendance at church from a minister or religious leader**, the governors may accept the parents'/carers' self certification of their family's **church attendance**. In this instance, you are required to submit as much supporting evidence as possible *e.g. certificate of reception into the church, baptism, communion and confirmation certificates*. Other evidence could include *altar server certificates, or letters of support from Sunday School or Children's Liturgy etc*. Without this supporting evidence to reinforce Self Certification, your application cannot be considered under this category.

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 determined by straight line proximity of the permanent home address to the school; the distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised system.

Muslim Applications (Category B2a)

Information will be gathered about attendance at worship of a parent and child from 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.

Other World Faith applications (Category B2b)

Information will be gathered about attendance at worship of a parent and child from 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 determined by straight line proximity of the permanent home address to the school; the distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised system.

Academic applications (Category C)

Tests will be used to determine whether or not aptitude in Music or Art has been demonstrated. Pupils who have not shown aptitude will be considered under other appropriate criteria i.e. *faith, medical/social, expressed interest*.

Should girls achieve identical scores in the aptitude test 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 determined by straight line proximity of the permanent home address to the school; the distance will be measured using the Local Authority's computerised system.

Other Applications (Category D)

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 selection tie-break as to which girl(s) are offered a place will be determined by using a random draw to determine which girl(s) is/are offered a place.

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

See Appendix and Sixth Form Prospectus

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 or can be downloaded from www.abblanch.com

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

Applications for a transfer to a Year Group between Years 7 – 11 will be considered for all Categories *except* Category C (aptitude in Music *or* Art). If the year-group in question is full, the application can be added to a waiting-list for that category and that year-group. Each application will remain on the waiting list for one term. It is up to the applicant to reapply if they wish to remain on the list. Again, the waiting-lists will be ordered in categories using the same criteria as for normal admissions. For any particular child, only one appeal will be considered per academic year, unless there have been significant and substantial changes to the child's circumstances.

ALLOCATION OF POINTS FOR FAITH APPLICATIONS

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

CHRISTIAN APPLICATIONS

	On average WEEKLY	On average TWICE MONTHLY	On average MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH	On average ONCE A MONTH OR LESS
Child's attendance in 2017	12	10	8	6
Parental attendance in 2017	10	8	6	4
Child's attendance in 2016	10	8	6	4
Parental attendance in 2016	8	6	4	2
Both parent and child attending worship at least fortnightly in 2015				5
Both parent and child attending worship at least fortnightly in 2014				5
Both parent and child attending fortnightly worship for a period of at least 8 years <i>*only available for applicants who submit a reference form signed by worship leader</i>				9*
Anglican applicants				1
MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE				60

MUSLIM APPLICATIONS

Mosque Attendance Grade Descriptions for Men				
Grade A	The parent attends the Mosque 15 or more times a week			
Grade B	The parent attends the Mosque between 10 and 14 times a week (inclusive)			
Grade C	The parent attends the Mosque between 7 and 9 times a week (inclusive)			
Grade D	The parent attends the Mosque between 1 and 6 times a week (inclusive)			
Mosque Attendance Grade Descriptions for Women				
Grade A	The parent attends the Mosque 50 or more times a year			
Grade B	The parent attends the Mosque between 12 and 49 times a year (inclusive)			
Grade C	The parent attends the Mosque between 1 and 11 times a year (inclusive)			
Grade D	The parent does not attend the Mosque			
Grade that best describes the attendance of parent in 2017 and Mark allocated				
A = 10	B = 8	C = 6	D = 0	
Parent demonstrated at least Grade B attendance in 2016:		YES = 5	NO = 0	
Parent demonstrated at least Grade B attendance in 2015:		YES = 5	NO = 0	
Child's attendance at Madrassa				
	80% and above	70 – 80%	50 – 70%	Up to 50%
2016 – January- present	12	10	8	6
2015 – Jan - December	10	8	6	4
2014 at least fortnightly		YES = 5	NO = 0	
MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE				47

*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

	On average WEEKLY	On average TWICE MONTHLY	On average MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH	On average ONCE A MONTH OR LESS
Attendance of parent & child in 2017	12	10	8	6
At least fortnightly attendance of parent & child in 2016		YES = 5	NO = 0	
At least fortnightly attendance of parent & child in 2015		YES = 5	NO = 0	
At least fortnightly attendance of parent & child in 2014		YES = 5	NO = 0	
MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE				27

Criteria for Admission to the Sixth Form

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Archbishop Blanch is a Christian school founded within the Church of England, however, religious commitment is not a requirement for admission into Sixth Form. Admission is by application form and interview to ensure that each student receives a course appropriate to his/her needs.

The planned admission number of students to be admitted to Year 12 in September 2018 is 140.

Qualifications for admission

- Meet the entry requirements of the course
- Sign and observe the Sixth Form contract
- Support the ethos of the school

The minimum requirement to join the Sixth Form is **5 GCSEs at A* - C or equivalent 9-4**. This means you are eligible to take our Level 3 courses. You will be required to re-sit English and Maths if you do not have the minimum of grade 4/C at GCSE. Entry onto our A Level programme requires **5 GCSEs at A* - C including 9 – 4 in English & Maths**. In addition to this, A Level courses have their own, individual subject requirement.

All eligible A Level students will take a minimum **3 course programme route**, if your APS is 52+ or equivalent attainment 8 (56 points) you may consider a **4 course programme route**. For those students who fall in between the 3 and 4 course requirements we offer Core Maths and EPQ as additional options. In addition, each subject has **specific entry requirements**. Some subjects, for example, require a B at GCSE or in a combination of subjects. (See subject information sheets for details)

Priority in admissions

Students coming into the Sixth Form from Year 11 in Archbishop Blanch are given priority over students from other schools but must meet the criteria above which apply to all admissions. Archbishop Blanch accepts all current pupils who have demonstrated their support for the ethos of the school and for whom a suitable course is available.

BTEC Qualifications as Entry Criteria to the Sixth Form

Some students will have studied a combination of GCSEs and BTEC qualifications prior to entering Sixth Form. It is expected that a student embarking on AS Level study will have GCSEs in addition to a BTEC qualification.

NB For some courses, a BTEC qualification is **not suitable preparation** for AS Level study. Examples include Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. The Head of Sixth Form will provide individual guidance as required.

For the purposes of meeting the criteria for A Level study, BTEC qualifications are used in the following way:

Level 2 BTEC Diploma – to count as 2 GCSEs if it is in a directly related subject, 1 GCSE if it is not. For example, a student who has a Level 2 BTEC Diploma in ICT could use this as equivalent to 2 GCSEs towards a programme of A Levels that included ICT and Business. In addition, they would need a minimum of 3 other GCSEs at grade C or above. It would only count as 1 GCSE towards the entry requirement for a programme of A Levels in any other subjects.

Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate – to count as 1 GCSE if it is in a directly related subject. For example, a student with a Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in ICT could use this as equivalent to 1 GCSE towards the entry requirement for a programme of A Levels that included ICT. In addition, they would need 4 other GCSEs at grade C or above. It would not form part of the entry criteria for other A Levels.

Each qualification is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction. These relate to GCSEs in the following way:

Grade Equivalence

Pass C – 4 Points
Merit B – 5.50 points

Distinction A – 7.00 points
Distinction * A* – 8.50 points