



This policy refers to admissions in September 2023

The Salvatorian College is a boys Roman Catholic Academy in the trusteeship of the Society of the Divine Saviour (the Salvatorians). Located in the London Borough of Harrow, its prime purpose is the education of Catholic boys aged 11-16 in Harrow and the surrounding area.

As a Catholic school, we aim to provide a Catholic education for all our pupils. Catholic doctrine and practice permeate every aspect of the school's activity. It is essential that the Catholic character of the school's education be fully supported by all families in the school. We expect all applicants to give their full, unreserved and positive support for the principles underlying our educational ethos, which are that a Catholic education must:

- encourage the formation and growth to maturity of the whole human person;
- enable physical, moral and intellectual talents to be developed harmoniously;
- teach all to know and live the mystery of salvation;
- assist all to work towards their eternal destiny;
- promote the common good of society;
- ensure that all develop a greater sense of responsibility and a right use of freedom; and
- provide formation for every person to take an active part in social life.

The published admission number (PAN) for the school is 150 children. The Governing Body has sole responsibility for admissions and will admit a maximum of 150 boys to Year 7 in September 2023. When there are more than 150 applications, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

GENERAL GUIDANCE

The Governors will give top priority within a category to any applicant whose son has an exceptional educational, social or medical need which can only be met at this school and for which compelling professional evidence is supplied at the time of application.

Applications from boys of multiple births, e.g. twins, triplets, etc. In cases where only one place is available and twins/triplets tie for the last available place, then all will be offered a place even if this exceeds the planned admission number.

Separate application procedures apply to boys with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

CRITERIA

1. Baptised Catholic (see **Note A**), looked after boys (see **Note B**), and Baptised Catholic boys who have been adopted (see **Note C**) (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders (see **Note D**) immediately following having been looked after).
2. Practising baptised Catholic boys with an older brother (see **Note E**) who will be attending the school simultaneously.

3. Other practising baptised Catholic boys.
4. Other baptised Catholic boys.
5. Other looked after boys and other boys who have been adopted (or subject to child arrangements orders or special guardianship orders) immediately following having been looked after.
6. Boys of other Christian denominations (see **Note F**).
7. Boys of other faiths (see **Note G**).
8. Any other applicants

NOTES:

A) Practising Catholic A 'Practising Catholic' is someone for whom a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' has been issued. A 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' is issued by the family's parish priest (or the priest in charge of the church where the family attends Mass) in the form laid down by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. It will be issued if the priest is satisfied that at least one Catholic parent or carer (along with the child, if he is over seven years old) have (except when it was impossible to do so) attended Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation for at least five years (or, in the case of the child, since the age of seven, if shorter). It will also be issued when the practice has been continuous since being received into the Church if that occurred less than five years ago. It is expected that most Certificates will be issued on the basis of attendance. A Certificate may also be issued by the priest when attendance is interrupted by exceptional circumstances which excuse from the obligation to attend on that occasion or occasions. Further details of these circumstances can be found in the guidance issued to priests <http://rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/admissions/>

B) Looked after child means a child in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by them, e.g. Catholic children with foster parents (see Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989).

C) Adopted means an adopted child is a child who is adopted under the terms of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 s.46 (adoption orders), including those who appear to the admissions authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as result of being adopted.

D) Child Arrangements Order. A Child Arrangements order is an order under the terms of the Children Act 1989 s.8 which defines it as an order settling the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

Special Guardianship Order. A special guardianship order is an order under the terms of the Children Act 1989 s.14A which defines it as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian(s).

E) Brother means full, half or step.

F) "Children of other Christian denominations" means: children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledging God's revelation in Christ, confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures, and, in obedience to God's will and in the power of the Holy Spirit commit themselves: to seek a deepening of

their communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the world to the glory of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. An ecclesial community which on principle has no credal statements in its tradition, is included if it manifests faith in Christ as witnessed to in the Scriptures and is committed to working in the spirit of the above. All members of Churches Together in England and of CYTŪN are deemed to be included in the above definition, as are all other churches and ecclesial communities that are in membership of any local Churches Together Group (by whatever title) on the above basis.

G) “Children of other faiths” means: children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of ‘other Christian denominations’ and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law. The Charities Act 2011 defines religion to include:

- A religion which involves belief in more than one God, and
- A religion which does not involve belief in a God.

Case law has identified certain characteristics which describe the meaning of religion for the purposes of charity law, which are characterised by a belief in a supreme being and an expression of belief in that supreme being through worship.

H) Parent means the adult or adults with legal responsibility for the child.

GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY

Where the offer of places to all the applicants in a category would lead to oversubscription, places will be offered on the basis of proximity to the school as measured in a straight line from the address point of a home to the centre point of the school site. Distance is calculated by the London Borough of Harrow using a computerised mapping system based on Ordnance Survey and address data. In cases where applicants live equidistant from the preferred school and places cannot be offered to both children, the available place will be allocated using a random computer selection.

N.B. A boy is deemed to be resident at a particular address when he resides there for more than 50% of the school week.

IN-YEAR ADMISSIONS

Applications for In-Year admissions are made via the Local Authority. If a place is available and there is no waiting list then the Local Authority will be informed and the boy admitted. If more applications are received than there are places available then applications will be ranked by the Governing Body in accordance with the oversubscription criteria, with the following modification: Catholic children without an offer of a school place elsewhere are given priority immediately after other practising Catholic boys. If a place cannot be offered at the time of application the reasons for refusal will be supplied and information will be provided about the right of appeal. The opportunity of being placed on a waiting list will be offered.

FAIR ACCESS PROTOCOLS

The school is committed to taking its fair share of children who are vulnerable and/or hard to place, as set out in locally agreed protocols. Accordingly, outside the normal admissions round the governing body is empowered to give priority to a Catholic child where admission is requested under any local protocol that has been agreed by both the Diocese and the governing body for the current school year. The governing body has this power even when admitting the child would mean exceeding the published admission number.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be made in the first instance through the eAdmissions (www.eadmissions.org.uk), the online portal for applying to reception, junior, and secondary school, supported by the 33 London Local Authorities and Surrey County Council.

School Supplementary Information Forms may be obtained from the school website and should be returned, together with a copy of your son's Baptism certificate, to the Admissions Officer, Salvatorian College, **on or before 31st October 2022**.

Applications received after this date will be classified as 'late', meaning they will not be processed until after all other administrative procedures have been completed.

It is essential that **all relevant details are sent in at the time of application** so that the criteria for admission may be applied fairly. If not, the chance of a place may be jeopardised.

The Governors' Admissions Committee will meet in January to consider all applications. The Local Authority will write to all applicants to let them know their decision on 1st March 2023.

If you are offered a place, the onus is on the applicant to contact the school by Monday, 15th March 2023 to confirm whether the place is accepted. Unaccepted places will be allocated to applicants on the waiting list.

APPEALS

Unsuccessful applicants who wish to appeal should do so in writing, stating the grounds for appeal, to:

The Clerk to the Governors
Salvatorian College
High Road
Harrow Weald
Middlesex, HA3 5DY

In the case of over-subscription a waiting list will be drawn up.

This waiting list will be maintained by the governing body in the order of the oversubscription criteria and not in the order in which the applications are received. Names are removed from the list at the end of each academic year. When a place becomes available the governing body will decide who is at the top of the list and make an offer.

Admission to the waiting list will be in accordance with the Admissions Criteria.

Please note: Closing date for the receipt of any appeals: Wednesday, 1st June 2023.