

# Admissions Policies

For all Secondary schools 2011 - 2012

## Bebington High Sports College

Higher Bebington Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 2PS  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

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Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,029**

Admission number: **230**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 59, 2nd 145, 3rd 150, 4th 58, 5th 36**

In 2010 all children were offered places.

### Admissions Policy

#### OUR SCHOOL

Bebington High Sports College is a Co-operative Community charitable trust; this means that we are still part of Wirral's community of schools and are funded and inspected in the same way as every other secondary school. In ensuring that we provide the best possible education for our students we work in partnership with Barnardo, Liverpool John Moores University, Tranmere Rovers and the Football league Trust, Merseyside Sports Partnership Board and importantly all our stakeholders who have responsibility for guiding the direction of the school in a co-operative community forum. This means that our students, staff, parents and community groups have a major input into the direction and success of the school. This is an important difference from all other secondary schools in Wirral in that our stakeholders really do have a responsibility for the schools successes and are not just representatives on parents associations or governing bodies. In addition our partners support the school in ensuring that we provide outstanding support for students and their parents resulting in our students being happy and successful.

**If you would like to discuss our charitable status further I will be more than happy to, all you need to do is to contact the school and arrange an appointment.**

We are an all ability co-educational inclusive school and welcome all students regardless of ability, gender, culture and disability. We admit students to our school without assessing their ability but may group them according to ability once in the school in certain subject areas.

#### Admission arrangements - Introduction

The arrangements described below apply to children born between 1st September 1999 and 31st August 2000. We will not normally offer places in Year 7 in our school to children born after 31st August 1999 unless the governors agree to this.

Places in our school are decided by the governing body of our school according to arrangements made in consultation with the Local Authority. The admissions procedure is co-ordinated by the Local Authority. Normally all parents who express a preference for their child to be admitted to our school will be accepted unless there are no places available. The local authority will then allocate a place at the nearest appropriate school with places available.

#### Admission number

The admission number for the school is 230. Students will be admitted into our school up to this number.

#### Admission criteria to Bebington High Sports College

Applications for our school will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Children who have brothers and sisters (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and sisters living in the same household) at the school when places are offered.

d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those students who live nearest to the school. The local authority use a mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

### **Late applications**

The Local Authority will deal with preferences received by 31 October 2010 according to the arrangements described below. Preferences received on or after 1 November 2010 will be dealt with after places have been allocated on 1 March 2011.

Applications received outside the normal admission round, will be allocated a place at the school, if places are available.

### **Allocation of places**

The Local Authority will tell you if your child has been offered a place at Bebington High Sports College by letter on 1 March 2011. If places are still available after this date, for example because an allocated place has not been taken up, the places will be re-allocated up to the school's admission number. The new offers will be made to children whose parents have shown that they are still interested in a place at the school either by registering an appeal or by telling the Director of Childrens Services on the response slip. If there are more requests for places at Bebington High Sports College than there are places available, the local authority will use the same criteria as for the initial allocation. In most cases, the local authority will make the new offers depending on where the children live. If this is the case, a list will be kept in order of those who will have priority because they live nearer the school. No more offers of places will be made until after appeals have been heard, but a waiting list will be held for children whose parents would still like them to be considered for a place at Bebington High Sports College if places become available in the autumn term. If places become available after the start of the autumn term, they will be offered to children on the waiting list, following the same criteria as when places were first offered. The waiting list will be kept on until the end of the autumn term (Friday 17 December 2011).

### **Sixth Form**

We offer places to students in our sixth form if they meet the entry requirements and have a positive reference (more details can be found on our website and the sixth form prospectus).

Entry requirements:

For Level 3 courses (AS, A2, Applied A levels and BTEC) are 5A\* - C grades. However in MFL, Mathematics and Science students require a Grade B in those subjects.

For Level 2 course (GCSE and BTEC) GCSE Grade G and above are required.

### **Appeals against admission decisions**

If you are not satisfied with an admission decision, you can appeal to our governing body appeals panel.

More details are available by contacting our school.

# Birkenhead High School Academy

## With specialisms in Mathematics and Music

86 Devonshire Place, Prenton, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 1TY  
Independent Girls' Academy aged 3-19

Principal: **Mrs C Mann**

Phone: : **0151 652 5777**

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Approximate number of pupils on roll: **450**

Admission numbers: Reception: **40**, Year 7: **60**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 65, 2nd 73, 3rd 55, 4th 29, 5th 4**

In 2010 all girls were offered a place.

## Admissions Arrangements

- 1) Birkenhead High School Academy will be a non-denominational all-through school for girls aged 3 to 19 years old and will specialise in the teaching of music and mathematics. The Academy will admit an all-ability intake and 10% of girls at Year 7 will be selected on their aptitude for music. It will serve the local and wider community, and welcome applications from parents both within and outside the Wirral area. The Academy will build on high aspirations, inclusion and excellence which are the hallmarks of the current school.
- 2) The Academy is sponsored by the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST), and funded in partnership with government.
- 3) This document sets out the admission arrangements for the Academy in accordance with Annex B to the Funding Agreement between the GDST Academy Trust and the Secretary of State. Any changes to the arrangements set out in this document must be approved in advance by the Secretary of State. Obligations in this document are to be treated as if imposed by the Funding Agreement.
- 4) This annex may be amended in writing at any time by agreement between the Secretary of State and the GDST Academy Trust.
- 5) The GDST Academy Trust will act in accordance with, and will ensure that the Independent Appeal Panel is trained to act in accordance with, all relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code and the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families ("the Codes") as they apply at any given time to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools and with equalities law and the law on admissions as they apply to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. For this purpose, reference in the Codes or law to "admission authorities" shall be deemed to be references to the governing body of the GDST Academy Trust.
- 6) The GDST Academy Trust will take part in the Wirral's Admissions Forum and have regard to its advice; and will participate in the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by the local authority and the local in-year fair access protocol.
- 7) Notwithstanding these arrangements, the Secretary of State may direct the Academy to admit a named pupil to the Academy on application from a local authority. Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult the Academy.
- 8) While Birkenhead High School Academy is its own Admissions Authority, it will follow the Wirral Children's Services co-ordinated admission arrangements for Reception and Year 7. Admissions arrangements for Nursery and Sixth Form are managed directly by the Academy.

## **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

### **Admission number**

- 9) The Academy opened on 1 September 2009 with Published Admission Numbers relating to pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 7 and Year 12, as set out in this policy. Pupils in other year groups will transfer automatically from the predecessor school, Birkenhead High School ("BHS"), which will close on 31 August 2009.
- 10) The agreed admission numbers for the Academy for the academic year 2009-2010, and for subsequent years (subject to any change approved by the Secretary of State), are as follows:

Nursery	18 full-time equivalent
Reception	40
Year 7	60
Year 12	100 minus those pupils eligible to transfer from the Academy's own Year 11

- 11) Birkenhead High School Academy may set higher admission numbers as its Published Admission Numbers for any specific year. Before setting an admission number higher than its agreed admission numbers, the Academy will consult with primary and secondary schools in the Wirral. Girls will not be admitted above the Published Admission Number except for good reason. Any such admission shall be reported to the Secretary of State.

### **Arrangements for admission to the Nursery**

#### *Process of application*

- 12) Applications for Nursery places at Birkenhead High School Academy are not part of the Wirral Children's Services co-ordinated admissions arrangements and should be made direct to the Academy on the Academy's nursery application form. Applicants should reach the age of 3 during the year **1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011**.
- 13) The application form should be completed and returned to the Academy by **10 December 2010**.

#### *Consideration of applications for entry into Nursery*

- 14) The agreed admissions number is 18 full time equivalent (FTE) places. Girls will be offered up to five part-time sessions per week. The sessions last 2½ hours and typically will be either all morning or all afternoon sessions.

#### *Oversubscription procedure*

- 15) Where Birkenhead High School Academy is oversubscribed in Nursery the Academy will allocate places using the following criteria which are listed in priority order:
  - a) Girls who are in public care (Looked After Children) on the date at which the relevant applications for admission are made, and who a local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time they are admitted to the Academy;
  - b) Girls who, on the date of admission, will have an older sister, including step, half, adopted or fostered sister enrolled at the Academy (or who were enrolled in Nursery and upwards at the predecessor school, BHS, and will continue to be so enrolled in July 2009).
- 16) Where in category b) there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. Any remaining places will be allocated on a random basis to girls applying from across the Wirral and beyond.

### **Arrangements for admission to the Reception**

#### *Process of application*

- 17) Applications for places at Birkenhead High School Academy in Reception will be made in accordance with Wirral Children's Services co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Parental Preference Form, provided and administered by Wirral Children's Services.

#### *Consideration of applications for entry into Reception*

- 18) The agreed admissions number for Reception is 40.

- 19) Applications for places for Reception can be made for girls who turn 5 between **1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012**. Parents of girls in the Nursery must apply for a place in Reception using the Parental Preference Form. Applications should be sent to Wirral Local authority by the closing date set out in the Wirral composite Admissions Prospectus.
- 20) All girls will be offered places in Reception to start in September. However parents and guardians of girls reaching compulsory school age between March and August can defer admission until the following January, if preferred. Nonetheless, applications must be made on the Parental Preference Form on the dates set out above.
- 21) Where fewer applications than places are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied. If the Academy is oversubscribed it will allocate places in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraphs 23 to 24 below. Girls with statements of special educational needs will be admitted where the Academy is named in the statement.

#### *Oversubscription procedure*

- 22) Where Birkenhead High School Academy is oversubscribed in Reception the Academy will allocate places using the following criteria which are listed in priority order:
  - a) Girls who are in public care (Looked After Children) on the date at which the relevant applications for admission are made, and who a local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time they are admitted to the Academy;
  - b) Girls at the Academy's Nursery or the Nursery of the predecessor school, BHS;
- 23) Where in categories b) and c) there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. Any remaining places will be allocated on a random basis to girls applying from across the Wirral and beyond.
- 24) In the event of oversubscription in Reception, the above procedure will be open to scrutiny by an appropriately qualified external consultant appointed by the GDST Academy Trust board.

#### **Arrangements for admission to Year 7**

##### *Process of application*

- 25) While Birkenhead High School Academy is its own Admissions Authority, applications for places at the Academy for Year 7 will be made in accordance with Wirral Children's Services co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the Parental Preference Form, provided by the relevant local authority.
- 26) In addition, parents or guardians must complete the Supplementary Information Form, provided by the Academy. The Supplementary Information Form is to be completed and returned to the Academy before 4.00pm on 29 October 2010 (to coincide with the date for returning the completed Wirral Children's Services Parental Preference Form), for applications for the academic year 2011-2012.

##### *Consideration of applications for entry into Year 7*

- 27) Birkenhead High School Academy has an agreed admission number of 60 pupils in Year 7. The Academy will accordingly admit 60 pupils in the relevant age group each year if sufficient applications are received. Pupils transferring from Year 6 at the predecessor school, BHS, or already on the roll at the Academy in Year 6 will be able to automatically progress to Year 7. The total year group for Year 7 will be 100. If fewer pupils transfer from Year 6, the Academy will admit over the admission number up to the overall size of the Year 7 group.
- 28) The Academy will consider all applications for places. Where fewer applications than places are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied. If the Academy is oversubscribed it will allocate places in accordance with the procedure set out below.

##### *Oversubscription procedure*

- 29) Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admissions number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named in the statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out in paragraphs 31 to 35 below.

- 30) In accordance with its first specialism, Birkenhead High School Academy will select 10% of the places available based on their aptitude for learning music (“the Music criterion”). An appropriate assessment for aptitude for learning music will be carried out by the school and applicants seeking entry under the Music criterion will also sit the non-verbal reasoning assessment set out in paragraph 32 below. The six places will be filled by those applicants who are assessed to have the greatest aptitude for music. Should there be a tie for last place(s) available, places will be allocated on a random basis. All applicants who seek a place under the Music criterion but to whom an offer is not made will be considered in accordance with the Banding procedure set out below. Where the Academy is oversubscribed the successful Music criterion applicants will not be allocated a place until after all those girls in public care (Looked After Children) have been allocated a place within their relevant band.
- 31) All remaining places, after places have been allocated in accordance with paragraph 31, will be allocated on the basis of Norm Referenced Banding in line with the Admissions Code. All applicants will take a non-verbal reasoning assessment, administered by the Academy and marked by an independent assessor, GL Assessment. The non-verbal reasoning assessment will not be used in determining offers under the Music criterion.
- 32) The Academy will admit the required number from each of the five ability bands based on the following percentage guidelines:
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| Band 1 | 20% |
| Band 2 | 20% |
| Band 3 | 20% |
| Band 4 | 20% |
| Band 5 | 20% |

It is possible that the number of places to be determined by Banding will not be a multiple of five, in which case the following will apply.

If the number of places to be determined by banding leaves:

a remainder of 1 when divided by 5, the place will be allocated to Band 3;

a remainder of 2 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Bands 2 and 4;

a remainder of 3 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Band 2, 3 and 4;

and a remainder of 4 when divided by 5, the places will be allocated to Band 1, 2, 4 and 5.

- 33) If there are more applicants for each band than places available, within each band places will be allocated in the following order:
- Girls who are in public care (Looked After Children) on the date at which the relevant applications for admission are made, and who a local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time they are admitted to the Academy;
  - Girls who, on the date of admission, will have an older sister, including step, half, adopted or fostered sister enrolled at the Academy (or who were enrolled in Year 7 and upwards at the predecessor school, BHS, and will continue to be so enrolled in July 2009);
  - Where in category b) there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. Any remaining places will be allocated on a random basis to girls applying from across the Wirral and beyond.
- 34) Girls who have not taken the Banding test (apart from Looked After Children who must always be given priority) will be considered after children who have sat the Banding test. They will be prioritised on the basis of criteria b) to c) above (in order). All applicants will be offered fair access to the test and reminded of the date, time and location of the test.
- 35) In the event of oversubscription in Year 7, the above procedure will be open to scrutiny by an appropriately qualified external consultant appointed by the GDST Academy Trust board.

### **Arrangements for admission to post-16 provision**

#### *Process of application*

- 36) Applications by external applicants for Sixth Form places at Birkenhead High School Academy should be made direct to the Academy on the Academy’s application form not later than 25 February 2011. Girls

in the Academy's Year 11, or currently enrolled in Year 11 at the predecessor school, BHS, will automatically progress to the Academy's Sixth Form provided they meet the minimum entry requirements set out in paragraphs 39 to 42 below. All internal applicants must return an internal transfer form by **10 December 2010** as set out in paragraph 43 below.

#### *Consideration of applications for entry into Sixth Form*

37) The Academy has an agreed admission number of 100 pupils to Year 12, minus those eligible pupils progressing from the Academy's own Year 11. The Academy will accordingly provide for the admission or progression of 100 pupils to the Sixth Form if sufficient requests for progression or applications for entry are received. If the admission number 100 is met through internal transfers, no external applicants will be admitted.

#### *Minimum entry requirements*

38) The minimum academic requirement for entry into Birkenhead High School Academy Sixth Form (for both internal and external applicants) is six GCSE passes at Grade B or above, including English and Mathematics.

39) Individual subjects may also have particular requirements for the grades obtained at GCSE and these will be detailed each year in the information supplied to prospective students. However, if the Sixth Form is not full, and a student does not meet the grade requirement for a particular subject (but does meet the requirements for the Sixth Form), a range of alternative courses available within the Academy's Sixth Form curriculum will be offered.

40) The Local Governing Body shall have discretion to take account of serious illness which has adversely affected an individual applicant's performance in applying the academic entry criteria.

41) Admission to the Sixth Form is also subject to the availability of places in a student's intended subject choices. However, if particular subjects are full but the Sixth Form is not, a range of alternative courses available within the Academy's Sixth Form curriculum will be offered.

#### *Internal applicants*

42) Girls who are already on roll at the predecessor school, BHS, are entitled to transfer into the Sixth Form provided they meet the minimum standards for entry. All girls will be offered a course discussion to help them make the appropriate choices. Internal transfer forms should be returned to the Principal by 10 December 2010 in order to help the Academy to determine the number of places available for external applicants. Transfer forms received after this date will still be accepted but subject choices may be more limited because some courses may already be full. Offers of places will be conditional upon the entry requirements being achieved.

#### *External applicants*

43) Girls who do not yet attend the predecessor school, BHS, should submit an external application form as soon as possible and not later than **25 February 2011**. Late applications will be considered if places are still available, although subject choices may be limited because some courses may already be full.

44) Those external applicants whose predicted GCSE grades meet the minimum level required will be offered a course discussion. Offers of places will be conditional upon the entry requirements being achieved.

#### *Oversubscription procedure*

45) In the event of there being more external applicants to the Sixth Form than places available, applications will be considered as follows. After the admission of pupils with statements of Special Educational Needs where the Academy is named in the statement, any remaining available places will be allocated in the following order to girls who achieve the entry requirements:

- a) Girls who are in public care (Looked After Children) on the date at which the relevant applications for admission are made, and who a local authority has confirmed will continue to be looked after by it (in accordance with section 22 of the Children Act 1989) at the time they are admitted to the Academy;
- b) Girls who, on the date of admission, will have a sister, including step, half, adopted or fostered sister enrolled at the Academy (or who were enrolled at the predecessor school, BHS, and will continue to be so enrolled in September 2009);

- c) Girls who wish to follow subject courses that are not fully subscribed;
  - d) Where in categories b) and c) there are more applicants than there are places available, places will be allocated on a random basis. Any remaining places will be allocated to girls on a random basis across the Wirral and beyond.
- 46) In the event of oversubscription in Sixth Form, the above procedure will be open to scrutiny by an appropriately qualified external consultant appointed by the GDST Academy Trust board.

### **Casual admissions: i.e. admission to all year groups except Nursery, Reception, Year 7 and Year 12**

- 47) All girls who are on roll in Reception to Year 10 in the predecessor school, BHS, in July 2009 will automatically progress through the Academy. As the Academy builds towards its full capacity, Year groups 1 to 6 and 8 to 11 will remain at their existing size as at July 2009. If existing girls at BHS do not progress to the Academy, or leave during the course of an academic year, or between academic years, places will be offered to applicants. If there are more applicants than places the Academy will apply the oversubscription criteria set out above.
- 48) Notwithstanding the above, the Academy may refuse admission to particular applicants in the specific circumstances described in paragraph 3.10 (children who have been permanently excluded two or more times) of the statutory School Admissions Code or any like provision in any subsequent Code.

### **Operation of waiting lists for admission - Reception and Year 7**

- 49) Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places in Reception and Year 7 than there are places available, a waiting list will operate between March and the end of the academic year for which they applied. This list will be maintained by the Academy, and all unsuccessful applicants will automatically be placed on the waiting list unless a parent or guardian requests otherwise. Banding will not be applied to waiting lists.
- 50) When, and if, places become vacant they will be allocated to girls on the waiting list in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out in paragraph 23 for Reception and 34 a) to c) for Year 7.
- 51) No waiting list will be operated for years other than Reception and Year 7.

### **Arrangements for the Independent Appeal Panel**

- 52) Parents or guardians will have the right of appeal (except in the case of Nursery places - see below) to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of Birkenhead High School Academy or if children in Year 11 of the Academy are refused progression to the sixth form. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for appeals will be in line with the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Children, Schools and Families as it applies to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. The determination of the Appeal Panel will be made in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code and is binding on all parties. The Academy will prepare guidance for parents or guardians about how the appeals process will work and provide a named contact who can answer any enquiries about the process.
- 53) There is no right of appeal for refusal to offer a nursery place.

### **ANNUAL PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **Consultation**

- 54) Birkenhead High School Academy will consult by 1 March each year on its proposed admission arrangements:
- a) Wirral Children's Services;
  - b) The admission forum for the Wirral;
  - c) Any other admission authorities for primary and secondary schools located within the relevant area for consultation set by Wirral Children's Services;
  - d) Any other governing body for primary and secondary schools (as far as not falling within paragraph (c) located within the relevant area for consultation; and
  - e) Affected admission authorities in neighbouring local authority areas.

### **Publication of admission arrangements**

- 55) Birkenhead High School Academy will publish its admission arrangements each year once these have been determined, by:
- a) copies being sent to the statutory consultees;
  - b) copies being sent to primary and secondary schools in the Wirral;
  - c) copies being sent to the offices of Wirral Children's Services;
  - d) copies being made available without charge on request from the Academy; and
  - e) copies being sent to public libraries in the area of the Wirral for the purposes of being made available at such libraries for reference by parents and other persons.
- 56) The published arrangements will set out:
- a) the name and address of the Academy and contact details;
  - b) a summary of the admissions policy, including oversubscription criteria (including any arrangements for admission to post-16 provision);
  - c) a statement of any religious affiliation;
  - d) numbers of places and applications for those places in the previous year; and
  - e) arrangements for hearing appeals.

# Calday Grange Grammar School

**Calday Grange Grammar School**  
**Technology College**  
**Language College**  
**Confucius Classroom**  
**High Performing Specialist School**

Grammar School Lane, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 8GG  
Trust, admits (boys) grammar aged 11 to 18  
Mixed Sixth Form

Headteacher: **Mr A J Hall BSc**

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Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,450**

Admission number: **200**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 259, 2nd 88, 3rd 33, 4th 8, 5th 4**

In 2010 all boys who reached the standard for grammar school were offered a place.

## Admissions Policy

Calday Grange Grammar School was established in 1636 and is a state-funded Trust School with Specialist Technology & Language Status. The school is located in an outstanding area of the Wirral Peninsula and is a long established selective school for boys in the 11-16 age range and a mixed Sixth Form. There are a total of approximately 1400 students (900 boys in Y7-11 and 500 boys and girls in the Sixth Form).

The ethos of the school is that pupils who meet the entry requirements in terms of academic ability should feel free to apply to the school regardless of any other factors. The Governors of the school ensure that school uniform is available from a wide range of suppliers at a reasonable cost. There is no compulsion to contribute to the cost of school activities, although voluntary contributions are accepted. The Governors support the work of The Bennett Trust in supporting students who apply for financial support.

## Admission of Pupils at Start of Year 7 in September 2011

The planned admissions number for Year 7 for the year commencing 1st September 2011 will be 200. Boys who attain the required standard in the arrangements for selection by reference to ability will be eligible to be considered for admission to the school.

The Governors have agreed with Wirral Local Authority that the officers of the Local Authority will administer the process of selection in accordance with the procedures described in this booklet.

Preference forms for admission to secondary schools will be made available to all parents of pupils in the final year of their primary school. The forms will need to be returned to Wirral Local authority. If you need help please ring 0151 606 2000 and ask for Pupil Services. Preference forms will be completed before the testing process takes place.

If you have any difficulties or wish to receive help, do not hesitate to contact the school by  
Tel: 0151 625 2727, Fax: 0151 625 9851 or Email: [theschool@calday.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:theschool@calday.wirral.sch.uk)

## Selection Arrangements

### *Principles*

The Governors' arrangements for selection are based upon the following principles:

- 1) Children of parents who have placed Calday Grange Grammar School as a preference on any Local Authority preference form will be considered if their child has reached the required academic standard.
- 2) Pupils from all schools will be considered equally in accordance with the published procedures described in this booklet.

### *The Process*

The assessment is based upon the results of two verbal reasoning tests. The tests do not take into account what pupils have learnt at primary school. They have been designed to predict a pupil's potential performance at secondary school and so preparation for the verbal reasoning tests, apart from the practice tests, is not necessary. Schools or the Wirral's Children and Young People Department (CYPD) will, however, provide a familiarisation opportunity.

Pupils take two verbal reasoning tests in the final year of primary education. So that children are not disadvantaged because of their date of birth, in each case the score is adjusted to take account of each child's exact age in years and months to determine a Standardised Age Score (SAS). The two test scores are then added together.

Children who reach the required score will be deemed to have reached the grammar school standard.

In some cases parents may feel that certain factors may have affected the child's academic performance (for example, if his or her education has been severely disrupted because of ill health, change of schools, or any other case). If this does apply it is important that you should tell your child's present Headteacher, in writing. The information will be considered by the Independent Assessment Board if the child's case is referred to the Board.

For children whose cases are referred, the Board will see:

1. The child's verbal reasoning test scores.
2. The representations made by the primary school Headteacher with supporting evidence if necessary.
3. Confidential information from you and reports from other professional agencies such as educational psychologists, social workers, and doctors.

The Board then uses its professional judgement to decide whether the evidence clearly shows that the results of the verbal reasoning tests did not truly reflect the child's ability. The Board will decide in each individual case whether or not the child has reached the grammar school standard.

At the end of this process, we will have a complete list of the children who have reached the grammar school standard. This does not necessarily mean that they will be allocated a place at Calday Grange Grammar School; that will depend upon the number of preferences that we have for the school. If the school is oversubscribed the governors will use other criteria to decide which children should be given places. Any offer of a place may be withdrawn if it comes to light that a parent has given misleading information in order to secure an offer.

If the school is oversubscribed - priority will be determined in the following order:

1. To Looked After Children.
2. To those children with a valid medical or social reason supported in writing by a doctor, social worker or appropriate professional person.
3. To those children who will have a sibling at the school at the time of admission. A sibling is defined as a brother or sister by the same parents, or half or step brothers or sisters living in the same household.
4. By reference to geographical factors, preference will be given to children with the shortest distance to the school as measured by the Local Authority computer mapping system.

Late applications will be considered in the normal process if they are received by 15 November. Applications after this date will only be considered after offers of places have been made.

The Local Authority will inform all parents of school allocations on the nationally agreed date, currently 1st March.

Should the School be oversubscribed for places in Year 7, in accordance with the School Admissions Code of Practice 3.18, the School will maintain a waiting list for pupils who have achieved the standard but have not been offered a place. This waiting list will be ranked according to the Admission criteria and parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list. The list will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn term.

### **Admission into the Sixth Form**

Priority for entry is given to existing pupils in the School. Each year the School welcomes a number of boys and girls from other schools. Places are offered after a visit to the School by a prospective student and a meeting with the Head of Sixth Form. There is no limit upon entry provided their admission does not prejudice the efficient education and use of resources. The planned admission number for external students for Year 12 is 80.

The minimum requirements for entry for all students is six GCSE passes at Grades A\* - C, to include 4 B grades in relevant subjects to support those subjects to be studied at AS level. A similar level of GCSE attainment is required to study the IB Diploma. Entry to the Sixth form will be confirmed after the publication of GCSE results in August.

### **Admission during Years 7 - 11**

Pupils wishing to be admitted outside the normal round, whether in-year or at the start of a school year which is not a normal point of entry to the school should contact the LA in the first instance, an assessment process will then be initiated. Pupils aged 14 years and 3 months and below on the date of testing will sit a VR test, a mathematics test, an English test and either a science or a language test. Pupils over the age of 14 years 3 months will not sit a VR test. Pupils will be offered a place at the school provided they have reached the required standard and that their admission does not prejudice the provision of efficient education and the efficient use of resources. The procedure will be administered within the school and the Local Authority informed of the Governors' decision.

### **Reassessment**

Pupils may be re-assessed for entry into Calday at the request of a parent if more than a year has passed since any previous test. If it is determined that the boy is appropriately placed at Calday he may be transferred when places are available. Such a transfer will normally be made at the end of an academic year. However, the Headteacher will consider entry at other times during the year.

### **Appeals against Admission Decisions**

Arrangements have been made for parents who are dissatisfied with an admission decision to appeal against it. The Governors have set up an Independent Appeal Panel against non-admission. The decision of the Panel will be final and binding upon the School. The Governors will not accept multiple appeals in the same academic year unless there are significant changes in circumstances. Further details of the official procedure are available from: The Clerk to the Appeal Panel c/o Calday Grange Grammar School, Grammar School Lane, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 8GG (Telephone 0151 625 2727).

## Hilbre High School Humanities College

Frankby Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 6EQ  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Ms J Levenson BEd (Hons)**

Phone: **0151 625 5996**

Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,037**

Admission number: **180**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 143, 2nd 242, 3rd 180, 4th 68, 5th 31**

Distance from home to school for the last pupil who was offered a place in 2010: 3.167 miles.

### Admissions Policy

#### OUR SCHOOL

Hilbre High School Humanities College is a Foundation school with a charitable trust. Our trust partners are Liverpool John Moores University and Wirral University Teaching Hospital, who themselves are an NHS Foundation Trust based at Arrowe Park. In working alongside such local, highly-respected partners we are seeking to share best practice, broaden opportunity for both our students and the staff we employ and provide a high quality education for all our learners. Being a Trust school also fosters a great sense of ownership amongst our school community, which is imperative given our specialist Humanities status. We remain part of Wirral's family of schools and are funded and inspected in the same way as every other secondary school.

#### Admission criteria for Year 7

As a Foundation school the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for the decisions on admission to the school. Our admissions procedure is co-ordinated by the Local Authority in accordance with the Wirral Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme. All deadlines within the scheme should be adhered to by applicants.

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2011.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. The Local Authority use a mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

**Late applications** will be dealt with in accordance with the initial admissions criteria and arrangements applied by Wirral LA.

#### Admissions during the academic year

In year requests will be considered by the Governing Body but will initially be co-ordinated by the Local Authority. Any decisions with respect to admissions are made with reference to the same criteria as for the Year 7 placements.

## Appeals

If an application for admission to the school has been turned down, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel set up by the Governing Body. An appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors within twenty-one days of the refusal. Parents must give their reason for appealing in writing and the decision of the Panel is binding on the Governors.

A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn term.

## Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Admission is open to all who attain:

- a successful interview
- a proven commitment to study & hard work
- an acceptable record of behaviour
- the required GCSE grade profile & points score
- a suitable Progress File
- application submitted by the deadline

## Which path can I follow at Hilbre?

The number and combination of courses you can study are based on your GCSE points score from your best eight grades.

### **4 Advanced courses = Minimum 46 points**

- Minimum of 5 A and B grades at GCSE.
- Very demanding workload.
- Students may discontinue one of their courses after Year 12.
- Extended project (worth 20-60 UCAS points, depending on grade).

### **3 Advanced courses = Minimum 38 points**

- Minimum of 5 C grades at GCSE.
- Students can mix and match AS, Applied and BTEC courses.
- Students will attend CoPE lessons in addition (worth 70 UCAS points).

### **2 Advanced courses = Minimum 36 points**

- Minimum of 4 C grades at GCSE.
- Students should have an A\* - C grade in the subject they wish to study.
- Students will attend CoPE lessons in addition (worth 70 UCAS points).

### **1 Advanced plus 1 Applied or BTEC course = Minimum 32 points**

- Minimum of 4 C grades at GCSE.
- Students should have an A\* - C grade in the subject they wish to study.
- Students will attend CoPE lessons in addition (worth 70 UCAS points).

Final access to A-level, Applied or BTEC courses is dependent on the agreement of the individual subject teachers as to your suitability for your chosen course of study.

If you study in the Sixth Form and do not have C grade or above in Maths and English then you **MUST** re-sit these in your first year of Sixth Form.

## Mosslands School

Mosslands Drive, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 8PJ  
Community single-sex (boys all-ability) aged 11 to 18  
Mixed Sixth Form

Headteacher: **Mr M Rodway**

Phone: **0151 638 8131**

Email: [admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,450**

Admission number: **265**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 163, 2nd 95, 3rd 50, 4th 18, 5th 8**

In 2010 all boys were offered a place.

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### **Admission criteria for Year 7**

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where you child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

### **Sixth-Form Admissions Policy**

#### ***AS and A Level Courses***

At least five grade Cs at GCSE with a preferred grade B in subjects to be studied or other evidence of ability in these.

#### ***BTEC First Diploma, City and Guilds Certificate Courses***

At least four grades D to E at GCSE.

#### ***Oversubscription Criteria***

If the sixth form is oversubscribed, we will consider:

- students with a connection to the school (for example, an existing student, a brother or sister in school or a former student)
- how close they live to the school and
- the lack of similar courses in neighbouring institutions

The school provides some post-16 courses with the Wallasey Schools' Consortium.

### **Application Procedure**

Application is online via the Wirral Common Application Process at [www.i-choosewirral.org.uk](http://www.i-choosewirral.org.uk)

All Wirral students will have been given a username and password by their school as per the Local Authority guidelines. If Wirral applicants encounter difficulties, they may apply using a paper form.

Non-Wirral applicants should contact the school for a paper application form.

All applicants have the opportunity to visit the school and discuss their options at interview.

## Oldershaw School

Valkyrie Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 4RJ  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr S J Peach BEd MEd**

Phone: **0151 638 2800**

Email: [schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,016**

Admission number: **200**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 103, 2nd 106, 3rd 127, 4th 36, 5th 15**

In 2010 all children were offered places.

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

### Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Each year we welcome a number of students from other schools and we provide some courses jointly with other Wallasey schools. All Wirral students are welcome to apply and a tour of the school is recommended. If the Sixth Form is oversubscribed we will give preference to existing students and those living closest to the school. We give special consideration to students with special educational needs if we believe that the student will benefit from the course. All applicants are dealt with on an individual basis and students are interviewed personally by Head of Sixth Form. In addition they must achieve the following academic qualifications:

#### ***A Level, BTEC National and CACHE Diploma Courses (Level 3)***

At least five grades at GCSE at C, with preferred grade B in chosen subjects.

#### ***Vocational, BTEC and City & Guilds Intermediate Courses (Level 2)***

At least three at grade C or above.

#### ***Vocational and NVQ Foundation Courses (Level 1)***

At least 5 GCSE passes (One of which must be English) plus subject interest and a willingness to work hard to meet the course requirement.

In addition to their course all students follow a comprehensive enrichment programme to thoroughly prepare them for the world of work and university.

## Park High School

### A Specialist Sports College

Park Road South, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 4UY  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 16

Headteacher: **Mr S McMahon BSc NPQH PGCE MA**

Phone: **0151 652 1574**

Email: [schooloffice@parkhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@parkhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,050**

Admission number: **250**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 111, 2nd 80, 3rd 84, 4th 26, 5th 22**

In 2010 all children were offered places.

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

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- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

## Pensby High School for Boys

### A Specialist Sports College

Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XN  
Community single-sex (boys all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr P Sheridan BSc (Hons) NPQH**

Phone: **0151 648 2111**

Email: [schooloffice@pensbyboys.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyboys.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **766**

Admission number: **150**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 62, 2nd 131, 3rd 127, 4th 74, 5th 34**

In 2010 all boys were offered a place.

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
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### Pensby High Schools - Joint Sixth Form

#### Sixth Form Admissions Policy

There is a common entry policy for the joint sixth form. The main features are set out below:

#### ***BTEC First Certificate (Level 2)***

Four or more GCSEs at grades E or above.

#### ***AS and A2 GCSE (Level 3)***

Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C. B grade preferable in the subject (or related subject) to be taken.

#### ***Applied Vocational GCSE (Level 3)***

Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C.

#### ***Diplomas (Level 3)***

Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C.

The exact entry requirement will depend on the individual student and take account of any special circumstances.

## Pensby High School for Girls

### A Business & Enterprise and Science Specialist College

Irby Road, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XN  
Community single-sex (girls all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mrs P Russell**

Phone: **0151 648 1941 or 0151 648 5684**

Email: [schooloffice@pensbyhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyhigh.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **860**

Admission number: **150**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 50, 2nd 155, 3rd 159, 4th 76, 5th 35**

In 2010 all girls were offered a place.

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

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Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C. B grade preferable in the subject (or related subject) to be taken.

#### ***Applied Vocational GCSE (Level 3)***

Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C.

#### ***Diplomas (Level 3)***

Five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C.

The exact entry requirement will depend on the individual student and take account of any special circumstances.

## Prenton High School for Girls

Hesketh Avenue, Birkenhead, Wirral CH42 6RR  
Community single sex (girls all-ability) aged 11 to 16

Headteacher: **Mrs P Dixon BA PGCE NPQH**

Phone: **0151 644 8113**

Email: [admin@prentonhigh.com](mailto:admin@prentonhigh.com)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **655**

Admission number: **158**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 111, 2nd 142, 3rd 89, 4th 42, 5th 12**

In 2010 all girls were offered a place.

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### **Admission criteria for Year 7**

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

# Ridgeway High School

## A Business and Enterprise College

Noctorum Avenue, Birkenhead, Wirral CH43 9EB  
Foundation co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 16

Headteacher: **Ms P Roberts**

Phone: **0151 678 3322**

Email: [schooloffice@ridgeway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ridgeway.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **836**

Admission number: **160**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 108, 2nd 137, 3rd 99, 4th 42, 5th 37**

In 2010 all children were offered a place.

## Admissions Policy

Ridgeway High School, a Business & Enterprise and Languages Specialist College, is an 11 to 16 co-educational all ability secondary school. It is maintained by Wirral Authority. As a Foundation School the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for decisions on admissions into the school.

The indicated admissions number based on net capacity is 160 for Admission in Year 7 2011

The criteria for admissions:

- a) Children who are looked after by a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical or social reason. Supporting evidence from a doctor, social worker or a psychologist is essential if admittance to the school is to be made under the criterion for special medical or social circumstances. Such evidence must set out the specific reason/s why Ridgeway High School is the most appropriate school.
- c) 10% of places may be allocated for pupils who demonstrate an aptitude for our specialism Modern Languages or any such language e.g. 16 students in all per year (see Appendix 1).
- d) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and sisters living in the same household) at the school when places are offered. Also the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child is living in the same family unit.
- e) Pupils living closest to the school as determined by shortest road route. We would measure the distance from home to the school gate nearest the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider to be a safe walking route. All distances will be measured by the authority's computer mapping system based on ordnance survey maps.

## Appeals

If an application for admission to the school has been turned down, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel set up by the Governing Body. You can get more details from the Headteacher.

## Waiting Lists

Waiting lists for admissions to all year groups will be compiled in descending order according to the published over subscription criteria.

## Admissions during the academic year

In-year requests will be considered by the Governing Body but will initially be co-ordinated by the Local Authority. Any decisions with respect to admissions are made with reference to the same criteria as for the Year 7 placements.

## **Notes**

Aptitude for languages will be assessed by means of a test; those with the greatest aptitude will be offered places. The test will take place (to be confirmed). Parents will be notified of the results by (to be confirmed). The notification of results at this point does not constitute an offer of a place. Offers of places are determined by the Governing Body under the equal preference system and will be sent to parents by (to be confirmed). Where two pupils have the same aptitude, the remaining criteria of the policy will be applied.

### *Appendix 1*

#### **Language Aptitude Test**

(Dates and times for this test will be published on the school's website and be available from the School Office closer to the date)

The test will be administered in the school.

Pupils who have entered for the test (by completing the application form and returning it to the school) will need to be dropped off by parents. The test will run last approximately 1.5 hours. Parents will be required to pick up their children at the end of the test.

The candidates will need to have with them a pen and pencil. The assessment will not test prior knowledge so no revision or additional preparation is needed.

Because of the nature of the test, question papers will be retained by the school.

Parents will be notified of the results of the test. The notification of results at this point does not constitute an offer of a place.

## Rock Ferry High School

Ravenswood Avenue, Rock Ferry, Wirral CH42 4NY  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 16

Headteacher: **Mrs K Burke (acting)**

Phone: **0151 645 6917**

Email: **[schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk)**

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **600**

Admission number: **246**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 59, 2nd 65, 3rd 58, 4th 28, 5th 21**

In 2010 all children were offered places.

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### **Admission criteria for Year 7**

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

## St Anselm's College

Manor Hill, Claughton, Wirral CH43 1UQ  
Voluntary-aided single-sex (boys) grammar aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr R S Duggan MA (Oxon)**

Phone: **0151 652 1408**

Email: [headmaster@st-anselms.com](mailto:headmaster@st-anselms.com)

Website: [www.st-anselms.com](http://www.st-anselms.com)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **847**

Admission number: **135**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 124, 2nd 103, 3rd 25, 4th 6, 5th 1**

In 2010 all boys who reached the standard were offered a place.

### Admission Policy

St. Anselm's College is a Catholic Grammar School for boys aged 11 to 18. It is situated in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is under the Trusteeship of the Christian Brothers. It is maintained by Wirral Education Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for decisions on admissions to the College. The co-ordination of admission arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority.

In drawing together their Admissions' Policy, Governors recognise the obligations of the College to meet the needs of parents of baptised Catholics in fulfilling the promises and responsibilities accepted by them at their child's Baptism and to act as an extension of the Catholic home and parish. They also acknowledge that each school must relate to the good of others and their particular responsibility for seeing that the admissions' policies of all Catholic Secondary Schools in Wirral are co-ordinated in the overall interest of Catholic education.

### Admissions to St. Anselm's College in Year 7

For the school year commencing September 2011, the Indicated Admissions Number, based on Net Capacity is 135.

The CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS are that places will go to applicants who have reached the required standard in the assessment and testing procedure which consists of 3 tests in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. If more than 135 boys satisfy these criteria, then places are allocated according to the following over subscription criteria.

Where applications are received from Catholic and non-Catholic boys in public care, they will be admitted to the College in advance of the outlined oversubscription criteria, given below.

- a) Baptised Catholic boys, living in the relevant area (defined as the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester and any other areas within 5 miles of the College).
- b) Non-Catholic boys whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

### Sixth Form

In addition to places available for boys already in the College, the Governing Body will make available a further 10 places for boys from other schools. The normal requirement for entry on to the A/S course is 218 GCSE points from their best 5 GCSE results (equivalent to a minimum of 3 grade Bs and 2 grade Cs), with grade B expected in most subjects to be studied in Year 12.

Should the College receive more external applications for the Sixth Form than stipulated, then the criteria applied for entry in Year 7 will be used to determine admission.

### Notes

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 31st October 2010 (Y7), 1st September 2011 (Y12).

- b) Baptised Catholic boy means a boy who has been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and who can produce evidence of baptism or one who has been baptised a Christian and can demonstrate that he has subsequently been admitted into the Roman Catholic Church.
- c) The Planned Admissions Number has been set at 135, slightly higher than the Net Capacity number of 131. This will allow equal access to Wirral Catholic Grammar Schools for boys and girls. This complies with the Governors' aim to ensure that their Admissions' Policy is co-ordinated with the policies of all Catholic secondary schools in Wirral.
- d) If in any category there are more applicants than places available, priority will be given on the basis of rank order of performance in the assessment and testing procedures. Where 2 candidates are equally ranked in those procedures priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to the College, those living nearest to the College having priority.
- e) For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then boys qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, then the published oversubscription criteria will be applied. Occasional and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Education Authority.
- f) A waiting list for boys who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions' criteria. Parents will be informed of their son's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.
- g) If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the College within 14 days of refusal. The parents must give their reasons for appealing, in writing, and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- h) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism or place of residence.
- i) The Governing Body expects that all students specifically selecting a Catholic Sixth Form education will wish to be both fully involved in the ethos and spiritual life of the College, and in achieving the aims set out in its Mission Statement.

# St John Plessington Catholic College

## A specialist Science, Technology & Humanities College

Old Chester Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 7LF  
Voluntary-aided co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr T Quinn MA NPQH**

Phone: **0151 645 5049**

Email: [schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@plessington.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,336**

Admission number: **220**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 239, 2nd 197, 3rd 180, 4th 84, 5th 33**

## Admission Policy

St John Plessington Catholic College is an 11-18 co-educational Catholic Secondary School under the Trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. It is maintained by Wirral Local Authority

As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the academic year commencing September 2011, the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at 220.

Admissions to the College in Year 7 will be made by the Governing Body, in accordance with its published criteria. All preferences listed on the Local Authority Preference Form will be considered on an equal basis.

If the College is oversubscribed, applications for admissions will be considered in priority order, according to the following criteria:

- 1) Where applications are received from Catholic and other children in public care they will respectively be admitted to the College in that priority order and in advance of the following oversubscription criteria.
- 2) Children with 'siblings' on roll at time of admission to St John Plessington Catholic College.
- 3) Children from our partner Catholic Primary Schools:  
Christ the King (Bromborough); Our Lady and St Edward's (Birkenhead);  
St Anne's (Rock Ferry); St John's (New Ferry); St Joseph's (Birkenhead);  
St Laurence's (Birkenhead); St Michael and All Angels (Woodchurch);  
St Peter's (Noctorum); St Werburgh's (Birkenhead).
- 4) Other children whose parents wish them to have a Catholic Education.

Within priorities 2 to 4 the Governors will give preference to Catholic children.

## Notes

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date.
- b) The Governing Body reserves the right to check evidence of baptism into the Roman Catholic Church.
- c) (Roman) Catholic children :
  - i. This means children who are baptised Roman Catholics;
  - ii. Children who are under instruction (having provided satisfactory confirmation of this).
- d) Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister, or the child of the parent/carer's partner where the child for whom the school place is sought is living in the same family unit at the same address as that sibling.
- e) If category 3 is oversubscribed, children who satisfy 2 and 3 will have priority over children who satisfy only 3. Subsequently, if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available; priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to College. Distance will be measured by the shortest walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including the community entrance to flats) to the main entrance of the College using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system with those living closer to the College receiving the higher priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be implemented between the applicants where the distance is the same. The random

lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required numbers of names will be drawn out.

- f) For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, the published over-subscription criteria will be applied. Admissions under this category are co-ordinated by the Local Authority as per its published arrangements.
- g) A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.
- h) If an application for admission has been refused by the Governing Body, parents may appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal, giving reasons, must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the College within 14 days (10 working days) of refusal. The decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governing Body.
- i) The Governing Body reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism, sibling connections or place of residence.

### **Sixth Form**

In addition to places available for students already in the College, the Governing Body will make available a further 30 places for external students. All prospective students should refer to the Entry Qualifications for individual courses of study, as published annually in the Sixth Form Prospectus. If more applications are received from external candidates than the number specified, the criteria applied at Year 7 will be used to determine admissions.

### **Notes**

- a) Arrangements will be instituted by the College to allow discussion of subject choice with those applying for the Sixth Form as internal or external candidates.
- b) The Governing Body expect that all students specifically selecting a Catholic Sixth Form education will wish to be fully involved in the ethos and spiritual life of St. John Plessington Catholic College.
- c) If an application for admissions from either internal or external candidates has been turned down by the Governing Body then an appeal can be made to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents and students are able to appeal jointly or separately against any decision refusing a young person admission and, where they appeal separately the appeals must be heard together. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of refusal. Reasons for the appeal must be given in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

## St Mary's Catholic College

Wallasey Village, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 3LN  
Voluntary-aided co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr A Boyle BA (Hons)**

Phone: **0151 639 7531**

Email: [schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stmaryscollege.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,600**

Admission number: **270**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 266, 2nd 250, 3rd 155, 4th 62, 5th 22**

### Admissions Policy

St Mary's Catholic College is an 11-18 Co-educational Catholic Secondary School under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. It is maintained by Wirral Education Authority.

As a Voluntary Aided School the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority, and is responsible for taking decisions on applications for admissions. The co-ordination of admissions is undertaken by the Education Authority. For the school year commencing September 2011 the Governing Body has set its admissions number for Year 7 at 270.

**The school's admissions number for Year 12 (Sixth Form) is 220. Up to 30 students will be admitted from outside the school to Year 12, subject to the qualifications requirements published annually in the Sixth Form prospectus. Should Year 12 be over-subscribed with students from outside the school, the criteria in the published Admissions Policy will be applied.**

Admissions to the school in Year 7 will be determined by the Governing Body, in accordance with its published criteria. If the school is oversubscribed, places will be allocated according to the following criteria given in priority order.

- a) Children who are in the care of the Local Authority (Looked After Children).
- b) Children from our partner Catholic Primary Schools :  
Ladymount, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Pity, Sacred Heart, St Alban's,  
St Joseph's, SS Peter & Paul, Holy Cross, St Joseph's (Upton) and St Paul's.
- c) Children with siblings on roll at St Mary's Catholic College at the time of admission.
- d) Children from other Catholic Primary Schools.
- e) Catholic children from other Primary Schools.
- f) Other children whose parents seek a Catholic education.

Within each priority the Governors will always give preference to Catholic children.

### Notes

If category (a) is oversubscribed, children who satisfy (a) and (b) will have priority over children who satisfy only (a). Subsequently, if in this or any other category there are more applications than places available, priority will be given on the basis of distance from home to College. Distance will be measured using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route from the front door of the child's home address (including flats) to the main entrance of the College, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the College receiving the higher priority. In the event of distances being the same for 2 or more applicants where this distance would be the last place/s to be allocated, a random lottery will be implemented between the applicants where the distance is the same. The random lottery will be carried out in a public place. All the names will be entered into a hat, and the required number of names will be drawn out.

The Governing Body reserve the right to admit children without a Statement but with proven and exceptional medical or social needs, where admission to the school might help satisfy those exceptional needs, providing that such application is submitted with appropriate evidence or reports from a doctor or social worker. If the school is named in a Statement of Special Educational Needs the Governing Body will admit the child to the school.

For 'In Year' applications received outside the normal admissions round, and if places are available, then children qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available, but more applicants than places, then the published over-subscription criteria will be applied. 'In Year' and late applications will be treated as per the admissions arrangements published by the Local Authority.

If an application for admission has been turned down by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days (10 working days) of refusal. Parents must give reasons for appealing in writing, and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governing Body.

A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

### **Notes**

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time, and after the closing date for admissions.
- b) The Governing Body reserves the right to check on evidence of baptism into the Roman Catholic Church.
- c) (Roman) Catholic children :
  - i. This means children who are baptised Roman Catholics;
  - ii. Children who are under instruction (having provided satisfactory confirmation of this).
- d) Sibling is defined as :
  - i. A brother or sister by the same parents;
  - ii. A half or step brother or sister living in the same household;
  - iii. Children under the guardianship of either parent, and living in the same household;
  - iv. An adopted brother or sister.

# South Wirral High School

## A visual and performing arts college

Plymyard Avenue, Eastham, Wirral CH62 8EH  
Foundation co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mrs C McCormack BA**

Phone: **0151 327 3213**

Email: [admin@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southwirral.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,159**

Admission number: **212**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 112 , 2nd 157, 3rd 112, 4th 48, 5th 23**

In 2010 all children were offered places.

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## Admissions policy

### Section1: General Principles

South Wirral High School is an 11-19 mixed comprehensive school, serving the communities of Eastham, Bromborough and the surrounding areas. We are a specialist Visual and Performing Arts College, with a second specialism in Maths and Computing but we do not have any requirement for an aptitude from prospective students.

As a Foundation School the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for decisions on admission to the school.

The main principle of admission for South Wirral High School is to maintain the character of the school as a comprehensive school, providing for the needs of young people aged 11-19.

Admission to our school is not based on any 'voluntary' contribution.

Students will be admitted at the age of 11+ without reference to ability or aptitude using the criteria below. The admission number for 2010 and subsequent years will be 212.

The school participates in the Wirral Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and all deadlines within that should be adhered to by applicants.

### Section 2: Over subscription criteria

If the school is over-subscribed the following over-subscription criteria will apply:

1. Children who are looked after by a Local Authority.
2. Children who have a proven and exceptional medical or social need where admission to South Wirral High School might best satisfy those needs and where the school has the capacity to satisfy those needs. Such an application would need to be supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker, or appropriate professional person.
3. Children who will have a "sibling" on roll at South Wirral High School at the time of their admission. A "sibling" is defined in the notes below.
4. Children whose "home" is closest to the front entrance of the school as measured by the Wirral Local Authority mapping system. Distances will be measured from the "home" to the nearest school gate. "Home" is defined in the notes below.
5. In the case of twins, triplets etc; all the multiples will be admitted to the school, even if this means that the Published Admissions number is exceeded.

## Notes

(a) **Sibling** is defined as:

- (i) A brother or sister by the same parents
- (ii) A half or step-brother or sister living in the same home (do we need “same home”)
- (iii) Children under the guardianship of the same parents and living in the same home
- (iv) An adopted brother or sister

(b) **Home** may be the house of a parent, guardian or grandparent (if that is the principal residence of the child)

(c) Each individual case will be judged on its merits.

## Section 3: Other information

### With draw of offers

Any offer of a place may be withdrawn if it is discovered that misleading information has been provided in order to secure an offer.

### Late applications

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the initial admissions criteria and arrangements applied by Wirral LA.

### In year admissions

Admissions for all other year groups will be dealt with in accordance with the criteria in section 2

### Sixth Form admissions

The admissions number for the Sixth Form is the same as for Year 7.

The required minimum standard for entry to the Sixth Form is five GCSE's at grades A-C but specific subjects may require higher or lower GCSE grades.

Priority of entry is given to existing students at the school.

If the Sixth Form is over-subscribed the criteria in section 2 will be applied.

### Appeals

If an application for admission has been refused by the Governing Body, parents have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors within 21 days of the refusal. Parents must give their reason for appealing in writing and the decision of the Panel is binding on the Governors.

### Waiting List

A waiting list for children who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admission Criteria. Parents will be informed of their child's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

## Upton Hall School

Moreton Road, Upton, Wirral CH49 6LJ  
Voluntary-aided single-sex (girls) grammar aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mrs P Young BA (Hons)**

Phone: **0151 677 7696**

Email: [uhs@uptonhall.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:uhs@uptonhall.wirral.sch.uk)

Website: [www.uptonhallschool.co.uk](http://www.uptonhallschool.co.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **890**

Admission number: **135**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 239 , 2nd 77, 3rd 24, 4th 11, 5th 4**

### Admissions policy for September 2011

Upton Hall School FCJ is a Catholic Grammar School for girls aged 11-18. It is situated in the Diocese of Shrewsbury and is under the Trusteeship of the Society of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. It is maintained by Wirral Authority. As a Voluntary Aided School, the Governing Body is the Admissions Authority and is responsible for decisions on admissions to the School. The co-ordination of admission arrangements is undertaken by the Local Authority. For the school year commencing September 2011, the planned admission number is 135.

### Admission to the School in Year 7

An Admissions Committee of the Governing Body will determine admission to the school for those girls **who have achieved 236 in the Governors' Entrance Examination** consisting of two closed NFER tests in Verbal Reasoning. Where applications are received from Catholic and non-Catholic girls, looked after by a Local Authority, those who have reached the required standard will be admitted to the school in advance of the outlined order of criteria stated below.

After allowing for such and if there are more than 135 girls who satisfy the requirements stated, places will be offered strictly in accordance with the order of merit based on the results achieved in the Entrance Examination and according to the following priorities:

1. Baptised Catholic girls (including any girl who was baptised a Christian and can demonstrate that she has subsequently been admitted to the Catholic Church).
2. Girls, who have not been baptised into the Catholic Church, whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above categories, places will be allocated in order of merit based on the score in the Examination. If there are several candidates at the 135th place with equal marks in the order of merit, priority will be given to those girls whose homes are nearest the School.

### Notes:

- a) All applicants will be considered at the same time and after the closing date for admissions which is 31 October 2010.
- b) A Baptised Catholic girl means a girl who has been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church and who can produce a baptismal certificate as evidence or one who has been baptised a Christian and can demonstrate that she has subsequently been admitted to the Roman Catholic Church.
- c) Nearest to the School means the shortest available safe walking distance as measured by the Local Authority computer mapping system.
- d) For occasional applications received outside the normal admissions round and if places are available then girls qualifying under the published criteria will be admitted. If there are places available but more applicants than places then the published over-subscription criteria will be applied. Late and occasional applications will be treated as indicated in the arrangements published by the Local Authority.

### Waiting Lists

A waiting list for girls who have not been offered a place will be kept and will be ranked according to the Admissions Criteria. Parents will be informed of their daughter's position on the waiting list which will not be operated for longer than the end of the Autumn Term.

## **Appeals**

If an application for admission has been refused by the Governing Body, parents can appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of the refusal. The parents must give their reasons for appealing in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.

The Governing Body reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a school place where false evidence is received in relation to baptism or place of residence.

## **Admission to the School in Year 12 (Sixth Form)**

In addition to places available for girls already in the School, the Governing Body will make available a further 20 places for girls from other schools. The required minimum standard for all girls wishing to obtain a place in the Sixth Form is five GCSE passes at grade C or above, with at least B grades recommended in subjects to be studied at AS or A2 Level. Should the School receive more external applications for the Sixth Form than can be accommodated, then the criteria applied for entry in Year 7 will be used to determine admissions but without reference to the Governors Entrance Examination.

### **Notes:**

- a) If an application for admissions from either internal or external candidates has been turned down by the Governing Body then an appeal can be made to an Independent Appeals Panel. Parents and students are able to appeal jointly or separately against any decision refusing a young person admission and, where they appeal separately the appeals must be heard together. This appeal must be sent in writing to the Clerk to the Governors at the school within 14 days of refusal. Reasons for the appeal must be given in writing and the decision of the Appeals Panel is binding on the Governors.
- b) The Governing Body expects that all students specifically selecting a Catholic Sixth Form education will wish to be both fully involved in the ethos and spiritual life of the school, and in achieving the aims set out in its Mission Statement.

## Wallasey School

Birket Avenue, Moreton, Wirral CH46 1RB  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr P Duffy BEd**

Phone: **0151 677 7825**

Email: **[office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk)**

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,313**

Admissions number: **250**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 111, 2nd 145, 3rd 155, 4th 48, 5th 29**

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### **Admission criteria for Year 7**

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria.

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

### **Sixth-form admissions policy**

To study four AS subjects and general studies, students need 40 or more points or five A to C grades at GCSE.

To study intermediate vocational subjects (one-year course), students need at least three E grades at GCSE.

# Weatherhead High School

## Media Arts College

Breck Road, Wallasey, Wirral CH44 3HS  
Community single-sex (girls all-ability) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr N Dymont BSc PGCE MA NPQH**

Phone: **0151 631 4400**

Email: [admin@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,467**

Admission number: **254**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 210, 2nd 114, 3rd 55, 4th 27, 5th 17**

In 2010 all girls were offered a place.

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria.

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

### Sixth Form Admissions Policy

This admissions policy applies to students seeking admission to Year 12 at Weatherhead High School Media Arts College and covers admission into Year 13 for those wishing to complete their studies at the school.

Applications for Year 12 must be completed using the school application form, by the date specified by the school. Applications received after this deadline will be placed on a waiting list. For internal applicants, the Assistant Head Director of Sixth Form will seek feedback from the year leader, learning mentor and subject teachers to check suitability for students' course choices. All offers of a place in Year 12 will be made on condition of students meeting the school entry requirements.

For external applicants, a reference/report from their previous school will be sought to check suitability for Post 16 study and their preferred subject choices. Students will be invited for interview as appropriate. Preferred learning pathways and course choices are discussed. Following the interview stage, a letter will be sent to the applicant confirming the decision made regarding a place in Year 12. All offers of a place in Year 12 will be made on condition of students meeting the school entry requirements.

Students holding conditional offers will have their place confirmed following receipt of the GCSE results in the summer. Guidance will be given to students who wish to consider a change of subject following receipt of GCSE results.

### Admission to Year 12

The majority of our students in Year 11 continue with their studies into our school Sixth Form. The school will have approximately 50 places available for external students who wish to join Year 12.

1. Students who currently study at Weatherhead in Year 11 are given priority for places; however, the school is proud of its diverse intake and we welcome applications from all students under the age of 18 for

whom we have suitable courses. We regularly admit students currently attending other schools and in these cases, admission is contingent on the receipt of supportive references and the production of GCSE (or equivalent) examination certificates.

2. Application forms should be submitted by the deadline on the form. Recruitment and information evenings are held in the Autumn term to assist students in this process. We cannot guarantee that places will be offered when the application is late. External admissions interviews take place in February/ March and all offers are made by Easter for places to be taken up in September. Application forms and prospectuses can be obtained from the Sixth Form reception by telephoning 0151 631 4401 or emailing [barrassj@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:barrassj@weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk). You can also visit our website at [www.weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.weatherhead.wirral.sch.uk).
3. In order to obtain a place, there are minimum entry requirements. These are:
  - a) If you are applying for A level courses you must achieve at least 5 A\* - C grades in your GCSEs and have the correct subject and grades to take that course.
  - b) In order to take the Creative and Media Diploma you must achieve at least 5 A\* - C grades in your GCSEs in any subject.
  - c) In order to take Childcare and Education Level 2 we expect a grade D in English plus 1 other GCSE at grade D or above.
  - d) All applicants must meet the minimum grade requirements for the subjects that you have chosen to study stated in the prospectus.
  - e) A supportive reference confirming suitability Post 16 study and the preferred subject choices.
4. If, having gained your GCSE results, you have fallen short of the minimum requirements; you are advised to call us for further advice or seek advice and support from our team on August 27th 2009.
5. All Sixth Form students are expected to participate in an extensive enrichment programme that includes Personal Development sessions and Higher Education and careers advice.
6. The school supports and participates in the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) scheme. If your family income does not exceed a specified level, you are entitled to a weekly allowance with twice-yearly bonuses for good attendance and the meeting of learning targets. EMA application packs are available from the school, and you can find out more at [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk).
7. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a good attendance record for the recent years of schooling. Where attendance has been unsatisfactory, the school must be satisfied that:
  - a. The absence has not had such an impact on the candidates academic development that he/ she would be unlikely to cope with the demands of the course applied for.
  - b. The pattern of absence will not continue into the Sixth Form.
8. Conditional offers are made in writing on the basis of predicted GCSE grades. Candidates are asked to confirm their intention to take up the place offered, either in writing or by telephone. Once you have accepted an offer, your place is secure and we are committed to you provided that you then meet the minimum requirements. You make your final course choices in September on Induction Day, when you have gained your GCSE results. This is done in consultation with your form tutor.
9. By accepting a place at Weatherhead High School Media Arts College Sixth Form, you agree that:
  - a) You have read, understand and accept the Admissions Policy.
  - b) You have read, understand and will abide by the terms of the Sixth Form Charter.
10. In some cases, students will be offered the place at a school for a probationary period. This trial period may be offered for a range of reasons. Students who are offered a trial period will be notified in writing, with the conditions of probation.
11. Where applications for a place are declined, students will be informed in writing and reasons will be given in line with the Admissions Policy. Students who have had their applications rejected have the right to appeal against the decision. In such a situation, a formal letter must be sent to the Assistant Headteacher Director of Sixth Form stating why it is felt that the decision is unfair and providing details of any mitigating circumstances. This must be done within ten working days of receiving formal notification that the application has been declined. If the decision not to admit is upheld, you may then choose to make a formal complaint on line.

## 12. External Students

- External students are made an offer of a place in the Sixth Form on the basis of a satisfactory reference/report form from their previous school and following the discussion about their suitability with a member of the Senior Leadership or Sixth Form Management team.
- The school is able to make sufficient offers of places to lead to the admission of approximately 50 external students. After this number of offers has been made, the school reserves the right to place further applicants on the waiting list. The actual number of offers made is judged on the previous year's admission number and the applications received from internal students who have priority.
- In some circumstances, the school may be able to make offers of places above these thresholds and when other applicants have been placed on the waiting list if there is availability on particular courses. This will be dependent on the numbers of applications for particular courses in each year.

Where the number of eligible external applicants for a course of study exceeds the places available then admissions will be determined in accordance with the following priority of admissions criteria:

- Children in Local Authority Care – a child under the age of 18 years for whom the local authority provides accommodation by agreement with their parents/carers (section 20 of the Children Act 1989) or who is the subject of a care order under Part IV of the Act.
- Children who have a valid medical or social reason. Supporting evidence from a doctor, social worker or psychologist is essential if admittance to the school is to be made under the criteria for special medical or social circumstances. Such evidence must set out the specific reasons why Weatherhead High School Media Arts College is the most appropriate school.
- The overall strength of the student's profile, based on estimated grades and a satisfactory reference or report; the profile requirements will be determined annually in the light of applications received.
- The contribution the student could make to the overall life of the school, based on the evidence available from the application, reference and interview.
- In exceptional circumstances, the headteacher may use his discretion in making offers to individual students who do not meet the required criteria, where extenuating factors apply.

Conditional offers will be made for a place at the school. Once an offer has been made the school will aim to allow students to follow their first-choice combination of subject requested at interview. Where this is impossible, for reasons such as timetable clashes or over-subscription of particular subjects, guidance will be offered about suitable alternatives.

### **Admission to Year 13**

The majority of students in Year 12 continue with their studies into Year 13, dependent upon the entry criteria outlined below.

All offers of a place in Year 13 will be made on condition of students meeting the school entry requirements laid out below:

- All students wishing to complete their advanced level studies in Year 13 must achieve a E grade or better in each of their AS/A2 subjects of study following receipt of the summer results.
- Supportive comments from relevant subject teachers confirming suitability for continued study at advanced level.

### **Admissions Process Year 13**

Following receipt of summer AS/A2 examination results students who have met the entry requirement above are automatically offered a place in Year 13 to continue their studies.

Students who do not meet the entry requirement into Year 13 will be given guidance about a change of pathway and relevant courses available.

### **3rd Year Sixth Form:**

Admission to 3rd Year Sixth Form is only due to exceptional circumstances-either medical or a student who has shown significant commitment over a 2 year period of study.

## West Kirby Grammar School

Graham Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DP  
Foundation grammar single-sex (girls) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mrs G Robinson MA**

Phone: **0151 632 3449**

Email: [schooloffice@westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@westkirby-grammar.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,205**

Admission number: **180**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 219 , 2nd 163, 3rd 27, 4th 16, 5th 1**

In 2010, all girls who reached the standard for grammar school were offered a place.

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### Admissions policy & procedure

#### Admissions of pupils at the start of Year 7

The school plans to admit 180 girls unless the net capacity figure indicates otherwise. Only girls who attain the required standard in the arrangements for selection by reference to ability and aptitude will be eligible to be considered for admission to the school. Admission to the school is determined by the Governors. The school's assessment arrangements will be conducted by Wirral Local Education.

The assessment is based upon the results of two verbal reasoning tests. The tests do not take into account what pupils have learnt at the primary schools; they have been designed to predict pupils' potential performance at secondary school.

In some cases parents may feel that there are specific factors which have affected the child's academic attainments and performance, for example, if her education has been seriously disrupted through ill health, change of schools, or any other cause. Where this does apply it is important that the facts should be brought to the attention of the child's present Headteacher, in writing by the date specified in Wirral LEA's publication 'Information for Parents'.

Pupils take two verbal reasoning tests during the Autumn Term of the final year of primary education. In order to ensure that children are not disadvantaged because of their date of birth, in each case the score is adjusted by the use of conversion tables to take account of each child's exact age in years and months. The two test scores are then added together. The grammar school standard is a score of 236 over both testing.

Pupils who achieve a score higher than the required score will be deemed to have achieved the grammar school standard.

Primary Headteachers are invited to comment on behalf of any children whose test results do not reflect their ability and in that event, the matter is referred to an Independent Assessment Board.

The Independent Assessment Board comprises four Headteachers (two from primary schools and two from grammar schools) and is chaired by an Officer from the Children and Young Persons' Department. None of the members will have any personal interest in any of the pupils whom they are asked to assess.

The Board have available to them, in respect of each pupil:

- The pupil's verbal reasoning test scores and papers;
- The observations of the pupil's primary school Headteacher;
- Information supplied, in confidence, by parents and reports from other professional agencies such as educational psychologists, social workers, doctors, and so on.

The Board then uses its professional judgement to decide whether the results of the verbal reasoning tests did not truly reflect the girl's ability. The Board decides whether or not the girl has reached the grammar school standard.

Places will be offered to pupils who have been deemed to be of suitable ability according to the Local Authority Assessment Procedures on the basis of the following criteria which will also be applied in the case of over-subscription:

- Girls in public care.
- To those girls with a valid medical reason supported by a doctor's letter. Details must be given on the preference form and will be verified by a medical officer of the Area Health Authority.
- To those girls who have sisters\* at the school at the time of application.
- By reference to geographical factors, that is distance from the home address to West Kirby Grammar School. Distances will be measured from the home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which is considered by the school to be a safe walking route.
- The school, in considering the cases of children who are not allocated places on the grounds of sibling connection or medical need, will also take into account the reasons that parents have put forward for their preference. If the reasons are considered to be exceptional and compelling, the child in question may be allocated a place regardless of her geographical circumstances.

NB: The school is fully accessible for pupils with a disability.

Any offer of a place may be withdrawn if it is discovered that misleading information has been provided in order to secure an offer.

- \*sisters is defined as either:
- i. A sister by the same parents
- or:
- ii. A half or step-sister living in the same household

### **Late applications**

Late applications will be considered in the normal process if they are received by 15 November. Applications after this date will only be considered after offers of places have been made.

The Local Authority will inform all parents of school allocations on the nationally agreed date, currently 1 March.

### **Admission into the sixth form**

Priority for entry is given to existing pupils in the school. Each year the school welcomes a number of students from other schools. Places are offered after an interview with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. There is no limit on entry provided admissions do not prejudice efficient education. Five GCSE passes at grade B or above with at least C grade in English and Mathematics are considered a minimum entry requirement for all students. A\* - B GCSE grades are required in the subjects students wish to study at A Level.

### **Admission during Years 7-11**

Pupils will continue to be admitted to other age groups provided they have reached the required standard as determined by the school's assessment procedures, which in most cases includes a Verbal Reasoning test and written tests in English and Mathematics and that their admission does not prejudice efficient education and efficient use of resources.

The results of the 11+ assessment will be final until the end of the Year 7 when parents may apply to the Authority for a re-assessment. The re-assessment will be conducted by the school.

### **Appeals against admission decisions**

Arrangements will be made for parents who are dissatisfied with an admission decision to lodge an appeal. Appeals will be heard by an Independent Appeals Panel constituted under the Education Act 1998, providing they are lodged within the prescribed period.

Further details of the appeals procedure can be obtained from the school - 0151 632 3449.

## Wirral Grammar School for Boys

Cross Lane, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3AQ  
Foundation grammar single-sex (boys) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mr D Hazeldine BA MSc NPQH**

Phone: **0151 644 0908**

Email: [schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralgrammarboys.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,010**

Admission number: **155**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 324 , 2nd 125, 3rd 50, 4th 3, 5th 4**

Distance from home to school for the last pupil who was offered a place in 2010: 7.11 miles

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### Admissions policy & procedure

#### Admissions of pupils at the start of Year 7

The school plans to admit 155 boys unless the net capacity figure indicates otherwise. Only boys who attain the required standard (a score of 236) in the arrangements for selection by reference to ability and aptitude will be eligible to be considered for admission to the school. Admission to the school is determined by the Governors. The school's assessment arrangements will be conducted by Wirral Local Authority and will be similar to those which apply to its community selective schools.

The assessment is based upon the results of two verbal reasoning tests. The tests do not take into account what pupils have learnt at the primary schools; they have been designed to predict pupils' potential performance at secondary school.

In some cases parents may feel that there are specific factors which have affected the child's academic attainments and performance, for example, if his education has been seriously disrupted through ill health, change of schools, or any other cause. Where this does apply it is important that the facts should be brought to the attention of the child's present Headteacher, in writing by the date specified in Wirral LA's publication 'Information for Parents'.

Pupils take two verbal reasoning tests during the Autumn Term of the final year of primary education. In order to ensure that children are not disadvantaged because of their date of birth, in each case the score is adjusted by the use of conversion tables to take account of each child's exact age in years and months. The two test scores are then added together.

Pupils who achieve a score higher than the required score will be deemed to have achieved the grammar school standard.

Primary Headteachers are invited to comment on behalf of any children whose test results do not reflect their ability and in that event, the matter is referred to an Independent Assessment Board.

The Independent Assessment Board comprises four Headteachers (two from primary schools and two from grammar schools) and is chaired by an Inspector from the Education Department. None of the members will have any personal interest in any of the pupils whom they are asked to assess.

The Board have available to them, in respect of each pupil:

- The pupil's verbal reasoning test scores and papers;
- The observations of the pupil's primary school Headteacher;
- Information supplied, in confidence, by parents and reports from other professional agencies such as educational psychologists, social workers, doctors and so on.

The Board then uses its professional judgement to decide whether the results of the verbal reasoning tests did not truly reflect the boy's ability. The board decides whether or not the boy has reached the grammar school standard.

Places will be offered to pupils who have been deemed to be of suitable ability on the basis of the following criteria which will also be applied in the case of over-subscription:

- Boys in public care
- To those boys with a valid medical reason supported by a doctor's letter. Details must be given on the preference form and will be verified by a medical officer of the Area Health Authority
- To those boys with a brother (sibling) attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable expectation that they will be attending at the time of the start of the new academic year.
- By reference to geographical factors, that is distance from the home address to Wirral Grammar School for Boys. Distances will be measured from the home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which is considered by the school to be a safe walking route.
- The school, in considering the cases of children who are not allocated places on grounds of sibling connection or medical need, will also take into account the reasons that parents have put forward for their preference. If the reasons are considered to be exceptional and compelling, the child in question may be allocated a place regardless of his geographical circumstances.

NB: The school has facilities for disabled pupils' access to much, but not all, of the curriculum.

Any offer of a place may be withdrawn if it is discovered that misleading information has been provided in order to secure an offer.

Brother is defined as either (i) a brother by the same parents or (ii) a half or step-brother living in the same household.

### **Late Applications**

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the arrangements applied by Wirral LEA.

### **Sixth Form Entry**

Priority for entry is given to existing pupils in the school. Each year the school welcomes a number of boys from other schools. Places are offered after a visit to the school by a prospective student and meeting with the Head of Sixth Form. The limit on entry is determined by subject group capacity which is taken as a measure of efficiency. Our standard advice for entry into the Sixth Form is a minimum of six grade Bs at GCSE. Other factors are also taken into account including performance in relation to target grades.

### **Admissions to other than at the start of Year 7**

Our policy is to advise against a change of school part way through a school year due to the potential negative impact on learning progression. Where parents feel that there is genuine reason for considering a change of school, admission is by a standard NFER test that covers verbal, non verbal and quantitative reasoning.

If a boy took the 11+ assessment in Year 6 and did not achieve the standard for Grammar School, it is not possible for the school to re-assess until the Spring Term of Year 7, twelve months on.

Pupils can only be admitted to other age groups provided they have reached the entry standard and that their admission does not prejudice efficient education and the efficient use of resources.

When a boy is re-locating from another Grammar School, formal assessment is not required as the standard for entry has previously been determined.

### **Appeals against Admission Decisions**

Arrangements will be made for parents who are dissatisfied with an admission decision to appeal against it. Appeals will be heard by an Admissions Appeals Panel constituted under the Education Act 1998, providing they are lodged within the prescribed period.

## Wirral Grammar School for Girls

Heath Road, Bebington, Wirral CH63 3AF  
Foundation grammar single-sex (girls) aged 11 to 18

Headteacher: **Mrs E Cogan BEd NPQH**

Phone: **0151 644 8282**

Email: [schooloffice@wirralgrammar-girls.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralgrammar-girls.wirral.sch.uk)

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,045**

Admission number: **166**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 311, 2nd 100, 3rd 48, 4th 13, 5th 11**

Distance from home to school for the last pupil who was offered a place in 2010: 6.68 miles

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### Admissions policy & procedure

#### Admissions of pupils at the start of Year 7

The school plans to admit 166 girls unless the net capacity figure indicates otherwise. Only girls who attain the required standard in the arrangements for selection by reference to ability and aptitude will be eligible to be considered for admission to the school. Admission to the school is determined by the Governors. The school's assessment arrangements will be conducted by Wirral Local Authority.

The assessment is based upon the results of two verbal reasoning tests. The tests do not take into account what pupils have learnt at the primary schools; they have been designed to predict pupils' potential performance at secondary school

In some cases parents may feel that there are specific factors which have affected the child's academic attainments and performance, for example, if her education has been seriously disrupted through ill health, change of schools, or any other cause. Where this does apply it is important that the facts should be brought to the attention of the child's present Headteacher, in writing by the date specified in Wirral LA's publication 'Information for Parents'.

Pupils take two verbal reasoning tests during the Autumn Term of the final year of primary education. In order to ensure that children are not disadvantaged because of their date of birth, in each case the score is adjusted by the use of conversion tables to take account of each child's exact age in years and months. The two test scores are then added together. The grammar school standard is a score of 236 over both tests.

Pupils who achieve a score higher than the required score will be deemed to have achieved the grammar school standard.

Primary Headteachers are invited to comment on behalf of any children whose test results do not reflect their ability and in that event, the matter is referred to an Independent Assessment Board.

The Independent Assessment Board comprises four Headteachers (two from primary schools and two from grammar schools) and is chaired by an Officer from the Children and Young Persons' Department. None of the members will have any personal interest in any of the pupils whom they are asked to assess.

The Board have available to them, in respect of each pupil:

- The pupil's verbal reasoning test scores and papers;
- The observations of the pupil's primary school Headteacher;
- Information supplied, in confidence, by parents and reports from other professional agencies such as educational psychologists, social workers, doctors and so on.

The Board then uses its professional judgement to decide whether the results of the verbal reasoning tests did not truly reflect the girl's ability. The board decides whether or not the girl has reached the grammar school standard.

Places will only be offered to pupils who have been deemed to be of suitable ability according to the Local Authority Assessment Procedures on the basis of the following criteria which will also be applied in the case of over-subscription:

- Girls in public care.
- To those girls with a valid medical reason supported by a doctor's letter. Details must be given on the preference form and will be verified by a medical officer of the Area Health Authority.
- To those girls who have a sister (sibling) attending the school at the time of application with a reasonable explanation that they will be attending at the same time of the start of the new academic year.
- By reference to geographical factors, that is distance from the home address to Wirral Grammar School for Girls. Distances will be measured from the home to the school gate nearest to the child's home using the shortest road route unless it is possible to use a footpath which is considered by the school to be a safe walking route.
- The school, in considering the cases of children who are not allocated places on grounds of sibling connection or medical need, will also take into account the reasons that parents have put forward for their preference. If the reasons are considered to be exceptional and compelling, the child in question may be allocated a place regardless of her geographical circumstances.

NB: The school has facilities for disabled pupils.

Any offer of a place may be withdrawn if it is discovered that misleading information has been provided in order to secure an offer.

Sister is defined as either (i) a sister by the same parents or (ii) a half or step-sister living in the same household.

### **Late Applications**

Late applications will be dealt with in accordance with the arrangements applied by Wirral LA.

### **Sixth Form Entry**

Priority for entry is given to existing pupils in the school. Each year the school welcomes a number of girls from other schools. Places are offered after a visit to the school by a prospective student and meeting with the Headteacher. There is no limit upon entry provided admissions do not prejudice efficient education. Six GCSE passes at Grades A\* - C including English and Mathematics and a grade B or above in a GCSE for each of the four A level subjects students wish to study. The planned admission number for each year group is 160.

If a pupil has not studied the subjects at GCSE we would look for allied subjects i.e. Psychology, a B grade or above in Science.

### **Admission to other pupils than at the start of Year 7**

Our policy is to advise against a change of school part way through a school year due to the potential negative impact on learning progression. Where parents feel that there is genuine reason for considering a change of school, admissions is provided as long as they have reached the required standard as determined by the school's assessment procedures, which includes a Verbal Reasoning test and written tests in English, Mathematics and Science..

If a girl took the 11+ assessment in Year 6 and did not achieve the standard for Grammar School, it is not possible for the school to re-assess until the Spring Term of Year 7, twelve months on.

Pupils can only be admitted to other age groups provided they have reached the entry standard and that their admission does not prejudice efficient education and the efficient use of resources.

When a girl is re-locating from another Grammar School, formal assessment is not required as the standard for entry has previously been determined.

### **Appeals against Admission Decisions**

Arrangements will be made for parents who are dissatisfied with an admission decision to appeal against it. Appeals will be heard by an Admissions Appeals Panel constituted under the Education Act 1998, providing they are lodged within the prescribed period.

## Woodchurch High School

### A Specialist Engineering College

Carr Bridge Road, Woodchurch, Wirral CH49 7NG  
Community co-educational (all-ability) aged 11 to 16

Headteacher: **Ms R Phillips BA Hons NPQH**

Phone: **0151 677 5257**

Email: **[schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk)**

Approximate number of pupils on roll: **1,312**

Admission number: **277**

Preferences for 2010: **1st 219, 2nd 196, 3rd 178, 4th 73, 5th 46**

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### Admission criteria for Year 7

Applications will be dealt with in order according to the following criteria:

- a) Children who are in care of a local authority.
- b) Children who have a valid medical reason for a specific placement. You must give details on the preference form and this may be checked by a medical officer of the health authority. A letter in support from a senior health care professional will be required as evidence when you submit your preference form. You need to make it clear why only this school is appropriate for your child's medical needs.
- c) Pupils who have a brother or sister (including half-brothers and sisters or step brothers and step sisters living in the same household) on roll at the school and of statutory school age when it opens in September 2010.
- d) We will then take account of where your child lives. We will give priority to those pupils who live nearest to the school. We use a computer mapping system, based on Ordnance Survey maps, to measure the distance from your home to the school gate nearest to your child's home using the shortest road route, unless it is possible to use a footpath which we consider a safe walking route.

## Special schools and bases

### Moderate learning difficulty

#### **Bebington High Sports College**

Headteacher: Mr B Jordan BSc NPQH  
Phone: 0151 645 4154  
Email: [schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bebingtonhigh.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age Range: 11 to 18

#### **Clare Mount School**

Headteacher: Mrs S Allen  
Phone: 0151 606 9440 or 0151 606 0274  
Email: [schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@claremount.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 19  
Places: 220

#### **Hilbre High School Humanities College**

Headteacher: Ms J Levenson BEd (Hons)  
Phone: 0151 625 5996  
Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

#### **Oldershaw School**

Headteacher: Mr S J Peach  
Phone: 0151 638 2800  
Email: [schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@oldershaw.wirral.sch.uk)

#### **Wallasey School**

Headteacher: Mr P Duffy BEd  
Phone: 0151 677 7825  
Email: [office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:office@wallasey.wirral.sch.uk)

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### Complex learning difficulty

#### **Foxfield School**

Headteacher: Mr A Baird BEd  
Phone: 0151 677 8555  
Email: [schooloffice@foxfield.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@foxfield.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 19  
Places: 125

#### **Meadowside School**

Headteacher: Ms P Wareing  
Phone: 0151 678 7711  
Email: [schooloffice@meadowside.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@meadowside.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 19  
Places: 75

### Emotional and behavioural difficulty

#### **Kilgarth School**

Headteacher: Miss J Dawson BEd  
Phone: 0151 652 8071  
Email: [schooloffice@kilgarth.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@kilgarth.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 16  
Places: 50

#### **The Observatory School**

Headteacher: Ms S Riley  
Phone: 0151 652 7093  
Email: [schooloffice@theobservatoryschool.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@theobservatoryschool.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 10 to 16  
Places: 40

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### Physical and mental health

#### **Wirral Hospitals School and Home Education Service**

Headteacher: Mr D Kitchen  
Phone: 0151 488 8342  
Email: [schooloffice@wirralhospitals-school.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@wirralhospitals-school.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 2 to 19  
Places: 100

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### Emotional and specific learning difficulty

#### **Sanderling & Ravenswood (at Rock Ferry High School)**

Headteacher: Mrs K Burke (Acting)  
Phone: 0151 645 6917  
Email: [schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@rockferryhigh.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 16  
Places: 40

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### Asperger's Syndrome

#### **Hilbre High School Humanities College**

Headteacher: Ms J Levenson BEd (Hons)  
Phone: 0151 625 5996  
Email: [schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk)

#### **Woodchurch High School**

Headteacher: Ms R Phillips  
Phone: 0151 677 5257  
Email: [schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@woodchurch-high.wirral.sch.uk)  
Age range: 11 to 16  
Places: 15

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