



St. Michael's College – Post 16 Admissions

Thank you for considering applying for admission to the Sixth Form in St. Michael's College. St. Michael's College is a Catholic Grammar School for boys.

All applicants must make a formal application to enter Year 13. The initial application deadline is Thursday 13th February 2025. Compulsory interviews for admission to Year 13, for those pupils currently in Year 12 in St. Michael's College, will take place on Thursday 21st of August following receipt of GCSE results. For those pupils currently enrolled in other schools an Open Evening with interviews will take place on Thursday 21st of August at 5pm.

Entry Criteria – Year 13 – 2025 / 2026

There are three entry requirements for admission to St. Michael's College in Year 13.

The first two are essential criteria for admission and include both (i) Academic Criteria and (ii) Good Conduct / Attendance Criteria. The third criteria for admission concerns (iii) Subject Specific Requirements to study subjects at AS level.

Applicants must meet the Essential Criteria[(i) & (ii)] AND the Subject Specific Requirements(iii) for those subjects they wish to study at AS in order to gain admission to the Sixth Form.

ESSENTIAL ENTRANCE CRITERIA		(iii) SUBJECT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO AS	
(i) Academic Criteria Students must achieve Grade C in at least five GCSE subjects including English Language <u>or</u> Mathematics. Meeting the essential criteria alone <u>does not</u> guarantee admission to Post-16 studies. Applicants must meet the essential entrance criteria <u>and</u> the subject specific requirements for subjects chosen. (ii) Good Conduct / Attendance Criteria Positive record of conduct. Good Attendance Record. Please see detailed criteria on page 2.		<i>Note: Where a subject is oversubscribed applicants will be ranked based on <u>either</u> the relevant GCSE subject grade(s)/mark obtained <u>or</u> as outlined below in those subjects highlighted with an *. Please note the selection process where a subject is oversubscribed is outlined on page 2.</i>	
		Subject	Minimum Entry Requirements
		BTEC Business Studies	Business Studies at GCSE level is <u>not</u> a requirement. <i>*Oversubscribed: Preference will be given to those applicants with a Grade C or above in GCSE Business Studies.</i>
		Biology	Grade A or above in the Year 12, GCSE Double Award Biology module (Higher Level) <u>or</u> Grade A or above in GCSE Biology. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Double Award, Year 12, Biology module, result ranking or GCSE Biology, Year 12, result ranking.</i>
		Business Studies (AS & A2 Level)	Grade B or above in GCSE Business Studies <u>or</u> Grade B or above in GCSE English Language.
		Chemistry	Grade A or above in the Year 12, GCSE Double Award Chemistry module (Higher Level) <u>or</u> Grade A or above in GCSE Chemistry. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Double Award, Year 12, Chemistry module, result ranking or GCSE Chemistry, Year 12, result ranking.</i>
		BTEC Construction	Construction at GCSE level is <u>not</u> a requirement. <i>*Oversubscribed: Preference will be given to those applicants with a Grade B or above in GCSE English Language.</i>
		Digital Technology	Grade B or above in GCSE Digital Technology <u>or</u> Mathematics. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Digital Technology then GCSE Mathematics ranking.</i>
		English Literature	Grade A or above in GCSE English Language <u>or</u> Grade B or above in GCSE English Literature.
		Geography	Grade B or above in Geography
		History	Grade B or above in GCSE History.
		Irish	Grade B or above in GCSE Irish.
		Life and Health Sciences	Grade BB or above in GCSE Science (Double Award / Single & Additional) <u>or</u> Grade B or above in GCSE Biology. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Double Award, Year 12, Biology module, result ranking or GCSE Biology, Year 12, result ranking.</i>
		Mathematics	Grade A or above in GCSE Mathematics <u>or</u> Grade B or above in GCSE Mathematics <u>and</u> Grade B or above in GCSE Further Mathematics. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Mathematics ranking.</i>
		Physics	Grade A or above in the Year 12, GCSE Double Award Physics module (Higher Level) <u>or</u> Grade A or above in GCSE Physics. <i>*Oversubscribed: GCSE Double Award, Year 12, Physics module, result ranking or GCSE Physics, Year 12, result ranking</i>
		BTEC Sport	Grade B or above in GCSE Physical Education <u>or</u> Grade BB or above in GCSE Science (Double Award) / Grade B or above in GCSE Applied Science / Grade B or above in GCSE Science (Single Award) <u>and</u> Evidence of representation at county, national or international level in at least one sport. <i>*Oversubscribed: Preference will be given to those applicants with a Grade B or above in GCSE Physical Education.</i>
		Religious Studies	Grade B or above in GCSE Religious Studies.
		Technology	Grade B or above in GCSE Technology <u>or</u> Grade B or above in GCSE Construction.



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Subjects that are oversubscribed

The school reserves the right to decide that a subject is full and there are no more places available.

Where a subject is over-subscribed after subject specific criteria has been applied. Preference will be given, in the first instance, to those applicants who originally opted for the subject by the deadline of Thursday 13th February 2025 when subject choices were made. After that, applicants who have chosen the subject after the 13th February 2025 will be ranked in line with the criteria.

If, after the application of both the essential and subject specific criteria, there remains a number of applicants of equal rank, so that if they were all accepted the maximum class size would be exceeded, priority will be given to applicants on the basis of highest GCSE results as determined by the total point score over the best six GCSE subjects. If there remains a number of applicants of equal rank random selection will be used in the final instance.

The table below indicates how many points are awarded to each grade at GCSE level:

Grade	A*	A	B	C*	C	D	E
Points	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

*For a short course GCSE the points awarded in that subject are halved.

Finally, pupils wishing to repeat Year 13 will be ranked in the subjects chosen according to the criteria.

Good Conduct / Attendance Criteria

Applicants should have an attendance rate in Year 12 of at least 90%. Those applicants who have not achieved an attendance rate of 90% should have submitted medical evidence (e.g. doctor's certificate) for such absences. The Principal may take account of 'special circumstances' that have impacted upon attendance.

Consideration of good conduct in terms of an applicant's behaviour will take account of their behaviour profile, including the number of detentions and/or suspensions.

Applicants from St. Michael's College from the current examination season will be assessed on good conduct and attendance by the Principal and the Senior Leadership Team. Applicants from other schools must provide, on request, a reference from the Principal of their previous school or a member of the Senior Leadership Team acting on the Principal's behalf.

The Principal may review applications by individual pupils who do not meet the above 'Good Conduct and Attendance Criteria'. Parents/Guardians can use the College's Complaints Policy to appeal decisions regarding admission to Sixth Form.

Notes: Applicants wishing to study 4 AS Level subjects must have at least 6 subjects at grade A at GCSE.

Where a course is not viable, the School reserves the right not to run that particular course due to insufficient pupil numbers.

Applicants who cannot be placed in their first-choice subjects will be considered for their reserve subjects.

Requests for possible subject changes must be made by the end of September. Such changes can only be considered if they support the pupil's career aspirations, space is available in the appropriate class, the pupil has met the subject specific criteria and studying the subject is compatible with the timetable. Subject changes must be authorized by the Vice-Principal in all cases. Where a pupil wishes to drop a subject this can only be authorised by the Vice-Principal following discussion and the completion of the appropriate form.

Any pupil who has not attained a GCSE grade of A*-C in English and/or Mathematics must take responsibility to ensure that they address this issue if admitted into the Sixth Form.



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Notes(continued)

Progression from AS studies to A2 studies is conditional on a satisfactory level of achievement, at a minimum 3+ E grades or equivalent, good conduct and attendance in Year 13. No pupil will be allowed to study a subject at A2 level having obtained a grade U at AS level.

****Please be advised that certain Universities do not grant admission to pupils who have studied two distinct BTEC subjects. It is the responsibility of every young person and their Parent / Guardian to ensure that where they apply to study two distinct BTECs they have researched the implications for University admission.**

Where spaces remain in a subject and the subject is not deemed full - the College reserves the right to decrease the entrance criteria to the grade below the stated entrance grade to allow access to the subject(based on ranking). This facility is solely at the College's discretion and will be applied equally to all students seeking admission to that subject.

Special Circumstances

Special circumstances will be considered at the absolute discretion of the Sixth Form Admissions Sub Committee of the Board of Governors. This Sub Committee comprises the Principal and two Governors. In such cases, parents should submit medical and/or other reports along with the academic progress reports, etc, to support of their application.

Further Information

The Board of Governors, having determined the admission criteria, delegates to the Principal the responsibility of applying the admissions criteria.

St. Michael's College is a Voluntary Grammar School. A voluntary contribution of £100 is requested from all pupils annually and can be collected by direct debit.

Application to the College is presumed to indicate a willingness on the part of pupils to accept and observe school rules and regulations and a willingness on the part of parents to support the school's aims and objectives.

Criteria for all extra places made available by the Department of Education for admission into Year 13 (Sixth Form).

The Department of Education may, in response to a request from a school, increase the number of pupils that the school can admit to its Year 13. Places that become available in this way shall be allocated only to pupils who meet the basic eligibility criteria for Sixth Form study (as set out below) and shall be allocated in the order determined by the criteria to be applied in the order set down.

1. Pupils who have most recently completed Year 12 in St. Michael's College.
2. Pupils from other schools where admission has been agreed and additional places granted by the Department of Education.*

*Parents should note how the Department of Education (DE) will, in response to a school's request, temporarily increase a school's enrolment number in order to allow extra post -16 pupils to enrol. DE will only increase the school's enrolment number if it is content that each external pupil for whom a place is requested would not be able to pursue their post-16 course-choices at another suitable school without undertaking an unreasonable journey (i.e. a journey, that by public transport, would be over an hour from where the young person lives or is further than 15 miles distance). If DE finds that no other suitable school may provide all of the post-16 courses that the pupil wishes to pursue - then DE will agree a school's request for an extra place.

What is a school of a type that is suitable for a pupil? To determine this, DE first considers all schools to be one of 4 types: (i) denominational (ii) non- denominational (iii) integrated and (iv) Irish-medium. A School requesting an extra place for a post-16 pupil will belong to one of these 4 types and DE will consider any other school or school from this same type as suitable for the pupil. DE will also consider as suitable for the pupil any school from the same type as the type of school that the child attended in Year 12.