

# THE MARIST SCHOOL



## Admissions Policy

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**Signed:**

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Chair of Governors

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Principal

*The charity of the order of the Marist Sisters Province of England (charity no. 225485) aims to promote and provide for the advancement of education by conducting and governing a day school for girls in England. The teaching shall be in full accordance with the Roman Catholic Church.*

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## ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Marist School is a Roman Catholic independent 3 - 18 selective girls' day school, welcoming all Christians and those in sympathy with the ethos of the School. It is within the Trusteeship of the Marist Sisters, is accredited by the Girls Schools Association, the Independent Association of Preparatory Schools, and is a member of the Catholic Independent Schools Conference.

### Aim of the policy

- To ensure compliance with the School's charitable purpose as a Roman Catholic Independent Girls School.
- To set selection criteria and procedures that are consistent with its charitable purpose and are fair to all applicants.
- To identify applicants whose academic and other abilities appear to match the ethos and standards of the school and whose personal qualities suggest they have the potential to contribute significantly to the school community and to benefit from the many opportunities that are offered here.

### Admissions Criteria

The school is inclusive and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, sexuality, national or ethnic origin in its admissions process. Admission is subject to the availability of a place and to the candidate meeting the entry requirements at the time. The main points for entry into the school are at 3 (Nursery), 7+ (Year 3), 11+ (Year 7) and 16+ (Sixth Form). Admission to other year groups is dependent on there being places available and the entry criteria being met.

1. Applicants will be considered as candidates for admission to the school once the Registration Form has been completed and returned, along with the non-refundable registration fee, currently £100 (£150 overseas entrants).
2. All applicants are assessed for academic potential from 7+ (Year 3). The entrance assessment varies with the age of the child and may change from time to time. These are designed to ensure that a child / young person will cope with, and benefit from the education on offer at The Marist School.
3. The Assessment for 7+ entry will take place in the November prior to September admission, as well as several mid-year points which will be confirmed by the Admissions Registrar.
4. The Entrance Assessment for 11+ entry takes place in the January prior to the September admission. The examination consists of papers in Mathematics and English and are designed to gauge the girls' intellectual potential.
5. In order to ensure fairness and to protect the integrity of the assessment process the results of the tests remain confidential to the school.

6. All applicants for the Senior phase of the school are required to attend an interview prior to the Entrance Assessment.
7. All applicants are required to enter into the appropriate year group which aligns with their chronological date of birth.
8. The school is required to see sight of an original Birth Certificate and/or valid Passport (a copy of which will be held on file) prior to an offer being made.
9. Admission is subject to the availability of a place and to the candidate meeting the entry requirements at the time. Listed below are the various priority categories for places (subject to entry assessments) although there is no fixed weighting or ranking in relation to each other:
  - Academic ability
  - Gifted specialism
  - Religious commitment
  - Current Marist pupils
  - Siblings
  - Child of an employee or Maristine
10. Scholarships are available at 7+, 11+ and 16+.
11. Places will be offered to those who achieve the best results in the school's own entry tests. Reasonable adjustments will be made as appropriate for those with identified special educational needs and/or disabilities.
12. Admission to the school is subject to the Standard Terms and Conditions current at the time and to any reasonable amendments made to them from time to time.
13. Admission from Key Stage 1 onwards is subject to a satisfactory confidential report being received from your daughter's current school and confirmation that fees (if applicable) have been paid in full.
14. Admission to the Sixth Form depends on the applicant receiving a minimum of 6 grade (9-4 GCSE's (minimum grade 7/6 for subjects to be studied at A Level), a favourable reference from the previous school and an interview.
15. Parents may appeal against a decision not to offer a place to their daughter. The parent's written notice of appeal (stating their grounds for appeal) should be sent to the Principal in the first instance within 10 working days of the receipt of the written decision. Please send the appeal to The Principal, The Marist School, Kings Road, Sunninghill, Berkshire, SL5 7PS.
16. The right to admit girls to the School rests with the Board of Governors. For direct contact with the Governing Body please use the address in point 15 but mark the correspondence for the attention of The Chair of Governors.
17. The Marist School abides by the Girls School Association Code of Practice protocols regarding the dates by which parents are required to notify their decision to accept or decline an offered place to the School.
18. If a place is offered, an acceptance deposit of £500 is required to confirm and to secure a place. This will be returned when the pupil leaves the school subject to all outstanding financial obligations being settled. The standard admission terms and conditions apply from this time, including the requirement for a full term's notice.