St. Mary's College Application for Admission

Name of Candidate *(as on birth certificate)*: _____

Address: _____

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_____ Postcode: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Nationality: _____ Religion: _____

All schools attended since age 5 and dates attended: _____

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Are you applying for an Excellence Award in Art, Music or Sport? **YES / NO** Please tick below.

☐ Art *(Candidates must bring a portfolio of their work with them on the day of the Art Scholarship assessment.)*

☐ Music *(Your child must be at least Grade 3 standard on their main instrument. Please provide certificates and comment sheets from the most recent exams taken with your application form, plus a written reference outlining their musical achievements from their current school and, if appropriate, the conductor of any outside ensembles.)*

☐ Sport *(Candidates must provide a written reference outlining their sporting excellence from their current school and, if appropriate, an outside referee e.g. Club, Area, or County coach.)*

Are you applying for a School Assisted Place (Edmund Rice Scholarship)? **YES / NO**

(If so, you should complete an Edmund Rice Scholarship application form.)

Parent / Guardian (1) Name:_____

Occupation: _____

Address *(if different from candidate)*: _____

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Phone numbers: _____ Email address: _____

Parent / Guardian (2) Name:_____

Occupation: _____

Address *(if different from candidate)*: _____

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Phone numbers: _____ Email address: _____

Please state why you wish your child to be considered for admission to St. Mary's College:

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Does your child have any specific educational needs and/or disabilities or are they currently being assessed for any specific educational needs and/or disabilities? **YES / NO**

If so, please provide details:

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Important: Under the 2010 Equality Act we are required to make reasonable adjustments for pupils with disabilities. It is important that you provide us with full information at this stage.

Has your child ever received support from outside agencies or services? **YES / NO**

If so, please provide details:

To the Principal, St. Mary's College

I apply for admission to St. Mary's College on behalf of my child:

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I believe my child to be of good character and sufficient health, and I undertake to conform to all the Regulations of the School with regard to discipline and payment of fees.

I would like my child to join the School in *(please indicate year of entry)*: _____

Parent / Guardian (1) signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian (2) signature: _____

Date: _____

Enclosures:

Please note that the following, where applicable, must accompany these forms. No applications will be registered until all applicable fees and documents have been received.

1. £48.00 registration fee - to be paid by online bank transfer:
    - Account name: St Marys College Crosby Trust Limited
    - Sort code: 30-65-62
    - Account number: 50515560
    - Payment reference: '[Name] reg fee'
2. Last report from applicant's present school
3. Edmund Rice Scholarship Form - if applicable
4. Excellence Award details - if applicable
5. Special needs or disability information - if applicable

The completed application form, together with the enclosures, should be sent to:

The Principal's PA
St. Mary's College
Everest Road
Crosby
Liverpool
L23 5TW

Edmund Rice Scholarships (Assisted Places)

Preliminary Application Form

These scholarships are won by academic ability but are income related and subject to financial review.

Child's Full Name _____

Full Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s) _____

Address _____

_____ **Post Code** _____

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Email addresses _____

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Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Telephone No.

Home: _____

Business: _____

Other children, their age, and school: _____

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Parents' Employment Details:

Parent / Guardian (1): _____

Parent / Guardian (2): _____

Estimated Joint Gross Income for year ending 05.04.2027 £_____

Parents whose joint earnings are in excess of £58,900 would not be considered eligible for means-tested support.

Please indicate whether there is likely to be any significant change in your income in the school year 2027-28 or whether any contribution will be paid by a non-parent, if so by whom?

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I/We declare that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief all the particulars here submitted are true.

Parent / Guardian (1) signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian (2) signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Entrance Examinations - 2027 admissions

11+ Entrance Examination for admission to Year 7 in September 2027:

Friday 13th November 2026

Sixth Form Scholarship Examination for admission to Sixth Form in September 2027:

Wednesday 27th January 2027

Please also read the enclosed information sheet *'Scholarships and Awards'*

If you require any further information please contact the Registrar:

Registrar:

Mrs Michelle Marchbank
St. Mary's College
Everest Road
Crosby
Liverpool
L23 5TW

Tel: 0151 924 3926
Email: m.marchbank@stmarys.lpool.sch.uk

Additional contact details:

Principal:

Mr Michael Kennedy
St. Mary's College
Everest Road
Crosby
Liverpool
L23 5TW

Tel: 0151 924 3926
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Chair of Governors:

Mr Hans van Mourik Broekman
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Scholarships & Awards

Open Academic Scholarships

We offer a number of Open Academic Scholarships based on performance in the College Entrance Examination. These can be worth up to half fees, and will be tenable throughout a pupil's career in the senior school, provided the student's efforts and behaviour remain consistent with the standard expected of scholars. The awards are based on academic merit alone and will be irrespective of income. There is no need to make a separate application: offers will automatically be made to parents whose children come top of the field in the Entrance Examination.

School Assisted Places: Edmund Rice Scholarships

Our school-assisted places awarded at 11+ are called Edmund Rice Scholarships, in honour of the founder of our schools. Although they are related to income they are also academic scholarships won on merit. They are open to pupils whose parents' joint income is within the published scales.

As a guide, currently parents whose joint income is less than £21,537 would pay the minimum contribution of £500.00 per annum towards school fees and parents with a joint income of up to £58,900 would contribute something according to their ability to pay. Parents whose joint earnings are in excess of £58,900 would not be considered eligible for means-tested support.

These scholarships will be awarded on academic promise, taking into account examination performance, interview and primary school references. Parents will then be asked to complete a confidential declaration of income and capital on the basis of which the final award will be made. Financial evidence will be required and the parental contribution to fees is assessed annually.

If you are likely to be eligible for one of these awards and wish to be considered, you must complete the preliminary form marked Edmund Rice Scholarships and return it at the same time as the Application Form.

Excellence Awards

The College aims to promote and reward other forms of excellence, for example outstanding ability in particular areas, such as Art, Music, and Sport. Parents should indicate this on the application form (an information leaflet is enclosed in the prospectus). It is possible for specific awards to be made in recognition of the child's future contribution to the College in that particular sphere. Assessments will take place during the week prior to the Entrance Examination. Excellence Awards are subject to student's efforts and behaviour remaining consistent with the standard expected of scholars.

Discretionary Family Awards

We acknowledge that the situation of families trying to make the same provision for a number of children can be a challenging one we therefore offer Family Awards to parents with multiple children at the College as follows:

- Second child: 10% deducted from fees
- Third child: 20% deducted from fees
- Fourth child: 30% deducted from fees
- Fifth child: 40% deducted from fees

Bursarial Awards

The schools have a limited budget to support the parents of existing pupils whose personal circumstances temporarily change unpredictably and dramatically. Any such response would be very flexible and based upon an assessment of the present income and capital position of the family. Any arrangement would be reviewable every term.

Sixth Form Scholarships

Awards are also made for those wishing to enter the Sixth Form. Existing Scholars will usually retain tenure of their previous awards throughout the Sixth Form. New applicants complete an appropriate form and are then assessed in two academic subjects together with a general essay plus a cognitive abilities test. Subsequent interviews then enable candidates to demonstrate a wider grasp of both academic and more general issues together with their motivation for study at Sixth Form and beyond.

Sixth Form Excellence Awards

These are awarded usually for art, music and sport although other outstanding contributions beyond the academic curriculum can be taken into account. Candidates are invited to submit evidence of excellence in their nominated field and will also be interviewed subsequently.

Please note that - in line with other independent schools - the maximum fee concession that can be offered on a non means-tested basis is a 50% fee reduction. To ensure that concessions funds are used to support those who need it the most, the combined total value of any Open Academic Scholarships, Excellence Awards and Family Awards will not exceed 50%. The only fee concessions potentially worth in excess of 50% are our School Assisted Places (Edmund Rice Scholarships), which are means-tested academic scholarships.

Excellence Awards in Art, Music & Sport

Art

The Art Scholarship assessment involves:

1. A portfolio:

   Candidates should bring evidence of talent and interest in Art and Design, in the form of work produced at home and/or at school. A minimum of six pieces of work must be submitted on the day of the assessment; these should be clearly labelled with the candidate's name. If the portfolio includes large, heavy or fragile 3D work then a clear photograph of the work is preferred. The portfolio should ideally include good examples of observational drawing.

2. A 90-minute assessment which will consist of two tasks:

   a) A simple drawing task with the subject focus provided by the department. This will focus on technical ability and tonal drawing skills.

   b) An additional drawing task that will test the candidates' drawing, use of colour, composition and creativity.

The Art Scholarship assessment will take place on Monday 2nd November 2026 from 2pm until 3.30pm in the Art Department. Candidates should arrive 15 minutes before the assessment is due to start. All materials will be provided.

Music

Music scholars are expected to play a full part within the musical life of the school. This means prioritising musical activities over others and contributing to instrumental and vocal ensembles including extra-curricular activities at **lunchtimes**, **after school** and on **Sunday Training Days**. At all times representing the school must be a priority and regarded as an honour and an obligation.

11+ candidates must offer two instruments (the second of which may be singing). Candidates should be at least Grade 3 standard and working towards Grade 4 on their main instrument and Grade 1 standard on their second instrument. They will be expected to perform two pieces on their principal instrument and one on their second instrument. There will also be tests in sight-reading, aural, general musicianship, scales and a viva-voce.

Music Scholarship assessments will take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November 2026 between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Individual appointment times will be notified via a Candidate Card.

Candidates must bring with them the original certificates and comment sheets from the most recent exams taken on each instrument, plus a written reference outlining their musical achievements from their current school and, if appropriate, the conductor of any outside ensembles of which they are a member.

Scholarships are awarded for the successful candidates' entire time at the College. If Scholars cease to participate in the area of award without authorisation then the College reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship.

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Sport

Sports Scholars are expected to play a full part in the sporting activities within the College including extra-curricular activities at **lunchtimes**, **after school** and on **Saturday mornings**.

At all times representing the school must be a priority and regarded as an honour and an obligation.

Candidates should be at area, county, regional or national standard or show **real potential** of reaching this standard in at least one sport offered at St. Mary's College. Please be realistic about your child's potential as competition for scholarships is incredibly strong.

Candidates must provide a written reference outlining their sporting excellence from their primary/current school and (if appropriate) an outside referee e.g. Club, Area, or County coach.

The following tests will be conducted:

1) A range of fitness tests to assess cardio-vascular fitness, agility and co-ordination.
2) Skills Tests
    - Netball - female candidates only
    - Rugby Union - male candidates only
    - Football - female & male candidates
    - Cricket - female & male candidates
    - Assessment of replication of key skills and coachability - female & male candidates
3) Each candidate will also have a short individual interview with a member of the PE staff.

In addition to an assessment of their overall sporting potential; male candidates will be assessed on their ability to contribute to the College's major sports of Rugby Union, Football, Cricket and Athletics and female candidates will be assessed on their ability to contribute to College Netball, Football and Athletics.

Sport Scholarship assessments will take place on the following days:

- **Boys: Thursday 5th November 2026, 9.30am - 12pm**
- **Girls: Friday 6th November 2026, 9.30am - 12pm**

Please arrive in kit at least 15 minutes before the assessment is due to start and bring a drink and a snack (e.g. fruit or health bar). Boys should bring football / rugby boots in addition to regular trainers and may also bring a gum shield and/or hard ball cricket equipment if they wish.

Any candidates wishing to show hardball cricket should notify the PE Department in advance via the school office.

Scholarships are awarded for the successful candidates' entire time at the College. If Scholars cease to participate in the area of award without authorisation then the College reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship.

Fees

Fees and charges for the 2026-27 academic year are as follows:

St. Mary's College *(Senior School)*

	Per Year	Per Term
School Fees	£18,576.00 *(inclusive of 20% VAT)*	£6,192.00 *(inclusive of 20% VAT)*
Lunch Fees (*Compulsory for Y7 & Y8 pupils)*	£774.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£258.00 *(VAT exempt)*
Bus Fees *(only if applicable)*	£1,170.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£390.00 *(VAT exempt)*
Instrumental Fees *(Free for Y7, optional from Y8)*	£585.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£195.00 *(VAT exempt)*

St. Mary's College Preparatory School

	Per Year	Per Term
School Fees	£12,846.00 *(inclusive of 20% VAT)*	£4,282.00 *(inclusive of 20% VAT)*
Lunch Fees	£684.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£228.00 *(VAT exempt)*
Bus Fees (*only if applicable)*	£1,170.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£390.00 *(VAT exempt)*
Instrumental Fees *(Y5 & Y6)*	£225.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£75.00 *(VAT exempt)*
Piano Programme *(Y5 & Y6)*	£585.00 *(VAT exempt)*	£195.00 *(VAT exempt)*

Our fees and charges remain average for independent day schools in the North West, and substantially lower than average for independent schools nationally.

Payment of fees

Each term's fees are payable in advance of the start of term unless otherwise agreed by separate contractual arrangement under our Termly Instalment Scheme. Payment may be made by Direct Debit on request.

A registration fee of £40.00 + VAT = £48.00 is payable with the completed application form for admission to the College and Preparatory School.

Academic Curriculum

Lower School: Years 7 – 9 (Key Stage 3, Age 11 - 14 years)

The full range of National Curriculum subjects, Core and Foundation, is enhanced by the provision of the three separate sciences, a second foreign language, Classics and Latin. An appreciation of the value and uniqueness of individual subject disciplines makes possible informed choices when the Curriculum narrows for GCSE. On entry at 11 girls and boys are carefully placed in mixed ability forms of approximately 20-25 pupils. Each form follows a common course of:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Classics (from Y8)
- Design & Technology
- English
- Food Technology
- Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- History
- ICT & Computing
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Music
- PE & Games
- Physics
- PSHEe & EPR
- Religious Studies

For the Foreign Language, Year 7 pupils study either French or Spanish. In Music all children attempt an orchestral instrument in Year 7 and tuition is provided free as part of the Curriculum. In Year 8 pupils start a second Foreign Language choice (or continue with Latin) in addition to their first language. Classics is introduced and Mathematics is taught in sets according to performance at the end of Year 7.

The College's PSHEe (Personal, Social, Health & Economic education) and EPR (Education for Personal Relationships) programme provides moral, social, and health education. During Year 9 a process of advice and parental consultation informs choices for GCSE courses. Pupils are encouraged to make choices which leave all the major career pathways open.

Middle School: Years 10 – 11 (Key Stage 4, Age 14 - 16 years)

In Years 10 and 11 pupils take GCSE courses in at least 10 subjects:

CORE:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Religious Studies
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics as single subjects or Science and Additional Science
- Foreign Language

OPTIONS: 2 or 3 (availability depends on initial Science choices) of:

- Art & Design
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Latin
- Music
- PE
- Second Foreign Language: French, German, Spanish

The GCSE Further Mathematics qualification may be taken by higher ability pupils in addition to their GCSE Mathematics.

Sixth Form Curriculum

Students take three A Level subjects plus the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). In addition to this there is compulsory participation in Games and Outreach. All the GCSE subjects offered here are normally available at A Level. Business Studies, Psychology and Further Mathematics are also offered at A Level but, as with GCSE, the availability of a subject can depend on a viable group of students wishing to take the course. Average class sizes for A Level subjects are low. All Sixth Form students are expected to play an active role in college life by taking part in extra-curricular activities.

The following subjects are currently available:

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Design & Technology
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- ICT
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- PE
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish

Sport

The following sports are played in lessons or available at other times:

***GIRLS*:**

- Athletics
- Aerobics & Dance
- Badminton
- Cricket
- Cross-Country
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rounders
- Tennis

***BOYS*:**

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Cricket
- Cross-Country
- Football
- Golf
- Rugby
- Tennis

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our commitment to the holistic development of our pupils is supported by an extensive and outstanding programme of extra-curricular opportunities.

Here are just some of the activities which take place at lunchtime or after school:

Lunchtime or after school activities:

ABRSM Music Theory	DT Club	Photography Club
Ancient Greek	Duke of Edinburgh	School Council
Art Club	Eco Club	Science Club
Ball Committee *(Sixth Form)*	Edmund Rice International	Show Choir
CCF *(Y9 upwards)*	Film Club	Stage Band
Chamber Choir	Geography Club	Symphony Orchestra
Chess Club	History Club	
Classics Society	ICT Club	
Composition Club	Lego Club	
Concert Bands	Lower School Choir	
Cookery Club	Lower School Orchestra	
Creative Writing	Maths Clinic	
Dance Club	Mandarin Club	
Debate Society	Meditation & Mindfulness	
Drama Club	MFL Club	

Sporting Activities:

Athletics	Cross-Country	Hockey
Badminton	Dance	Netball
Basketball	Fitness Training	Rounders
Boxing	Football	Table Tennis
Cricket	Golf	Tennis

The Christian Life of the School

St. Mary's is a Catholic school for boys and girls of all faiths, where academic excellence and the fulfilment of potential are promoted within the context of a community of faith. There are many opportunities for spiritual and moral formation not found in secular schools. The school day begins and ends with prayers in the Form or Tutor group and there are regular weekly assemblies for Lower, Middle and Upper School. In addition, there are regular Masses, Services, Retreats and Pilgrimages and the School Chapel is available for quiet prayer and reflection.

Service for Others

There is a strong and longstanding tradition at St. Mary's of service for others, both within the College and in the wider community. The Sixth Form Guardians and Tutor Links schemes offer help and friendship to pupils new to the school. The Outreach Programme places our senior pupils in community projects – from primary schools to care homes – where they offer invaluable service to others. There are strong links with Asylum Link Merseyside and the Sisters of Charity in Seel Street, Liverpool. Each year a good number of Sixth Formers spend Easter week at Lourdes assisting with HCPT, The Pilgrimage Trust.

Religious Studies and Theology

Religious Studies is a core subject taught throughout the school. In the Lower School the College at present implements the "People of God" programme in line with the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

At GCSE all pupils study for the OCR Philosophy and Ethics qualification. This includes papers on God, Sin and Human Experience and Medical and Social Ethics topics with a consideration to Roman Catholic Moral Thought.

In the Sixth Form, Advanced Level study is available and is popular. The papers include; Ethical theory, Practical ethics, South American Liberation Theology, Feminist Theology and a study of the nature and definitions of religion. The department has strong links with the Faculty of Theology and Worcester College at the University of Oxford.

Regulatory Requirements

The following policies are all available on the St. Mary's College website **www.stmarys.ac** :

(Hard copies are available from the College upon request)

- Able, Gifted & Talented Policy
- Accessibility Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Aims, Mission & Ethos Policy
- Alcohol & Drugs Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy
- Children Missing In Education Policy
- Child-On-Child Abuse Policy
- Complaints Policy *(Details re. the number of complaints can be requested from the school)*
- Curriculum Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Examinations Policy
- External Visitors & Volunteers Policy
- Fire Safety Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Overseas Students Admissions Policy
- Pandemic Illness Policy
- PSHEe & EPR Policy
- Privacy Notice
- Pupil Code of Good Behaviour
- Pupil Disciplinary Procedure
- Relationships & Sex Education Policy
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health Policy
- Special Educational Needs & Disability Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions
- Uniform Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy