



Public Consultation on behalf of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust

Consultation Arrangements

Commencing: Thursday 4th December 2025 at 9:30AM

Ending: Friday 30th January 2026 at 5PM

Responses: Comments/opinions on this proposal will be submitted to the Executive Board of NPCAT via online submission (using link at the bottom of this page) or in writing to

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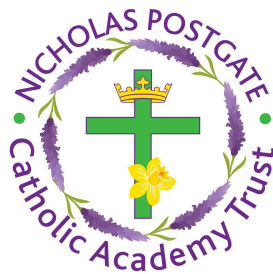
Proposal

The Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust is opening a public consultation for All Saints Catholic School in York regarding admissions arrangements for the 2027/2028 academic year. The following changes to the Admissions Policy (11-16 Main School) are being proposed:

- 1) The removal of the admission of additional pupils in Year 10 up to a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 193. This means that the admission of at least 15 new students into the school in Year 10, beyond the 178 pupils already admitted to year groups from Year 7, will cease to be in operation. The new Year 10 pupils starting the school in the Autumn term of 2026/27, will be the last to be admitted under this arrangement.
- 2) Reducing the list of the named feeder primary schools to include only the following:

All Saints Catholic Primary School, Thirsk
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Primary School, York
St Aelred's Catholic Primary School, York
St Benedict's Catholic Primary School, Ampleforth
St George's Catholic Primary School, York
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Malton
St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, York
- 3) Changes to the oversubscription criteria for entry into Year 7, in line with the proposal across the City of York to make a pledge for 'FAIR Admissions' for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding, and for children of members of the Armed Services.
- 4) Amendment to the proof requirement for applicants seeking admission under the criterion 'Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian denominations'.
- 5) Change to the way the tiebreaker for sixth form applications will be determined. Distance will now be determined by 'shortest walking distance' for all applicants. Google Maps software will be used to determine this measure.

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Overview

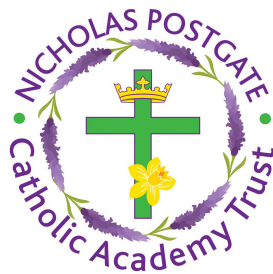
Proposal 1 - The removal of the admission of additional pupils in Year 10 up to a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 193.

All Saints Catholic School in York, part of Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust, is inviting consultation responses on a formal proposal to reduce the planned admission number (PAN) for Year 10 and Year 11 from 193 pupils to 178 pupils, with the September 2026 new Year 10 cohort, being the last to be admitted into the school.

This variation in admission arrangements is felt to be necessary for the following reasons in order to benefit the education and welfare of sixth form students:

- The need to offer additional places in Year 10 in the City of York is no longer required. A local school, that previously ceased delivering their educational offer at age 14 (the end of Year 9), now offers a key stage 4 programme. There are no longer any displaced pupils in Year 10 in York and there is a surplus of places available across the city. This allows parents, seeking an in-year transfer for their children, to have an element of choice as several schools typically have capacity to be able to admit additional pupils in Years 10 and 11.
- The number of pupils gaining entry into the sixth form at All Saints Catholic School has grown significantly in recent years and is expected to continue to grow. The sixth form is co-located in the same building (upper site) with Years 10 and 11. There is a pressing need to continue to change the function of some rooms and facilities in the upper site to accommodate the increasing number of sixth form students. The increasing pressure with sixth form numbers will result in the creation of an additional form group, and the need for an extra study area. With increasingly complex SEND needs within our student population, there is also a need to have a dedicated permanent space for young people with additional needs, especially those that are neurodiverse.
- Analysis of current room usage on the upper site shows that, typically 40- 50% of timetabled sessions, there are only one or no free rooms available. There is the projected need for the equivalent of over a day a week of sixth form lessons that need to be taught on the lower school site, in part due to the rooming restrictions at the upper site. By reducing the PAN in Year 10 to 178, core teaching lessons can be reduced to seven groups instead of eight. This would release an extra room for 31 out of the 50 teaching sessions and therefore allow sixth form classes to be delivered on the upper site, and space will be made available for SEND pupils and sixth form study space.

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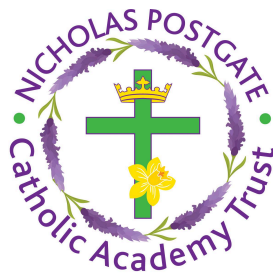


Proposal 2 - Reducing the named feeder primary schools to include only the following:

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All Saints Catholic School, York is the closest Catholic school for the parents of children in these NPCAT primary schools, wishing for their children to continue a Catholic education.

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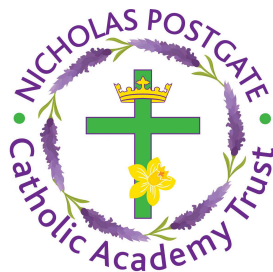
Proposal 3 - Changes to the oversubscription criteria for entry into Year 7, in line with the proposal across the City of York to make a pledge for 'FAIR Admissions' for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding, and for children of members of the Armed Services.

The City of York ran a public consultation in October and November 2025 to propose changes to the oversubscription criteria of all secondary schools in the city. This followed a joint 'Fair Admissions' pledge by all secondary schools in the city, for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding, and for children of members of the Armed Services.

All Saints Catholic School in York was not part of that initial consultation by the City of York because, being a faith-based school, further discussions were required regarding the application of faith-based admissions criteria. Now that those discussions have taken place, the following amendments are being proposed and put out to public consultation (see following three pages):

Under this proposal, pupils eligible for pupil premium funding (specifically pupils eligible for free school meals and/or children having at least one parent in the Armed Services at the time of application) will be ranked at the top of every sub category of every criterion after 'sibling link' has been applied. Please see existing criteria and the proposed changes on the following pages.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(These are the current agreed criteria and are not the subject of the consultation)

Existing Oversubscription Criteria for Year 7 entry in the 2026/27 Admissions Policy

Oversubscription Criteria

Where there are more applications for admission into Year 7 than the number of places available, places will be offered according to the following order of priority:

1. Catholic looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Catholic children from our named feeder schools
3. Catholic children of members of school staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage
4. Other Catholic children.
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
6. Catechumens.
7. Other children of members of school staff who have been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage
8. Other children from our named feeder schools who do not meet criteria 1 to 7.
9. Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian denominations
10. Children with one or more parents that are in the armed services
11. All other applicants.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

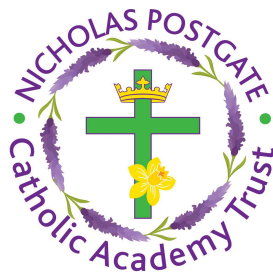
- (i) Having a sibling already in the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made

Tie-break Criteria

Where the offer of places to applicants in any of the categories would lead to oversubscription within that criterion, pupils with sibling links will be given priority within that criterion. The definition of sibling links can be found in Note 5. Applicants will then be prioritised in the following order:

Applicants with their home address closest to school. Distance will be measured by the shortest route from the front door of the child's home address to the main entrance of the school's appropriate site, using the Local Authority's GIS computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority. This tie-breaker will be applied to either applicants with sibling links or those without sibling links, subject to which subset of the criterion the last place will be allocated.

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Proposed Change for 2027/2028 Admissions Policy **(These are the proposed new criteria, and therefore the subject of the public consultation)**

Oversubscription Criteria

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9. Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian denominations
(Criterion removed - Children with one or more parents that are in the armed services)
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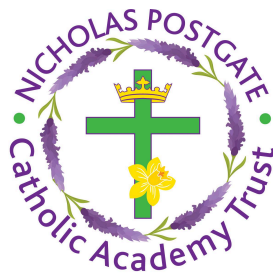
- (ii) Having a sibling already in the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made

Tie-break Criteria

Where the offer of places to applicants in any of the categories would lead to oversubscription within that criterion, pupils with sibling links will be given priority within that criterion. The definition of sibling links can be found in Note 5. **Within the sub categories of this criterion, according to 'sibling link' or 'no sibling link', priority will be given to children who are either eligible for Pupil Premium funding and/or children with a parent in the armed services.** Applicants will then be prioritised in the following order:

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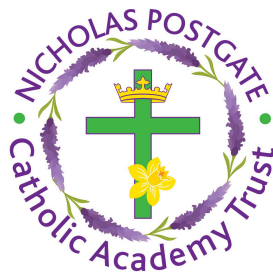
Proposal 4 - Amendment to the proof requirement for applicants seeking admission under the criterion 'Children who are baptised or dedicated members of other Christian denominations'.

Under the existing approved Admissions Policy for 2026/2027, applicants are required to produce both a baptismal certificate or a letter confirming their baptism, and a letter confirming their commitment as regular worshippers from their minister of religion.

The proposal for the 2027/2028 Admissions policy is that one of the following will suffice as proof of eligibility under this criterion:

- Baptismal certificate
- Letter confirming baptism
- Letter confirming commitment as a regular worshipper

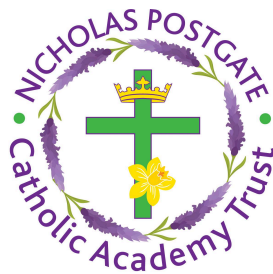
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Responding to this Consultation

Please follow the link below if you have any comments/opinions that you wish to be considered regarding any of the above proposals.

[Link Here](#)

The 2026/27 Admissions Policy for All Saints Catholic School in York, which is already determined, can be found by following this link:

[Link Here](#)

The 2026/27 Admissions Policy for All Saints Catholic School Sixth Form in York, which is already determined, can be found by following this link:

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