

2021 Admissions - frequently asked questions:

Please also read our 2021 Admissions Policy

- **Do you give priority if a sibling is already at St Hilda's?**
Applications from siblings of St Hilda's students are not given priority.
- **Do you have an entrance exam?**
We no longer have an entrance exam.
- **How do you score your Christian applications?**
The points system is set out in our policy – **PLEASE NOTE THE POINTS SYSTEM HAS CHANGED FOR 2021 ADMISSIONS.**
- **What was the lowest successful Christian score last year?**
For 2020 admissions the lowest successful Christian score was 106 **but this is not relevant for 2021 admissions as the points system has changed.**
- **St Hilda's is a Church of England High School so can I only apply if I am an Anglican?**
We accept applications for all religions or from children with no religion – please see our policy for details of the application criteria.
- **I am Christian but not Anglican – do I apply under the Christian or Other World Faiths route?**
Apply as a Christian – D1.
- **My church won't complete school admission forms; will it affect my application?**
Unfortunately, we can only score if worship is verified by a vicar/priest/minister/lay Eucharistic minister, deacon or church warden via the reference form on the Admissions Details page of our website.
- **When is your open day?**
Due to Covid-19 we will be holding a 'virtual' open day in October – date to be confirmed.
- **Is St Hilda's a girls' school?**
St Hilda's started admitting boys as well as girls in 2015 and is now fully co-ed.
- **Do you take equal numbers of boys and girls?**
Allocation is solely dependent on meeting the admissions criteria and we do not take gender into account.
- **Should I apply to St Hilda's or my local authority?**
You need to do both.
 - You need to enter your preferences with your local authority.
 - You also need to submit St Hilda's application form. This form is on the Admissions Details page of our website and is sometimes referred to as the supplementary information form – SIF. The deadline to submit St Hilda's application form is 31st October 2020.

- Will I stand more chance if I put St Hilda's as my first preference?**
 St Hilda's operates an 'equal preference' system, meaning places are offered purely on the strength of how well children fit the admissions criteria. Schools cannot favour children who listed the school as their first choice, nor rule out those who placed it lower down their list. In fact, the local authority do not even tell us where St Hilda's was ranked in a child's preferences.
- The deadline to submit the application form (31st October 2020) is a Saturday during St Hilda's half-term – is it ok to upload the form then?**
 It is still ok to submit the online application form on that day.
- What happens if I apply too late?**
 It will still be accepted but will be treated as a Late Application, which could reduce your chance of gaining a place at St Hilda's.
- Can I apply if I don't live in the Liverpool council area?**
 Yes you can enter St Hilda's as a preference with your own local authority.
- Do you have 'feeder schools'?**
 No – last year our Year 7s joined from 57 schools.
- Are you normally oversubscribed?**
 Yes, in which case we use oversubscription tiebreaks (see policy). Last year we received 1,366 applications for 170 places.
- When and how will I find out which school my child has been allocated?**
 1st March 2021 is National Offer Day and you will be notified by your council.
- If I am allocated St Hilda's do I need to let you know if I am taking up the offer?**
 Yes, please confirm if you wish to accept or decline the offer (or accept the offer but intend appealing for another school).
- Do children come in for a taster day if they are allocated St Hilda's?**
 All secondary schools usually have the same induction day – 2021 admission pupils will come in to St Hilda's on Wednesday 7th July 2021 (correct as at 11th September 2020 and subject to any ongoing pandemic regulations).