

2022 Admissions - frequently asked questions:

Please also read our 2022 Admissions Policy

- **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 on their common application form.
 - You also need to submit St Hilda's supplementary information form (application form). This form is on the Admissions Details page of our website and is sometimes referred to as the SIF. The deadline to submit St Hilda's supplementary information form is 31st October 2021.
- **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. The last exam was held for 2020 admissions.
- **How do you score your Christian applications?**
The points system is set out in our policy
- **What was the lowest successful Christian score last year?**
For 2021 admissions the lowest successful Christian score was 180, **however** 2022 will not be comparable as the Office for the Schools Adjudicator has approved a variance for the period specified for worship.
- **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 – Criterion 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.
- **When is your open evening?**
Our virtual Open Evening was held on 4th October 2021 – see our [Open Evening](#) page.
- **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 through Years 7 to 13.
- **Do you take equal numbers of boys and girls?**
Allocation is solely dependent on meeting the admissions criteria and we do not take sex/gender into account.

- **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 2021) is a Sunday during St Hilda's half-term – is it ok to submit the supplementary information form then?**
It is still ok to submit the online application form on that day.
- **What happens if I apply 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 – our intake for Year 7 in September 2021 came from 55 schools.
- **Are you normally oversubscribed?**
Yes, in which case we use oversubscription tiebreaks (see policy). Last year we received 1,407 applications for 170 places.
- **When and how will I find out which school my child has been allocated?**
1st March 2022 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 – 2022 admission pupils will come in to St Hilda's on Wednesday 6th July 2022 (correct as at September 2021 and subject to any ongoing pandemic regulations).

More information:

Liverpool City Council – [Secondary School Admissions Common Myths](#):