



Wimbledon College

PROSPECTUS for admissions in 2011

*A Jesuit school founded in 1892
for improvement in living and learning
to the greater glory of God and the common good*



Science

2011



from the Head Master

Dear Parents,

The choice of a secondary school is one of the most important you will make for your son. If you are thinking about Wimbledon College, I would ask you to consider carefully the kind of school we are and the values which underpin the way in which we live and learn.

Wimbledon College is above all a Christian community. It is a place where we give witness to the power of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. We take seriously our partnership with parents in passing on that tradition of faith to the next generation.

At the heart of the Jesuit tradition is the insight of St Ignatius Loyola that God is to be found in all things.

This belief means that Wimbledon College, along with Jesuit schools worldwide, aims to:

- create a caring and disciplined community in which pupils will feel secure and be motivated and involved in their studies and in a wide range of school activities
- encourage pupils to recognise the best in themselves and to work hard to develop all their talents
- instil in pupils an awareness of the needs of others and a commitment to putting their gifts and energies at the service of others

You know your son best. If you recognise in Wimbledon College a place where he could thrive and grow into his adult years, then I would encourage you to apply for a place.

If we can be of further help in your decision please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Adrian Porter SJ
Head Master



Wimbledon College

Wimbledon College is a **Jesuit school**. The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) is a religious order of the Catholic Church founded in 1540 by St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556). The aim of all Jesuit schools and universities is *improvement in living and learning to the greater glory of God and the common good*.

The **badge of Wimbledon College** is a shield bearing a heart with a burning flame, symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on the cross of the crucifixion. The IHS monogram is traditionally used in Jesuit institutions. It represents the first three letters in Greek (ΙΗΣ) of the name Jesus, after whom the Society of Jesus is called. Around the edge is the title of the school in Latin: The College of the Most Sacred Heart Wimbledon.

The school motto is *cor numinis fons luminis* which means *the heart of the divine (God) is the fount of light*.

It is the tradition of Jesuit schools for pupils to write **AMDG** (*ad majorem dei gloriam – to the greater glory of God*) at the top of each piece of written work and **LDS** (*laus deo semper – praise God always*) at the bottom.

The **school colours** are maroon, gold and dark green.

In Jesuit schools, year groups are known as **Lines** and have traditional names:

Lower Line

Figures (Y7), Rudiments (Y8) and Lower Grammar (Y9)

Higher Line

Grammar (Y10) and Syntax (Y11)

Sixth Form

Poetry (Y12) and Rhetoric (Y13)

There are four **Houses** in the school:

Southwell House is named after St Robert Southwell (1561-95), Jesuit priest, poet and martyr. Feast day 1st December. House colour yellow.

Campion House is named after St Edmund Campion (1540-81), Jesuit priest, scholar and martyr. Feast day: 1st December. House colour green.

Fisher House is named after St John Fisher (1459-1635), Bishop of Rochester and Chancellor of Cambridge University, martyr. Feast day 22nd June. House colour red.

More House is named after St Thomas More (1477-1635), lawyer, scholar, Chancellor of England, martyr. Feast day 22nd June. House colour blue.

The **school website**, which includes course details and resources for learning, is: wimbledoncollege.org.uk





A Jesuit school

The aim of Jesuit education is expressed by St Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) as *“improvement in living and learning to the greater glory of God and the common good.”* (SJ Constitutions)

As a boy progresses through the school he becomes part of this tradition, experiencing at first hand its pattern of teaching, values and practices, informed by the Jesuit vision. It is our hope that each boy will accept this rich heritage and make it his own and in so doing will be prepared for life, which is itself a preparation for eternal life.

A *vision* does not describe a goal or an aim but a way of getting there. The Jesuit vision statement recognises the characteristic values and ethos of a Jesuit school:

- Finding God in all things* • a Jesuit school recognises that every aspect of its work can affirm the goodness and presence of God
- Caring for the individual* • a Jesuit school focuses on the all-round formation of each person
- Showing love in deeds* • a Jesuit school is characterised by generosity in service to others, particularly where human dignity is threatened
- Building a Christian community* • a Jesuit school fosters a faith commitment to Christ and prepares pupils for a fuller participation in the life of Church
- Engaging with the wider world* • a Jesuit school helps pupils to be sensitive to the strengths and weaknesses in contemporary society and to witness to Christ’s presence in that society
- Encouraging excellence* • a Jesuit school is distinguished for its academic, religious and pastoral provision, through which it encourages the fullest possible development of talents
- Co-operating in Jesuit mission* • a Jesuit school works in co-operation with other Jesuit schools and ministries in the light of the apostolic and educational aims of the Society of Jesus

This vision statement is shared by the nine Jesuit schools of the British Province. To live in this way is to build the Kingdom of God. It is to engage fully with the world around us. The life and learning that is characteristic of Wimbledon College seeks to bring concretely to the Church in England a venerable and living tradition of the universal Church. It is the Jesuit ideal adapted to the circumstances of the people, place and times in which we live.





Wimbledon College

A Christian Community

Wimbledon College is a Christian community. The day begins with morning prayers and the year is marked by the cycle of worship of the Christian calendar of seasons and feast days. Mass is offered daily in the College Chapel.

The school has a full time Jesuit priest chaplain. The chaplaincy team runs a full programme of events for boys of all ages.

Studies

As a Jesuit school, Wimbledon College stands in the long tradition of learning and academic excellence that has characterised Jesuit schools and universities for over 450 years. As a comprehensive school, we aim to provide the environment, teaching, and expectation that every boy will make the most of his talents and achieve the best of which he is capable. Our examination results, year on year, show how successful the school has been.

The school aims to offer a range of courses which suit as many boys as possible within the limitations of funding and timetabling.

A Specialist Science and Mathematics School

In September 2008, Wimbledon College became a specialist science and mathematics school. Specialist status recognises the excellence of these departments and brings significant additional resources to the school. By focussing on what makes science and mathematics successful, it is intended to replicate similar levels of progress and achievement in other subjects. Specialist status also promotes community involvement in Roehampton University, Kingston Hospital and our partner secondary and primary schools.

In July 2009, Wimbledon College became an Associate School of the Royal Society – the UK's academy of science.

Pastoral Care

The school has a strong tradition and system of pastoral care. Boys are organised in year groups (known as *lines* in Jesuit schools). Each year has a Head of Line and eight form tutors. Years 7, 8 and 9 are grouped as the Lower Line and have their own Pastoral Support Assistant and Deputy





Head Master. Years 10 and 11 have a Pastoral Support Assistant and are overseen by a Deputy Head. The Sixth Form has its own Head of Sixth Form, Heads of Line and Tutors, led by a Deputy Head Master.

Behaviour and Discipline

Expectations of behaviour and commitment are high. Boys are expected to behave well, according to a clear code of expectations and school rules, and to develop self-discipline and commitment to the aims and ethos of the school as they grow up. This includes the wearing of uniform, courtesy shown towards others, punctuality, and attitude to studies and the wider life of the school.

The disciplinary system of the school is demanding and clear to boys, parents and staff. Poor behaviour will attract sanctions including detention (including on Saturdays and occasional holidays) and, ultimately, exclusion. Boys who disrupt classes are removed and do not return immediately. The basis of the disciplinary system is that boys are expected to have respect for themselves, for their studies and for the school community.

The school has its own Inclusion Centre for boys at risk of exclusion, or who are failing to cope with the demands of school life.

Extra Curricular Activities

A wide range of sporting and other extra-curricular activities is provided and there is a strong expectation that every boy will become involved in at least two activities of his choice.

major sports

athletics
basketball
cricket
rugby
swimming

minor sports

badminton
basketball
boxing
cross-country running
football
golf
judo
skiing

extra curricular activities

altar servers
army cadets
art
astronomy
catering
chapel guild
chess
debating
design workshops
digital design
drama academy
Duke of Edinburgh award
engineering
environment club
French club





sportshall athletics
swimming (recreational)
swimming lessons for non-swimmers
swimming lifesaving
table tennis
tennis
wrestling

Spanish club
generations together lunch club
India project
iScience (gifted and talented)
Japanese
journalism
Latin
maths challenge
peer mentoring
school plays
science challenge
Spanish club
strategies for success
theatre visits

music

choir
concert choir
wind band
guitar ensemble
orchestra
brass group
string orchestra
strings project
Saturday music school

Links with Schools Abroad

Wimbledon College has links with Jesuit schools overseas:

Xaveriuscollege, Antwerp, Belgium	History and cultural exchange
Colegio San Francisco Javier, Tudela, Spain	Spanish language and cultural exchange
Le Caousou, Toulouse, France	French language and cultural exchange
St Aloysius College, Sydney, Australia	Sporting links
Fényi Gyula Jezsuita Gimnázium, Miskolc, Hungary	Cultural and scientific links

Wimbledon College also has close sporting and cultural links with the other eight Jesuit schools in the UK.





Special Educational Needs

Wimbledon College has extensive provision for boys with Special Educational Needs. A floor of one building is devoted to supporting learning for boys with a range of physical, educational and emotional needs. The Head of Special Needs is supported by three full time SEN teachers, 14 Learning Support Assistants and pastoral and counselling support.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school at the earliest opportunity to explore whether Wimbledon College would be the best place for their son's secondary education. Contacting us when your son is in Y5 is not too early.

Sixth Form

Wimbledon College has a well-established and strong Sixth Form in partnership with the Ursuline Sixth Form. This partnership was extended in September 2008 to include Richard Challoner and Holy Cross Schools, providing an even wider range of subjects and courses.

By pooling our resources, the Sixth Form is able to offer a wide range of courses and subject combinations. Boys may take courses at either site, although there is a presumption that they will take courses at Wimbledon College where this is possible. Some courses are offered only at one of the schools.

The minimum requirement for Sixth Form entry to pursue A-Level or Pre-U courses is five C grades or better at GCSE, together with a grade B in each subject to be studied. Grade requirements may vary from subject to subject – details are published on the school website.

BTEC2 courses require minimum grades D at GCSE.

Boys who do not achieve minimum requirement at the end of Year 11 will not be admitted into the Sixth Form.

In September 2010, there were 114 boys in Rhetoric (Y13) and 153 in Poetry (Y12).

The Sixth Form provides preparation for applicants to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Further information is available online and in the *Sixth Form Prospectus*.





Admissions Arrangements

for admissions in the school year 2011-12

Wimbledon College is a voluntary aided Roman Catholic secondary school for boys in the trusteeship of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)¹. It is part of the provision of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Southwark and an apostolic work of the Society of Jesus.

The school exists primarily to provide a Jesuit education for children of the Catholic community. Once it has met its historic and current obligation to boys of the Catholic community, Wimbledon College welcomes those who support the religious ethos of the school.

In September 2011, Wimbledon College will admit 199 boys into Year 7 without regard for aptitude or ability. Once it has met this admissions number, the school will refuse places to further applicants because the school's accommodation and resources are limited.

Admissions Criteria

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places, the governors will apply the following criteria of selection in the order stated:

1. Catholic boys in public care ("looked after" children).
2. Baptised and practising Catholic² boys residing in the Roman Catholic parishes of the Merton Deanery³.
3. Baptised and practising Catholic boys residing outside the Merton Deanery.
4. Other boys in public care ("looked after" children).

¹ The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) is a Religious Order of the Catholic Church founded in 1540. It has an international work in schools. The ethos and principles of Jesuit schools are set out in the document *The Characteristics of Jesuit Education* (1987).

² Catholics include Latin Rite Catholics (Roman Catholics) and Oriental Rite Catholics in communion with the See of Rome: the Maronite and Italo-Albanian Catholic Churches; the Chaldean and Syro-Malabar Catholic Churches; the Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian, Syrian and Syro-Malankara Catholic Churches; the Melkite, Ukrainian, Ruthenian and Romanian Catholic Churches; the Greek Catholic Church, the Byzantine Catholics in former Yugoslavia, the Bulgarian, Slovak and Hungarian Catholic Churches and the Eastern Catholic Communities (Russian, Belarussian, Georgian and Albanian) without hierarchies.

³ The Merton Deanery consists of the eight parishes: **Sacred Heart** Wimbledon SW19, **St Joseph's** Colliers Wood SW19, **Christ the King** Wimbledon Park SW19, **St Winifride's** South Wimbledon SW19, **St John Fisher** West Wimbledon SW20, **Our Lady of the Assumption** Links Road SW17, **St Teresa's** Morden SM4, and **Ss Peter and Paul** Mitcham CR4. Your Parish Priest will be able to tell you if you live within the boundaries of the parish.





5. Other boys.

Oversubscription Criteria

If the number of applicants in any one category above exceeds the number of places available, priority will be given to boys in the following order:

1. Boys who have special circumstances which, in the judgement of the governors on the evidence submitted to them, make Wimbledon College particularly suitable for the boy.
2. Boys who will have a brother⁴ at Wimbledon College in September 2011.
3. Boys who live nearest to Wimbledon College. Distance will be measured in a straight line from the boy's home to the school.⁵

Religious Practice

Catholic practice means being baptised and attending liturgy on Sundays⁶ and Holydays. Parents wishing to be considered under the religious practice criteria will need to complete the Wimbledon College supplementary information form. This form enables the school to confirm religious practice by seeking a reference from a priest of the place where the boy regularly worships. A baptismal certificate is required.

Parental Preference

Wimbledon College will consider every application for a place in accordance with the admissions criteria described in this document. Admissions decisions are made by the Governing Body.

Special Circumstances

Special circumstances include educational, medical, social and compassionate reasons why the application of one boy should be given precedence over others.

⁴ Brothers include blood siblings, adopted children and siblings by marriage (step-brothers) who reside at the same address.

⁵ The distance is measured by the London Borough of Merton on behalf of Wimbledon College using a standard system for all schools.

⁶ Mass attendance on Sundays and Holydays includes the vigil Mass on the Saturday evening or the day before the Holyday.





Other circumstances which may merit special consideration include the children of Crown servants, diplomats and forces personnel, those returning or moving to the UK from overseas, refugees and asylum seekers, and social or family circumstances in which the child is adversely affected.

Each application made under the special circumstances category must include at least one letter from a relevant professional (such as a social worker, doctor, priest, primary school head teacher or educational psychologist) which sets out evidence in support of the application to be considered under special circumstances.

The application will need to demonstrate why a place specifically at Wimbledon College is in the child's best interests.

The governors will weigh each application on its individual merits, considering all and only the evidence submitted to them, also taking into consideration the ability of the school to meet individual needs and the overall balance of the school population. On the basis of the case presented to them, the governors will decide whether or not an application is eligible for admission under special circumstances.

Boys with Statements of Special Educational Needs

The law requires the school to admit boys whose additional needs can be met by Wimbledon College and who have a Statement of Special Educational Needs specifying Wimbledon College as the parents' preferred school.

Boys in Public Care

The law requires the school to give priority to the admission of boys in public care ("looked after" children). Catholic boys in public care are given first priority and non-Catholic boys in public care are admitted before other boys after places have been offered to baptised and practising Catholics.

Applications for Year 7

Boys transferring from Y6 at primary school to Y7 at secondary school must do so through the London-wide co-ordinated admissions scheme. All applicants must submit the common application form to the boy's Local Authority. Applicants wishing to be considered under the Catholic religious practice criteria will also need to submit the Wimbledon College supplementary information form (to be returned to Wimbledon College).

The deadline for both forms is Friday 22nd October 2010.





Boys already in Y7 at secondary school who wish to transfer to Y7 at Wimbledon College do so by following the procedure set out below for Y8-11.

Applications to Years 8 to 11

Boys wishing to apply for a place in Y8-11 at Wimbledon College, or who are already in Y7 at secondary school, do so by completing the Wimbledon College supplementary information form. They will also need to apply through their Local Authority. This may be done at any time. If a place is available it will be given at the earliest opportunity. If the year group is full, a place will not be offered because the school's accommodation and resources are limited. Parents may appeal the decision and may ask for their son to be placed on the waiting list.

Applications to the Sixth Form

Wimbledon College has a Sixth Form (Y12 and Y13) which runs in partnership with the Ursuline High School and Holy Cross School and Richard Challoner School. Pupils at each school are able to access certain courses at the other schools.

Pupils in Year 11 at Wimbledon College are eligible for a place in the Sixth Form if they meet Sixth Form entry and course requirements.

The Sixth Form welcomes applicants from other schools. Applicants must complete the Sixth Form application form and meet Sixth Form staff to establish whether the consortium Sixth Form is able to offer an appropriate course of studies for the individual. On receiving the application form, Wimbledon College will seek a reference from the school currently attended by an external applicant.

In September 2011, Wimbledon College will admit at least 10 external applicants; more if places are available after internal applications have been accommodated. It is expected that Y12 will consist of 160 boys.

The entry requirements for Sixth Form are:

- for Level 3 courses - five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C
- for Level 2 courses - five or more GCSEs at grades A*-D

Additionally, individual courses have entry requirements which are published each year. Boys will only be admitted to Sixth Form where there is a viable combination of courses for which they meet the course entry requirements.





If courses are oversubscribed, preference will be given in the following order:

1. boys in public care (“looked after” children) who meet the entry requirements
2. boys currently at Wimbledon College who meet the entry requirements
3. baptised and practising Catholic external applicants who meet the entry requirements
4. other external applicants who meet the entry requirements
5. boys currently at Wimbledon College who narrowly miss the entry requirements but for whom a viable course of studies can be arranged
6. baptised and practising Catholic external applicants who narrowly miss the entry requirements but for whom a viable course of studies can be arranged
7. other external applicants who narrowly miss the entry requirements but for whom a viable course of studies can be arranged

If courses are oversubscribed within any of the above categories, the uncapped Average Points Score (APS) at GCSE will be used to determine the order of admissions with the higher score being given preference.

We will not offer places to current Wimbledon College pupils or external applicants who fail to meet the entry requirements and for whom no reasonable programme of study can be arranged.

The Waiting List

Wimbledon College has a waiting list of boys who have not been offered a place but whose parents express the wish for them to take up a place should one become available. Parents are told both what their place on the list is and whether they have a realistic chance of obtaining a place.

The waiting list for Y6 to Y7 transfers is operated by the London Borough of Merton on behalf of the school as part of the London-wide co-ordinated admissions system until September. Thereafter, Wimbledon College operates the waiting list. Parents who wish their child’s name to be included on the Y7 waiting list after September must inform the school in writing or by email during the month of September.

Boys (including new and late applications) are ranked on the waiting lists according to the admissions criteria.





Late Applications

Late applications will be considered by the governors and included in the admissions procedure at the point when they are received. Parents should be aware that Local Authorities have their own rules and procedures for late applications and may refuse to process some late applications.

Appeals

Parents of boys who are not offered a place at Wimbledon College have the statutory right of appeal. Appeals are heard by an independent panel. The decision of the panel is final.

The Honesty of the Application

Any false or deliberately misleading information given on the common application form or Wimbledon College supplementary information form or in supporting papers, or any relevant information withheld, may lead to the withdrawal of a place, even after the child has started at the school.

Information and Assistance

Wimbledon College is committed to fairness and transparency in the way it operates its admissions procedures. Parents are invited to contact the school to discuss their situation and to obtain help in applying, especially if they are disabled or have difficulties of language or are not familiar with schools admissions.

The Supplementary Information Form

The supplementary information form is used by Wimbledon College to assess whether an applicant meets the admissions criteria. If you do not wish the criteria relating to Catholic practice to be considered in your son's case, you may choose not to submit the supplementary information form. You must submit the common application form to your Local Authority





Uniform

Wimbledon College has a school uniform, including requirements for PE and Games kit. All pupils are required to conform to the uniform rules which include haircuts and general appearance.

School Fund

Parents, the Jesuit Community and friends and benefactors provide extensive and generous financial support for the school. In recent years, parents have given over £120k to the School Fund each year. The Jesuit Community has contributed over £150k each year. These funds are used to support the wide range of chaplaincy, sporting, dramatic, musical and other extra-curricular activities and to ensure our Grade II listed buildings are kept in good order. There is no requirement to contribute to the School Fund. However, we ask parents to be aware that Catholic Voluntary Aided schools are still required to find 10% of their capital costs from the Catholic community and Wimbledon College could not continue to operate without that voluntary support.

School Roll

There are currently 1264 pupils in the school including 265 boys in the Sixth Form (September 2010).

In each year group, pupils are generally taught in seven sets of 28 to 30 boys.

We admit 199 boys into Figures (Y7) each year.





School Information

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Wimbledon College is a Roman Catholic voluntary aided comprehensive school under the trusteeship of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

The Local Authority (LA) for the school is the London Borough of Merton. The DfE school number is 315/4701

Enquiries

Enquiries about admissions should be made to the Registrar:

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