



Wimbledon College

Religious Practice and Priest's Reference Form for admissions in 2024

Part 1

This form must be completed for all applicants who wish to have their applications considered under the **baptised and practising Catholic criteria**. This part of the application form is for you to state your son's religious practice if he is a Catholic. **When you have completed Part 1 of the form you then need to ask your priest to complete Part 2.**

Boy's Name

Address

Home Telephone

Parent's Mobile

Current School

Home Parish

Name of parish or church
where boy regularly worships
[Please state if he has more than one]

Parents' Names

Is your son a baptised Catholic?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Does your son attend Mass on
Sundays and Holydays of
Obligation?

☐ Yes, every Sunday and Holyday

☐ Yes, but less frequently than every Sunday and Holyday

☐ No

If there is some serious reason why your son is unable to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays, you are invited to explain the circumstances:

Please give the name and address of a priest of the place where your son usually worships:

Priest's Name
Parish or Chaplaincy
Address

Boy's Name
Address

Part 2:

**Kindly now ask your parish priest who you have nominated to complete this section.
Please ensure that it is signed, stamped and dated.**

The admissions policy for Wimbledon College gives priority to baptised Catholic boys who attend Mass every Sunday and Holyday, followed by those who attend less frequently. It is very important that your statement about this applicant's attendance is reliable. Please only complete this form if you are, with confidence, able to confirm the boy's practice over a substantial length of time.

Is this child well enough known to you such that you are able to make a judgement about his attendance at Mass? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please confirm the practice of this boy: ☐ He attends Mass every Sunday and Holyday
☐ He attends Mass less frequently than every Sunday and Holyday
☐ He does not attend Mass

If there is anything further you wish to add which would explain or clarify the boy's religious affiliation or practice, please do so below:

Priest's Signature:

Date:

Priest's Name:

Parish:

Please include the Parish Stamp

Please now upload this fully completed form (preferably saved as a PDF document) via Applica
Thank you

Addendum

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark the governing body of Wimbledon College has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted in light of the suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass between 18th March 2020 and 4th June 2022.

As of the 5th June 2022, Pentecost, the Bishops of England and Wales reinstated the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Parents applying for a place at Wimbledon College, under a faith-based criteria will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form and Religious Practice and Priest's Reference Form. Evidence of practice will be measured by frequency of attendance at Mass as validated by either a priest or minister, as was the case prior to 18th March 2020. These arrangements apply to the admissions round for 2023 and subsequent rounds

Supplementary Information Form Checklist

Please make sure you submit the following with your on line application by 31 October 2023:

- Baptismal certificate (for Catholic applicants) to be uploaded via Applica
- The Religious Practice and Priest's Reference Form (for Catholic applicants only)
To be completed, stamped and signed by your parish priest and uploaded via Applica
- If you are applying under special circumstances, our Admissions Criteria no. 2, **you must upload a letter of explanation and at least one letter of support from a professional person competent to comment on those circumstances** (see the *Admissions Policy* for more details)