

## LORETO COLLEGE

### DETERMINED SIXTH FORM CRITERIA SEPTEMBER 2023

The Sixth Form at Loreto St Albans is coeducational and we welcome applications from female and male students. Places will be made available to all current students at the school who meet the entry requirements. We also have a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 40 external students for entry into the Sixth Form. The Governors will therefore admit up to this number of external applicants each year who meet the entry requirements. Should the number of external applicants exceed 40 the Governors will use the oversubscription criteria to decide who is offered a place.

#### **Entry Requirements:**

To embark on a course of three A Level examinations, you will normally have at least five GCSE passes, including English and Maths, at grade 5 or above.

You should aim to have a minimum grade 6 at GCSE for those subjects that you wish to study at Advanced Level.

#### **Oversubscription Criteria:**

- Priority 1      Looked after girls and previously looked after girls including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England, and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted or became subject to a Child Arrangement Order or special guardianship order) immediately following having been looked after.
- Priority 2      Applicants with a sibling who is, or was, a pupil at the school.
- Priority 3      Baptised Catholic applicants.
- Priority 4      All other applicants.

## **Explanatory Notes:**

The following definitions shall apply:

(a) A "looked after" girl is a girl who is:

- a) in the care of a local authority, or
- b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (section 22(1) of The Children Act 1989).

All children adopted from care who are of compulsory school age are eligible for admission under Priority 1.

Children in the process of being placed for adoption are classified by law as children looked after providing there is a Placement Order and the application would be prioritised under Priority 1.

Children who were not "looked after" **immediately** before being adopted, or made the subject of a child arrangement order or special guardianship order, **will not** be prioritised under Priority 1.

Child Arrangements Order - under the provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amended section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangements orders which settle the arrangements to be made as to the person with whom the child is to live.

Special guardianship order – under 14A of The Children Act 1989, an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian or guardians.

Children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted will be prioritised under Priority 1 if the child's previously looked status and adoption is confirmed by Hertfordshire's "Virtual School".

The child's previously looked status will be decided in accordance with the definition outlined in The Children & Social Work Act 2017:

- i) to have been in state care in a place outside England and Wales because he or she would not otherwise have been cared for adequately, and
- ii) to have ceased to be in that state care as a result of being adopted.

A child is in "state care" if he or she is in the care of, or accommodated by –

- a) a public authority;
- b) a religious organisation, or
- c) any other organisation the sole or main purpose of which is to benefit society.

(b) 'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a Certificate of Baptism in a Catholic church or a Certificate of Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this Policy this includes a looked after child who is part of a Catholic family where a priest states that the child would have been baptised or received if it were not for their status as a looked after child (e.g. a looked after child in the process of adoption by a Catholic family).

(c) A sibling is defined as: the sister, brother, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, child of the parent/carer or partner or a child looked after or previously looked after and in every case living permanently in a placement within the home as part of the family household from Monday to Friday at the time of this application.

If a place is obtained for an older child using fraudulent information, there will be no sibling connection available to subsequent children from that family.