



THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD
A Catholic Academy for Girls aged 11-19 in the Diocese of Brentwood
Entry Criteria for Admission to Year 12 in September 2026



The school operates a sixth form for a total of 180 pupils. 90 places overall will be available in year 12. While the admission number is 90, if fewer than 90 of the school's existing pupils transfer into year 12, additional external pupils will be admitted until year 12 meets its capacity of 90.

Both internal and external pupils wishing to enter the sixth form will be expected to have met the same minimum academic entry requirements for the sixth form. These are that pupils will have achieved at least 5 9*-5 GCSEs.

In addition to the sixth form's minimum academic entry requirements pupils will need to satisfy minimum entrance requirements to the courses for which they are applying. If either internal or external applicants fail to meet the minimum course requirements, they will be given the option of pursuing any alternative courses for which they do meet the minimum academic requirements. Course requirements are published annually in the school's prospectus and website.

When year 12 is undersubscribed, all applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements will be admitted or permitted to progress.

When there are more external applicants that satisfy any academic entry requirements, priority will be given in accordance with the oversubscription criteria set out below.

The Ursuline Academy Ilford is a Catholic secondary school for girls which provides education for Catholics and children of other faith or no faith backgrounds.

Applicants and their parents will be invited to visit the school for advice on available options and entry requirements for different courses.

Oversubscription criteria for external students

In the event of oversubscription, the following priority order will be applied:

- a. Looked after and previously looked after children¹
- b. Other applicants

Tie-breaker

The tie-breaker is the distance from the front door of the student's home address (including flats) to the school's main entrance, with those living nearest being given priority. Distance will be measured along the shortest walking route by public roads and recognised safe footpaths, using Google geographical mapping system. In using distance as a tie-breaker, should there be more than one applicant for a final place living at an identical distance from the school, lots will be drawn to decide how the place will be allocated.

¹ “Looked after” children and children previously looked after. A looked after child is in the care of a Local Authority as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989. Previously looked after children are children who were looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order).

If you have any questions regarding the admissions process for Year 12, please email admissions@uai.org.uk .