



Extra funding & additional places



St. Mary's has managed to secure modest additional funding from Hertfordshire in return for offering another 'bulge' year 7 in September 2019, subject to demand. In order to secure Herts' funding, the extra places are required to be provided for all 3 admission areas as below. Whilst the extra places do make a small adjustment to the percentages within our admissions criteria 4, each area benefits from extra places. Also, crucially, if any extra places aren't used by one area they will be given to other areas, as happens presently.

Admissions areas	Extra places (compared to normal)
Bishop's Stortford & surrounding areas	16
Lea Valley	10
Other areas	5

This is **good news** – meaning more money for all current & future students, and potentially more places for all areas.

One other change is that we are proposing to remove the Certificate of Catholic Practise, for the simple reason that with 186 places we would expect to normally place all Catholic applicants, whether they have a Certificate or not.

Please support the necessary changes to our 2019 Admissions Policy which will secure this extra funding. Please do so by responding to the consultation detailed on our website: www.stmarys.net/admissions

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