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**BRISTOL CATHEDRAL
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Admissions Information & Frequently Asked Questions

Application Form - please read the admission arrangements 2021/22 before submitting an application for Bristol Cathedral Choir School (BCCS).

How do I apply for a place at BCCS for my child?

Simply complete the Common Application Form (CAF) provided and administered by your home local authority. (This will be where you pay your Council Tax).

The CAF normally opens mid-September on your local authority website and must be submitted by 31st October 2020. Please make sure you name Bristol Cathedral Choir School as a preference of secondary school on this form.

It is my intention to name BCCS as the first preference on the CAF. Will this be taken into consideration?

No. Only the local authority is aware of parents/carers' preference choices. We consider all applications irrespective of preference choice against the published oversubscription criteria, in order of priority, as set out in the admission arrangements. The local authority will endeavour to offer you a secondary school place at your highest preference where there is a place available. Note that your **highest** preference where there is a place available may not be your first preference.

Is there any sort of test or entrance exam?

No, there are no tests for general admission. The only test is the optional music aptitude assessment test for those applicants seeking a music specialism place.

When will I know if my child has been offered a place?

Offers for September 2021 entry will be made by your home local authority not the school on the first working day on or after 1st March 2021. This is the national offer date.

Oversubscription Criteria

Do you need to attend Church to apply to BCCS?

No. The school is a Church of England faith school but we accept applications from families of all faiths and none. Faith is not an oversubscription criterion for the School.

I live close to BCCS and I know children who live further away from my address who attend BCCS, does this mean my child will be offered a place?

No, BCCS does not have a catchment or priority area. All applicants will be considered against the published oversubscription criteria, in order of priority, as set out in the admission arrangements 2021/22 including random allocation from the Bristol postcode areas BS1 to BS16. Distance to school or ease of journey is not taken into consideration.

I have twins applying for Year 7 entry. If one is offered a place will the other be offered?

Yes, and if children of multiple births (twins and triplets) are tied for the final place, those siblings will be admitted over PAN.

My child is applying for year 7 and has a sibling who attends Cathedral Primary School; will he/she be considered under the sibling criterion?

No, in order to be considered under the sibling criterion your child would have to have an older sibling who is on roll at BCCS in year 7 to year 11 at the time of application (see definition below):

Pupils who, on the date of application, will have a sibling on roll at Bristol Cathedral Choir School (Year 7 to Year 11). The term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted, step brother or sister, but not cousins or other family members. A sibling must be living permanently with the applicant at the same

address at the date of their application. The school may require proof of relationship and/or proof of residence. The applicant's address is not taken into consideration under this criterion.

My child is applying for year 7 and has a sibling who attends the 6th Form at BCCS; will he/she be considered under the sibling criterion?

No, in order to be considered under the sibling criterion your child would have to have an older sibling who is on roll at BCCS in year 7 to year 11 (see definition below):

Pupils who, on the date of application, will have a sibling on roll at Bristol Cathedral Choir School (Year 7 to Year 11). The term "sibling" means a full, half, adopted, step brother or sister, but not cousins or other family members. A sibling must be living permanently with the applicant at the same address at the date of their application. The school may require proof of relationship and/or proof of residence. The applicant's address is not taken into consideration under this criterion.

My child has a sibling at BCCS will he/she be guaranteed a place?

Only if there are not more siblings than there are places available. If there are more siblings than places, then random allocation will be used as a tiebreaker to determine who will be offered the places available.

Music Specialism

To find out about Music Specialism and how to apply please click on the link below; [How to apply for a Music Specialism place](#)