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Dear parents and carers,

As you know the results of the Wirral assessments are sent to parents by **21st October 2019**. These are normally done via email but, in some cases, they are backed up with a letter. The results for St Anselm's and Upton Hall are delivered in a similar way and around a similar date.

This year the authority has decided that headteachers will not be informed of the results. Headteachers will no longer be given the opportunity to make written academic representation, in early October, for the children who have underperformed on the assessment and not met the standard. This was previously known as the IAB (Independent Assessment Board). This means that any child who, in the opinion of parents and supported by school, has underperformed in the assessment, would have their case heard by an appeal panel from May 2020.

### **Secondary School preference forms must be completed by 31 October 2019**

By this date, all online applications and preference forms must be returned via the authority website. Parents of children who have met the standard in the entrance examinations are entitled to put those schools (both authority and Catholic) **in order of preference**. Many schools will tell you that you should put their school first if you want to be considered for a place. This is owing to the fact that many schools, particularly the grammars are oversubscribed. If they are oversubscribed (ie more applicants than available places) then they will utilise a list of criteria. The criteria for Calday, West Kirby and Wirral Grammar Schools does vary slightly but normally priority is given to eligible children with a sibling already at the school or eligible children living in the locality.

For Upton Grammar School, places are offered strictly in accordance with the order of merit based on the results achieved in the Entrance Examination and according to the following priorities:

1. Baptised Roman Catholic girls (including any girl who was baptised a Christian and can demonstrate that she has subsequently been admitted to the Roman Catholic Church).
2. Girls, who have not been baptised into the Roman Catholic Church, whose parents wish them to have a Roman Catholic education.

For St Anselms, this is:

1. Baptised Catholic boys, living in the relevant area (defined as Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester and any other areas within 5 miles of the College).



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2. Baptised Christian, non-Catholic boys, living in the relevant area.
3. Non-Catholic boys whose parents wish them to have a Catholic education

**To read the specifics of the admissions criteria for each school, please visit the website for the school.**

If a child has not met the standard, then parents cannot put the selective schools on the preference form and must choose a non-selective school. In the event of a successful appeal, a selective school offered will supersede the previous offer.

**Time line of deadlines:  
2 March 2020**

Email offers are sent to online applicants.  
Offers of school places for paper form applicants are posted second class on this date.

**10 March 2020**

Reply slips or online acceptances to be returned by this date.

**31 March 2020**

Appeals to be submitted by this date.

**May to July 2020**

Appeals to be heard and decided.  
Kind regards,

Should you have any queries regarding assessment results or preference forms, or wish to share anything with us, Mr Ashton and myself will be available via email during the half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway  
Headteacher