

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Fair Banding Assessment - Registration reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to remind any parent who wishes for their child to be considered for a place at Trinity Academy St Edward's in the 2024 academic year to register their child for the Fair Banding assessment. If you have already registered your child for the assessment, you should have received an email confirming registration.

The assessment is not a traditional entrance exam which children either pass or fail. It is done to ensure that our intake exactly matches the ability profile of the children applying. To achieve this, all children are invited to take a nonverbal reasoning, multiple choice assessment to allocate children into four ability bands.

We will admit the required number from each band based on the spread of ability of those applying and following the normal admissions criteria. Parents/carers of children who sit the fair banding assessment will be informed of their child's band prior to the national deadline for secondary school applications.

If you want to ensure that your child will be considered for a place at Trinity Academy St Edward's they will be required to sit the assessment. This can either be done at your child's primary school, with whom we are working with to arrange, or on our assessment day at Trinity Academy St Edward's on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Details of where your child will sit the assessment (at their primary school or at Trinity Academy St Edward's) will be communicated to parents on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, when the deadline for registration closes.

Please register your child for the assessment using this link. https://forms.office.com/e/7gH5b0xD5Q

If you have any queries regarding the fair banding process, please feel free to contact us at admissions@stedwards.trinitymat.org.

Yours faithfully

Mark Allen Principal

"The one who gets wisdom loves life; the one who cherishes understanding will soon prosper." Proverbs 19:8

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