

# CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' CONFERENCE

website: [www.cisc.uk.net](http://www.cisc.uk.net)

## Objects

The CISC exists to:

- promote the work of 140 Catholic independent schools throughout the UK;
- give and coordinate support and advice to member schools;
- organise activities for member schools including an annual conference, retreats and study days;
- represent the interests of CISC schools as appropriate;
- provide a help line for those seeking a Catholic Independent School for their children.

## Schools

There are 140 schools currently in membership of the CISC. Schools in membership include day and boarding schools, single-sex and co-educational, senior and junior schools and special schools.

## Membership

There are two categories of Members: **Full Members** and **Associate Members**.

### Full Members

Full Members may be invited by the Committee to take up membership. He/She will be the Head or Principal of a school which satisfies the following seven conditions:

- (a) The school shall be recognised by the local Catholic bishop as being Catholic.
- (b) The school shall have been recognised as a charitable foundation by the Charity Commissioners.
- (c) The school shall be independent.
- (d) The school shall be in the United Kingdom.
- (e) The school will have been subjected to a nationally accredited inspection and found to be in good standing.
- (f) The expectation is that the head of the school will be a practising Catholic. Where governors appoint a head who is not a Catholic CISC will expect governors to provide training and support for the head to enable the head to lead a Catholic school, and will assist them in so doing.
- (g) Full members only attend the AGM.

### Associate Members

Associate Members may be invited by the Chairman to take up membership, but do not attend the AGM.

The following are eligible for associate membership:

- (a) Heads of proprietary-owned schools, which meet the conditions of Full Membership apart from not being recognised by the Charity Commissioners as a charitable foundation.
- (b) Retired full Members.
- (c) Catholics, and other Christians, who are in sympathy with the aims of CISC.
- (d) Heads of Foundation or Voluntary-Aided Schools, which meet the conditions of Full Membership, apart from not being recognised by the Charity Commissioners as a charitable foundation.
- (e) Heads of Catholic Independent Schools outside the United Kingdom.

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