



Admission Arrangements for Sixth Form 2024-2025 Entry Wallington County Grammar School November 2023

Introductory Statement

The Admissions Authority for Wallington County Grammar School is the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

Wallington County Grammar School is an 11 - 18 selective school for boys and accepts girls into its Sixth Form. Our motto is *Per Ardua Ad Summa*, 'Through Difficulties to the Heights' and coming to school here as a student or professional means that we reach those heights daily by being part of such a successful educational organisation. What makes us great is that we meet life's difficulties together, as a community and a family, using our core values of compassion, courage, commitment and creativity to achieve excellence. We believe that we should always show compassion to others, making decisions without self-interest and supporting all those in our community to be happy and successful. We must have courage, never being afraid of failure but embracing it to learn from our mistakes and better ourselves. We are committed, not just to reaching academic success but to enriching ourselves as scholars, sportsmen and women, artists, musicians, actors, debaters and anything else we set our minds to.

Finally we are creative, always being willing to consider different solutions and think deeply about the challenges we face as individuals and as a society. Our admissions criteria are designed to support students from a wide range of different backgrounds to gain access to the world class education that we provide.

Application Process

Wallington County Grammar School provides a selective Sixth Form, admitting male and female students based on their GCSE, IGCSE or equivalent qualifications (if necessary, converting IGCSEs to GCSE point scores using the latest DfE guidance). We do not accept BTEC qualifications as a GCSE equivalent or GCSE Short Courses. A student with overseas qualifications should contact UK ENIC at www.enic.org.uk for a Statement of Comparability to give official approval that the qualifications taken overseas are of the equivalent standard, and can be converted to GCSE grades by the Senior Leadership Team at Wallington County Grammar School to give an indicative Average Point Score (APS) and to be placed into the rank order of all external applicants.

All applicants for whom Wallington County Grammar School (WCGS) is the named School on their Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP), will be given priority if they reach the minimum entry requirements for Sixth Form entry.

Students of Sixth Form age may make their own application for a place in our Sixth Form. External applicants wishing to apply for our Sixth Form who reach our minimum entry requirements, are asked to complete an online Application Form via our website from GCSE Results Day in August 2024 until the end of the following School day to apply for our Sixth Form during the 'normal' round of admissions.

By this end date all applications will be ranked by average point score of a students' top 8 GCSEs and places will be offered in accordance with our Admissions Criteria. After this date, external applicants may still complete an online Application Form via our website to apply for a place in our Sixth Form and this will be classed as a 'late' application. All late applications will be ranked by Average Point Score (APS) when they are received. All further offers of places for our Sixth Form will be made to the applicant with the highest APS (which is the Rank Order referred to later in this document), regardless of when they applied. Unsuccessful applicants and their parents/carers have the right of appeal.

The School complies with all relevant legislation, including Sex Discrimination Act, Race Relations Acts, Human Rights Act, Disability Discrimination Acts, Equality Act and these arrangements have been consulted on and then determined in accordance with the statutory requirements and the mandatory provisions of the School Admissions Code of 2021.

Once an online application is made, an automated acknowledgement will be emailed to the email address provided by the applicant confirming receipt of the application. The school is unable to routinely give out information on rank or status of applications

If you do not hear from the school this means that your application is being held on a ranked waiting list but we are as yet unable to make an offer of a place.

Please be advised that if an application from an external student is unsuccessful, the school will write to you to inform you of this, but this is only likely to happen when we know that no further offers of Sixth Form places are likely to be made. Therefore it is likely that this email will only be sent out in the second or even the third week of the new term.

Minimum Entry Requirements

The minimum entry requirements to study in our Sixth Form are to have achieved 8 GCSEs:

- three of which are a minimum of Grade 7 and;
- three of which are at a minimum of Grade 6 and;
- two of which are at a minimum of Grade 5 and;
- to have achieved a minimum of Grade 4 in English Language AND Mathematics.

Out of Date Range Students

If an applicant is out of the normal date range for the intake of students for that chronological year, the school asks that supporting documentation is provided no later than two months before any application is made to our Sixth Form. The expected date range of Sixth Form students for entry into Year 12 in 2024 is 01/09/2007 to 31/08/2008.

This supporting documentation should at least provide evidence from a professional to confirm why the student is out of the expected date range. When such a request is made, the Local Governing Body will make a decision on the basis of the circumstances of the case and in the best interests of the child concerned, taking into account the views of the Headteacher and any supporting evidence provided by the parent, plus:

- Parents' / carers views
- Information relating to the child's academic, social and emotional development, where relevant
- Medical history and the views of a medical professional
- Any previous history of being educated outside of their normal age group
- If the child may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely or being summer born & start of school was deferred

Other General Information

Wallington County Grammar School will accept a minimum of 25 external applicants into our Sixth Form (taking us from 150 in the year group to 175), but this number is more likely to be in the region of 35-50 places offered each year (as a small number of our Y11 students do not progress to our sixth form).

Oversubscription Criteria

In the event that the number of eligible applications exceeds the number of places available, the following oversubscription criteria will apply, in the order set out below:

1. Those progressing from Year 11 at Wallington County Grammar School.
2. A Looked After Child (LAC) or Previously Looked After Child (PLAC), but immediately after being looked after became subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A Looked After Child (LAC) is a child who is (a) in the care of a Local Authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

A Previously Looked After Child (PLAC) includes children who appear to the Admissions Authority to have been in state care outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of, or were accommodated by, a public authority, a religious organisation, or any other provider of care whose sole main purpose is to benefit society.

3. Those progressing from Year 11 at other schools in Rank Order of academic performance.

Notes

Rank Order

In the event that two or more applicants have the same rank order and where the admission would exceed the number of places available, preference will be given to students who are eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) through their current school during GCSE examinations.

Thereafter, places will be allocated in the order of the distance of their home postcode from the main pedestrian entrance of Wallington County Grammar School measured in a straight line on a map. If two

students lived the same distance from the school and have the same rank order, then a random allocation will be made by an independent person.

Home Address

The home address is where a child normally lives. Where a child lives with parents with shared parental responsibility, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using a joint declaration from the parents stating the pattern of residence. If a child's residence is split equally between both parents, then parents will be asked to determine which residential address should be used for the purpose of admission to school. If no joint declaration is received and the residence is split equally by the closing date for applications, the home address will be determined to be the address where the child is registered with the doctor.

However, all evidence will be taken into account. If the residence is not split equally between both parents, then the address used will be the address where the child spends the majority of the school week.

All school admission applications for school places are subject to address checks to ensure school places are allocated fairly and in accordance with published admission arrangements.

Appendix I Course Allocation Procedure

Wallington County Grammar School

May 2024

Please note that our course allocation procedure is not part of our formal admissions arrangements but is determined by the Admissions Committee of Wallington County Grammar School in consultation with the Headmaster. This procedure is not therefore governed by the School Admissions Code.

How many qualifications can I study? Does Further Mathematics count?

Most students will study three qualifications from those listed in the table below.

While Mathematics and Further Mathematics are two separate qualifications, and will be treated as such for UCAS purposes, students will need to study two A Levels in addition to Mathematics and Further Mathematics for both the Lower and Upper Sixth to ensure a suitably broad curriculum.

Only students with four grade 8s and four grade 7s will be allowed to study four A Levels excluding further mathematics and they are also required to attain a grade 8 rather than a grade 7 in the subject specific criteria listed in the table below.

The Extended Project Qualification can only be taken as a fourth or a fifth qualification. It is open to all who are interested subject to a successful application.

Subject Combinations

We cannot guarantee all subject combinations due to options blocking in the timetable.

Appeals

Should there be significant mitigating circumstances to be taken into account when deciding which courses a student is allowed to study at A Level, a digital form is available to inform the School. A decision will then be taken by the Headmaster in consultation with the student, the Director of Sixth Form and subject teachers. This decision is final and there is no right of further appeal.

| Subject Specific Requirements | |
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| Art | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Art |
| Biology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Biology or ● Grade 8 in Double Award Science or ● Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science |
| Chemistry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry or ● Grade 8 in Double Award Science or ● Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science |
| Classics | <p>If Classics has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Classics or ● Grade 6 in Classics and Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature or History <p>If Classics has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature or History |
| Computer Science | <p>If Computer Science has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science <p>If Computer Science has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in Mathematics |
| Drama | <p>If Drama has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Drama <p>If Drama has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in English Literature |
| Economics | <p>If Economics has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Economics or ● Grade 6 in Economics and Grade 7 in Mathematics and Grade 7 in either English Language or English Literature <p>If Economics has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in Mathematics and Grade 7 in either English Language or English Literature |
| English Literature | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE English Literature |
| Extended Project Qualification | Students should apply to Dr Meek in a letter of application outlining their preferred area of study. |
| French | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE French |
| Geography | <p>If Geography has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 7 in GCSE Geography |

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| | <p>If Geography has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature and a Grade 7 in a Science GCSE, whether Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Combined Science |
| History | <p>If History has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE History <p>If History has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature or Classics |
| Latin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Latin |
| Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics |
| Further Mathematics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics <p>If an additional qualification from the list below has been studied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 in AQA Further Mathematics or • Grade B in FSMQ Additional Mathematics or • Grade B in a Level 3 qualification with high algebra content e.g. C1, C2, AS Mathematics <p>Further Mathematics can only be studied in addition to Mathematics A Level.</p> <p>Students choosing Further Mathematics will be enrolled onto the AS Further Mathematics course. At the end of the Lower Sixth, and based partly on UCAS examinations, those demonstrating a good grasp of this challenging subject will be offered the chance to change this to a full A Level course.</p> |
| Music | <p>If Music has been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Music <p>If Music has not been studied at GCSE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 5 or above on an instrument/voice and Grade 5 in Music theory. |
| Philosophy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE RS or English Language or English Literature or History or Classics |
| Physics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Physics or • Grade 8 in Double Award Science or • Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science |
| Politics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE History or Classics or English Language or English Literature |
| Spanish | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish |