

Admission Arrangements for 2021 Entry Year 7

Wallington County Grammar School, Sutton

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Introductory Statement

The Admissions Authority for Wallington County Grammar School is Folio Education Trust. The admissions function has been delegated by Folio Education Trust to the Local Advisory Board of Wallington County Grammar School.

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 gain access to the world class education that we provide.

Admission Number

The School admits 150 boys into Year 7 each year on the basis of their ability. Included in this number are all boys for whom Wallington County Grammar School (WCGS) is the named School on their Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) and who meet the School's Admission Criteria.

Boys will be regarded of selective ability according to their performance in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). In the event that the number of eligible applications exceeds the number of places available an oversubscription criteria will apply.

See Notes for more information regarding the SET.

Application Process

The School will form part of the coordinated admissions process and so those interested will have to complete a Common Application Form (CAF) which will ask for choices of schools in preference order.

The closing date for completion of the CAF is 31st October 2020.

The Selective Eligibility Test has been moved from 15th September 2020 to 11 November 2020. This is due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, parents should be aware that they will not know the outcome of the SET when completing their CAF.

In the event of a further lockdown preventing the test taking place on this date, we will post the revised test date on the school's website as soon as it is known.

Please ensure that if you are interested in our School, you list WCGS as a preference on your CAF.

Only boys who then pass the SET and reach the WCGS pass mark will be considered for a place at our School.

Offers will be made on 1st March 2021, also known as National Offer Day.

Oversubscription Criteria

1. Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC)

Looked After Children (LAC) and Previously Looked After Children (PLAC), but immediately after being looked after become subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.

A Looked After Child 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).

2. Selective Eligibility Test (SET)

In rank order of performance in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). The total number of places awarded under criteria 1 and 2, together with those with the School named in an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) will not initially exceed 110.

See Notes for more detail regarding the SET.

3. Pupil Premium (PP)

In rank order of performance in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). Up to 25 places for those boys who are successful in reaching the WCGS pass mark from the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) and are eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) through their current school at the time of registering for the Selective

Eligibility Test (SET). Any unfilled places in this criterion on National Offer Day and thereafter will be filled by criterion 2.

See Notes for more detail regarding the SET and Pupil Premium (PP).

4. Sutton Post Codes

In rank order of performance in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). Up to 15 places for those boys who are successful in reaching the WCGS pass mark from the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) where the permanent Home Address is one of the postcodes SM1, SM2, SM3, SM4, SM5, SM6, SM7, KT4 8--, CR0 4 --, and CR4 4 --, at the time of Common Application Form (CAF) submission deadline. Any unfilled places in this criterion on National Offer Day and thereafter will be filled by criterion 2.

See Notes for detail regarding SET and Home Address.

5. Children of permanent staff

Children of permanent staff at Wallington County Grammar School who have been recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skill shortage as determined by Folio Education Trust or those who have worked at the School for 2 consecutive years or more.

If you are a member of staff working at this School and you wish to make an application to this School for your child, please ensure the Admissions Officer (or equivalent member of staff) is contacted and informed of your wish to use this oversubscription criteria. Please be aware of any conditions that may apply (such as the need to pass any entrance tests).

Please note:

The school will pass more boys than we have places for to take into account the number of students taking the test who may also be interested in other selective places at alternative grammar schools.

Success in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) does not mean a place at Wallington County Grammar School will be offered as we pass many more boys than we have places for.

Tie-break

In the event two or more boys have the same rank order and where the admission would exceed the number of places available, places will be allocated in the order of the distance of their homes from the main pedestrian entrance of Wallington County Grammar School measured in a straight line on a map. If 2 students lived the same distance from the school, then a random allocation will be made by an independent person.

Admission of children outside their normal age group

Parents/carers may request that their child is admitted outside of their normal age group. To do so, parents/carers should provide supporting documentation at the time of registering for the Selective Eligibility Test (SET), specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested.

For example, a summer born child who deferred the start of schooling will always have been out of date range with their year group and supporting documentation will be requested when the parent/carer registers online for the child to sit the Selective Eligibility Test.

If the child then reaches the Wallington County School pass mark from the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) and the parent/carer lists our School on the Common Application Form (CAF), then the Parents/Carers are asked to submit supporting information to the School about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously been educated out of their normal age group and whether they may naturally have fallen into a lower age group if it were not for being born prematurely.

When such a request is made, the Local Advisory Board 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

Waiting lists

If a boy is eligible to be considered for a place at our School but is not offered a place (as long as the school place being offered to you is a lower preference on your CAF than where you listed Wallington County Grammar School), your son's details will be placed on a waiting list until 31st December 2021. This waiting list is ranked in accordance with our Admissions Criteria. If a place at our School becomes available in Year 7 between 1st March and 31st December 2021, the next eligible boy on the ranked waiting list will be offered the place without having to sit a further Entrance Examination.

On 31st December 2021 the ranked waiting list will be cancelled and boys will have to sit a further Entrance Examination if a vacancy were to arise. Therefore, parents wishing their son to take the Entrance Examination after 31st December 2021, should a vacancy arise, should write to their home Local Authority by 31st December 2021 stating their wish and providing their son's name, date of birth, and the name of their current school. Parents whose son is not on the Entrance Examination waiting list but wish them to be so, must apply for mid-term admission through the London Borough of Sutton.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place have a right of appeal to an independent appeal panel constituted and operated in accordance with the School Admission Appeals Code.

The right to appeal is to an Independent Appeal Panel set up in accordance with section 85(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Appeals must be made in writing and the appellants must set out the reasons on which the appeal is based.

Information on how to appeal is available on the Wallington County Grammar School website.

Notes

Selective Eligibility Test (SET):

The Selective Eligibility Test is a generic entrance test used by Wallington County Grammar School and the other selective schools in the Borough of Sutton. See the Wallington County Grammar School's website at www.wcgs-sutton.co.uk for further information.

There are no alternative dates to sit the SET except in the case of illness or family emergency on the day of the test (a medical certificate will be required), or other reasons relating to Covid-19 such as self isolation due to illness or exposure to someone who is ill or local protective measures which prevents the child from being able to attend the test centre on the test day (supporting evidence may be required).

If your child sits the Selective Eligibility Test as an out of normal date range student, please be advised that there will be no other opportunity for him to sit the Selective Eligibility test at any other time in future years.

Pupil Premium (PP):

If your child is successful in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) you are asked to provide proof/verification from your child's primary School confirming that your child was receiving Pupil Premium (PP) at the time of registering for the Selective Eligibility Test.

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. In some cases, where distance is a relevant factor in admission decisions, a different address may be used if a family unit owns or has access to another property.

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.

These checks will be conducted by the home Local Authority; where a fraudulent address or an address of convenience are found to have been used, the application and any subsequent offer may be withdrawn.

Applicants living outside of England may only submit an application if they have a linked address within the Local Authority area, and documentary evidence must be supplied to show they will return to the address prior to the September in the year of entry; this address must not be an address of convenience.

If parents/carers wish to discuss their circumstances prior to making their application, they should contact their home Local Authority.