



Wellington
SCHOOL



YEAR 7

EXCELLENCE IS ONLY THE BEGINNING



Welcome to Year 7...

Year 7 is the main entry point into Wellington School and pupils join us from local Primary and Prep Schools as well as from our own Prep School.

Pupils come into the Lower School which spans Years 7 and 8 and are supported by a dedicated Head of Year 7 and 8. Pupils enter one of 6 mixed houses which span the whole school from Year 7 to Sixth Form, so they immediately get absorbed into the life of the School. The girls and boys share an enormous common room where they can relax, socialise and study. Mixed common rooms encourage interaction and friendship.

There are many inter-house competitions, including singing and sporting activities and a hotly contested end of year cup –the Norman Cup – for the house with the most cumulative points throughout the year.

There is a wealth of pastoral support and each house has a team of tutors, so pupils will be in a small tutor group of about 10, with a designated tutor who will meet with them daily and supervise, guide and mentor them throughout the year.



**Embrace
Complexity**

**Spark
Connections**

**Lead
Together**

Act Today

Excellence is only the beginning



Admissions

Entry to Wellington School at Year 7 is by assessment in the January preceding entry in the following September. This is an online assessment which assesses a range of skills including English proficiency and non-verbal and quantitative reasoning. It will not be possible to prepare for this test and it will be completed at Wellington School on our assessment day. In addition, there will be a short, informal interview. There will also be some activities and games which help us identify personal strengths not evident in tests. We hope these will also add an additional dimension to the entry process and be a fun way of meeting some new friends and staff.

Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarships are offered for those pupils who show outstanding ability in the following:

- Academic
- Sport
- Music
- Drama
- Performing Arts
- Art
- Design Technology

Scholarships are awarded following assessments. For those who excel, scholarships can be up to 20% of fees and pupil performance is reviewed annually.

Means tested bursaries are also available.

Further details of application and criteria can be found in this booklet

The Curriculum

The School aims to stimulate pupils' curiosity and to instil in them a life-long interest in learning. Traditional subjects are taught by experienced and inspiring subject-specialist teachers.

Pupils coming into Year 7 embark upon a rich curriculum with a wide range of subjects. In addition to the traditional subjects such as English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, Geography and RS, all pupils study French, Spanish and courses in Computer Science, Digital Literacy and AI.

At Year 8 pupils will also have the opportunity to study German or continue with French. All pupils will also study Music, Art, Drama, DT and Sport and Wellbeing as well as PSHE in both Year 7 and 8.

All pupils are taught in a class of around 20 pupils, in which they study all their subjects, with the exception of Mathematics for which they are set.



Co-curricular Activities

In Year 7, there is an extensive range of lunchtime and after school activities to choose from. In addition to a huge array of sporting and musical opportunities, there are such diverse options as swimming, Mindfulness, computer science, robotics, touch-typing, caving, climbing, performance art, textiles, chess and even biological drawing.

There are regular Lower School discos to get everyone up and dancing, which are always joyous occasions.

There are many homework clubs and quiet library time, so pupils who wish to do their prep can focus on that within a structured environment.



Music

There is a rich tradition of music within the School and a range of over 45 different bands, ensembles and choirs to participate in. Whatever your choice of instrument or genre of music, there is a group to suit you, including our robed Chapel Choir, boy pop groups, girls' singing ensembles, brass group, string quartet, Big Band, chamber orchestra, clarinet choir and many more. There are extensive opportunities to perform each term in small intimate concerts, recitals, large concerts and informal supper performances as well as lunchtime concerts and busking opportunities. The facilities are superb and include a recording studio and iMac suite for composition. We have a unique Music 3-18 structure which encourages music making across the school and we have an array of Bosendorfer and Yamaha pianos to use for practice and performance.



Art & Design

Our inspirational Art Department provides a blank canvas for pupils to express themselves through a range of techniques. From conventional drawing and painting to textiles, photography, film-making, ceramics and graphic design, each pupils' interpretation will be unique. Our state of the art Design Technology Department has a laser cutter, 3D printer, forge and workshops which offer the chance to experiment with many techniques and skills.



Sport & Physical Health

All the sports staff, coaches and facilities are excellent and pupils can participate in most traditional sports at a high level. We have a strong tradition of pupils at district, county and regional level and we even have some national sporting representatives.

We want to imbue all our pupils with a healthier outlook on life and help them develop the appropriate skills and knowledge for them to maintain an active lifestyle for the rest of their lives.

To that end, whilst we have an extremely strong record of performance sport, we also place emphasis on physical health which includes;

- Physical literacy development / Motor skill competency
- Nutrition
- Leadership skills
- Lifestyle awareness



Outdoor Education

We emphasise the teaching of life skills, reinforced by outdoor expeditions where we take pupils out of their comfort zones.

Our Outdoor Education department offers all our students full access to the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes and the Ten Tors Challenge, as well as running a series of expeditions and experiences for all students from Year 7 upwards with an interest in outdoor challenge.



Pastoral Care

There is an extremely strong pastoral system within the School with a dedicated Head of Year for each year group who will closely monitor day-to-day progress and be an essential point of contact.

Each student is also in a tutor group of about 10, who meet regularly throughout the week. The tutors play a crucial role in overseeing pastoral care and academic progress and is the first point of contact for any issues arising.



Boarding

The boarding community is vibrant, with pupils from a range of different cultural backgrounds. There is a rich programme of weekend activities and trips as well as evening opportunities to socialise and complete prep or school work. Students enter our single sex houses where different age groups have their own living and social areas. There is a strong mentoring programme throughout the school, so older students mentor and guide the younger ones and this is especially strong in the boarding community.



Buses

Our safe and efficient school transport service covers routes throughout Somerset, Devon and Dorset, with the catchment areas for day pupils extending up to 30 miles around Wellington. The transport system runs Monday - Friday, departing from school at 5pm, to enable pupils to take advantage of the busy after school programme,

The School Day

We have buses bringing children in from all around the region which arrive at 8.15am. Lower School assembly, House meetings or tutor groups take place each morning before lessons start at 8.45am. School finishes at 3.45pm and the wide array of activities and clubs take place before the buses leave at 5.00pm.





Scholarships & Entrance

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded in a number of disciplines to students who show ability, potential and the passion to extend themselves and to take advantage of the first-class teaching, coaching and mentoring we provide. Our scholars will benefit from a programme that seeks to nurture and enhance their individual talents whilst also providing them with a full and rounded education. Our expectations for scholars are high and we wish them not only to develop individually, but also to act as role models for their peers and ambassadors for the School.

Scholarships are offered for those students who show outstanding ability in one of the following areas:

- Academic
- Sport
- Music
- Drama
- Performing Arts
- Art
- DT

It is possible to be awarded up to two scholarships – academic and one co-curricular discipline. You may apply for no more than two co-curricular scholarships and we do not award scholarships in two co-curricular disciplines.



Bursaries

Bursaries are available in order to grant access wherever possible to a student who may benefit from a Wellington School education. These are means-tested and may be awarded independently of a scholarship to any student who meets our entrance requirements. Please ask the admissions team for further details.

Expectations of a Scholar

By word and deed, Scholars are expected to approach their studies in a manner which sets an excellent example to other students. They are expected to participate enthusiastically in the academic and co-curricular life of the School and to contribute constructively to our learning environment. They will be expected to contribute outstandingly in their scholarship discipline.

Scholars, regardless of their scholarship discipline, will be expected to maintain high academic standards. Students who do not maintain the appropriate level of academic commitment and attainment will jeopardise their Award. Scholars' performance will be monitored and those who do not meet our expectations, both in terms of effort and achievement, may have their Award terminated or decreased.

It is our expectation that parents will support and encourage their children to work hard and achieve their potential in their chosen areas.

Scholars in disciplines other than academic will be required to meet the School's usual entrance requirements.

Key Dates

Application Deadline: Friday 5th December 2025

Assessment Day: **Saturday 17th January 2026**

Academic Scholarship: **Saturday 17th January 2026**

Sport, Art and DT Scholarships: **Monday 19th January 2026**

Drama, Performing Arts and Music Scholarships:
Tuesday 20th January 2026



Year 7 Entrance and Scholarships 2026

Candidates will be asked to join us at Wellington School on **Saturday 17th January 2026**.

We know that an assessment day can feel like a big step, so we make sure our admissions process is as relaxed and welcoming as possible.

What to expect on the day

Your child will be involved in a mix of activities, which will allow them to show us not just their academic abilities but also their interests, character and potential.

You can find below our entry requirements; it can help to share this with your child in advance so that they know what to expect on the day.

1. **Online assessment** – one hour- covering a range of skills including English proficiency and non-verbal and quantitative reasoning. It is not possible to prepare for this test.
2. **100 words**- one hour- a short piece, handwritten, topic will be given on the day
3. **Lunch**
4. **Team building activities**
5. **Games**



Academic Scholarships

Saturday 17th January 2026

Required standard

A small number of Academic Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who excel in the Entry Assessments.

Applications are invited from bright, enthusiastic individuals who are progressing well academically at their current schools. An inquiring mind and a desire to learn are essential.

Assessment

1. **Excellent results in the online assessment**
2. **Academic interview** – 15 minutes – includes problem-solving in Maths and English

Academic Enrichment Programme

Scholars will be supported in their studies by individual tutors as well as a receiving mentoring from key staff.

Attendance of Academic Enrichment events will include:

Year 7 and 8:

- Academic lecture programme
- STEM opportunities
- Participation in external and internal competitions

Year 9 upwards:

- Coleridge and Raban Societies to encourage debate presentation and research skills.
- Careers dinners and networking events
- Sixth Form leadership sessions
- Oxbridge preparation
- Interview preparation programme



Sport Scholarships

Monday 19th January 2026

Required standard

Sport scholarships are offered for excellence in sport. Candidates should aspire to county level and beyond and ideally be able to offer two sports or more.

A Sport CV must be submitted with an application.



Assessment

1. **Athleticism** - hand/eye coordination, strength, linear speed, running and endurance test
2. **Skill set** - main sports are rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, swimming and athletics
3. **Teamwork**

Sport Enrichment Programme

We have excellent facilities and regularly have students competing at county, regional and national levels in many disciplines. Our coaching team has extensive qualifications and provides varied support and tuition in a range of different sports.

We can offer our sports scholars:

- Access to the Talented Athlete Pathway
- At least 4 hours of additional training per week
- Close links with professional sporting organisations
- A varied and diverse sports programme
- One to one mentoring
- Sleep, diet and wellbeing monitoring via a specialist App
- Specialist Athletic Development support and coaching
- Access to physiotherapy and both prehabilitation and rehabilitation sessions



Music Scholarships

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Required standard

Music scholarships are offered to pupils showing ability, potential and commitment to their instrument, with a passion and musical ambition.

Minimum Associated Board Grade 3 in candidates first instrument.

Candidates may be invited for a pre-audition with the Director of Music if appropriate.

Assessment

1. **One piece on their chosen instrument and one piece on their second instrument** (includes Voice)
2. **Where only one instrument is offered, two contrasting pieces** (includes Voice)
3. **Scales and Arpeggios**
4. **Sight reading**
5. **Aural tests**
6. **Brief interview** about musical interests and experience

Music Enrichment Programme

- Performances with the National Youth Orchestra
- Performances with the National Youth Choir
- Comprehensive tailored annual programme
- Performance opportunities in school and in the community
- Music mentoring scheme
- Concert trips
- Masterclasses
- Workshops



Drama Scholarships

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Required standard

Drama scholarships are offered for excellence, innate talent and potential in Drama.

Candidates should be enthusiastic, engaged and willing to experiment with new ideas, methods and genres.

Pupils should have been involved with drama clubs or societies in previous schools.

A portfolio with evidence of performance experience to date should be submitted with an application.

Assessment

1. **Audition** – one set piece sent prior to audition and a piece of your choice – ideally from memory
2. **Workshops**
3. **Informal interview**

Drama Enrichment Programme

- Programme of LAMDA lessons and examinations as requested
- Workshops with acclaimed practitioners
- Audition preparation
- Personalised mentoring programme
- Theatre trips
- Opportunities in technical, lighting, sound and stage production



Performing Arts Scholarships

Tuesday 20th January 2026

Required standard

Performing Arts scholarships are offered to candidates who show excellence in Music, Drama and Dance.

Previous involvement in performance, clubs or societies at school or in the community is expected,

Natural enthusiasm and innate talent is essential.

Candidates offering Music as an option should be working at Grade 2 /3 standard.

A portfolio with evidence of performance experience to date should be submitted with an application.

Assessment

1. **Perform a drama monologue** (compulsory)- set piece
2. **Perform a dance solo OR a musical piece** (includes Voice)

Performing Arts Enrichment Programme

- Performance opportunities in concerts and productions
- Choreography opportunities
- Workshops with acclaimed practitioners
- Theatre trips
- Audition preparation
- Personalised mentoring programme
- Programme of LAMDA lessons and examinations as requested



Art Scholarships

Monday 19th January 2026

Required standard

Art scholarships are offered to students with clear ability, enquiring minds, enthusiasm for the subject and an awareness of other artists' work.

An Art Portfolio featuring work journals and sketchbooks should be submitted with an application.

Assessment

1. A one-hour drawing test
2. An informal interview and discussion of portfolio



Art Enrichment Programme

- Personalised mentoring programme
- Studio visits
- Art and Design trips
- Exhibitions

DT Scholarships

Monday 19th January 2026

Required standard

DT scholarships are offered to students who excel practically in DT.

They must demonstrate creativity, practical application and problem-solving skills.

A DT Portfolio should be submitted with an application.

Assessment

1. A one-hour Design Technology task
2. An informal interview and discussion of portfolio



DT Enrichment Programme

- Personalised mentoring programme
- Studio visits
- Art and Design Trips
- Exhibitions



Application Form

Please click on the link or scan the QR code.

[Y7 Entrance and Scholarship Application Form](#)

Year 7 2026 Entrance and
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