



Introductory Statement

The Admissions Authority for Wallington County Grammar School is Folio Education Trust.

Wallington County Grammar School is an 11 - 18 selective school for boys and accepts girls into its Sixth Form. Its motto is 'Per Ardua ad Summa' meaning 'through difficulties to the heights'. The school's mission statement is as follows:

We believe that every person will reach their personal best and overcome any challenge through a shared culture and ethos of 'self-discipline', 'endeavour' and 'excellence'. We are dedicated to developing as successful individuals, creating a positive environment where all of us will learn. We never fail because we never give up. We believe in ourselves. We believe in each other. We believe in Wallington County Grammar School.

The School's culture and ethos and the practice that flows from it are at the heart of the School's drive to deliver its vision. Promoting and maintaining excellent standards of conduct is one of the School's key aims. That aim is fundamental to enable every person to achieve their potential and learn to become an effective, independent, self-motivated learner.

Mid Term Admissions

Entrance Examination Waiting Lists will be maintained for Year Groups 7 to 11 and in the unlikely event of a vacancy, all boys who have registered an interest either with the School directly or with the London Borough of Sutton for the year group with the vacancy in, will be invited to attend an entrance examination to determine eligibility.

Please note that it is not possible for boys to sit an Entrance Examination twice for the same academic year of entry. All boys for whom Wallington County Grammar School (WCGS) is the named School on their Formal Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) will be given priority if they reach the pass mark from a mid-term entrance test.

Please note that success in an Entrance Examination does not mean that a place will be offered. All Entrance Examination waiting lists are cancelled at the end of the academic year.

Boys will be regarded as of selective ability according to their performance in the Entrance Examination. In the event that the number of eligible applications exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will apply for mid-term, in the order set out below:

1. 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. In rank order of performance in the Entrance Examination.
3. In the event two or more boys 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 at the time of the Entrance Examination. Thereafter, places will be allocated in the order of the distance of their homes from the main 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.

Appeals

All applicants refused a place (this is normally when entrance testing has taken place) have the right of appeal. 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 response must set out the reasons on which the appeal is made.

For information on how to appeal please refer to the Wallington County Grammar School website at www.wcgs-sutton.co.uk.

Notes:

Pupil Premium (PP)

If your child is successful in the Entrance Examination, we may seek to verify with your child's current school if your child is/was receiving Pupil Premium (PP).

Admission of children outside their normal age group

In the event that a vacancy arises and an entrance examination is organised, any child outside of the normal date range for the intake of students for that year will be asked to provide supporting evidence from a professional to confirm why the student is out of the expected date range. A decision will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case. If you wish your child to be considered outside of the normal date range for his chronological year group, please ensure the School is notified at the time of your application.