



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.

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 Formal Statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) 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 2018.

Offers will be made on 1st March 2019.

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) or Statement of Special Needs will not 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 the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) and are eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) through their current school at the time of registration 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 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 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 of 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.

Children of permanent staff who work across schools within Folio Education Trust and who have done so for two consecutive years or more.

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. Boys who pass the SET and reach the WCGS pass mark, will be able to list the school as a preference on their Common Application Form (CAF) and can be considered for a place at our school.

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.

If a child is out of the normal date range for the intake of students for that year, the School will request supporting evidence from a professional to confirm why the student is out of the expected date range. This is asked for at the stage of registering for the SET entrance test. A decision will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case.

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 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 their normal age group. To do so parents / carers should include a request with their application, specifying why admission out of normal year group is being requested. Parents / Carers are asked to submit information 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 Academy Trust 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. This includes taking account of the following:

- 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
- Views of the Headteacher of Wallington County Grammar School

Waiting lists

If a boy is eligible for a place at the School but is not offered a place, he will be placed on the waiting list until 31st December 2019. The waiting list is ranked according to our Admissions Criteria. If a place at the School becomes available in Year 7 between 1st March and 31st December 2019, the next eligible boy on the waiting list will be offered the place without having to sit a further Entrance Examination. After 31st December 2019, boys will have to sit a further Entrance Examination. Therefore, parents wishing their son to take the Entrance Examination after 31st December 2019, should a vacancy arise, must write to Sutton Local Authority by 31st December 2019 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.

For information on how to appeal please see 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. See the School's website for further information.

Pupil Premium (PP):

If your child is successful in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) we will seek to verify with your child's primary school if your child is / was receiving Pupil Premium (PP) at the time of registration.

Home Address:

Permanent home address is where your son's permanent place of residence is, this should not be a business, relative or carer / child-minder's address. In addition to the checks completed by the Home Local Authority, WCGS may seek to verify proof of your family name and address in the form of a council tax bill or other records for confirmation following the outcome of the Selective Eligibility Test (SET).