



Admission Arrangements for 2021 Entry

Mid Term Admissions

Wallington County Grammar School, Sutton

vers 12/7/2021

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.

Mid Term Admissions

In order to make a mid-term (also referred to as 'in-year') application, you are asked to contact the London Borough of Sutton's School Admissions Team to complete an application form. A link to this application form can also be found on the Mid-Term section of the Wallington County Grammar School website.

Your son's details will be recorded by the Local Authority and forwarded to Wallington County Grammar School. It is unlikely that a vacancy will be available as the school is normally full in all year groups, so applicant's details will be added to a mid-term waiting list for the year group of interest.

An outcome letter in response to a mid-term application will be provided to the parent/carers within 15, ideally 10, school days from being received by the school from the Local Authority.

If a vacancy did arise, all boys who have previously made an application to the year group with the vacancy will be invited into the school to sit an entrance test. An entrance test would only be held if a vacancy were to arise at the school.

All boys 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 pass mark from a mid-term entrance test. Please note that it is not possible for boys to sit an Entrance Examination twice in the same academic year.

Success in reaching the pass mark from an Entrance Examination does not mean that a place will be offered, as the school would normally pass a few boys but may only have one vacancy.

Please note that all Entrance Examination waiting lists are cancelled at the end of the academic year. The school would contact you near the end of the academic year to inform you of this and to ask if you wish your son's details to be added to the next year's waiting list from the following September (this does not apply to year 11 mid-term applications as this year group of students can make a new application for a place in the Sixth Form).

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. A 'looked after child' (LAC) or a child who was previously looked after (PLAC), but immediately after being looked after become subject to adoption, a child arrangements order or special guardianship order including those who appear to the admission authority to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

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 an 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 home address 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.

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. Appeal packs must be requested in writing to the school and the parent/carer appealing must set out the reasons on which the appeal is based (appeals are normally lodged once entrance testing has taken place).

The completed Appeal form and 5 copies of any supporting documentation the parent/carer wishes to be considered must be provided to the school. The school will then convene an independent appeal panel and an appeal hearing will be carried out within 30 school days of it being lodged. Information on how to appeal is available to read in the Appeals section of the Wallington County Grammar School website.

Notes

***Pupil Premium (PP)**

If your child is invited into our school to sit an Entrance Examination, parents/carers should verify their son's eligibility of receiving Pupil Premium (PP) by providing a form of supporting documentation from your son's current school to Wallington County Grammar School.

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 group will be asked to provide supporting evidence from a professional to confirm why the student is out of the expected date range.

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.

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

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.

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