

## Wallington County Grammar School Year 7 Admissions Criteria 2018 entry

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 (EHC) Plan 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, the following criteria will apply, in the order set out below:

- a. Children who are looked after by a local authority (LAC)\*
- b. In rank order of performance in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). The total number of places awarded under criteria a and b, together with those with the School named in an Education Health & Care Plan or Statement of Special Needs will not exceed 120.
- c. 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) and are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)\*\* through their current school at the time of registration for the Selective Eligibility Test (SET). Any unfilled places in this criterion on National Offers Day and thereafter will be filled by criterion b.
- d. 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 Offers Day and thereafter will be filled by criterion b.
- e. Children of permanent staff who work within the Folio Education Trust\*\*\*\*
- f. 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.

*\*Looked After Child (LAC) or a previously Looked After Child. 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 definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989. A previously Looked After Child is a child who was adopted, or subject to a residence order / child arrangements order, or special guardianship order, immediately following having been looked after.*

*\*\*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 Free School Meals (FSM) at the time of registration.*

*\*\*\*Permanent home address – 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 will 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.*

*\*\*\*\* Children of permanent staff who work across schools within the Folio Education Trust and who have done so for two consecutive years or more. Children of permanent staff who have been recruited to fill a vacancy post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage which is determined by the Folio Education Trust.*

**Please note:**

The Local Advisors (Governors) of Wallington County Grammar School have made a decision not to run the WCGS second stage Entrance Examination as the school wishes to reduce the amount of testing that young people who are considering a place at a grammar school have to sit. We are confident that the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) provides us with an accurate measure of boys who are of selective ability.

The school will pass more boys than places 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 the Common Application Form (CAF).

**Success in the SET does not mean a place at Wallington County Grammar School will be offered.**

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. A decision will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case.

**Offers of Places:**

The School is part of the Pan London Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme and parents will be informed of the school place offered to their son, in a letter from their home local authority on National Offers Day (1<sup>st</sup> March 2018).

On National Offers Day, the Local Authority will send letters to parents confirming the name of the school that is being offered. If parents have made a valid application for their son to join Wallington County Grammar School and it has been unsuccessful parents have the right to appeal against this decision.

Information regarding to the right to appeal, the deadlines for lodging an appeal and the relevant contact details will be published on our website by National Offers Day in March 2018.

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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. The waiting list is ranked according to the published Admissions Criteria. If a place at the School becomes available in Year 7 between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, the next eligible boy on the waiting list will be offered the place without having to sit a further Entrance Examination. After 31<sup>st</sup> December boys will have to re-sit the Entrance Examination. Therefore, parents wishing their son to take the Entrance Examination after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, should a vacancy arise, must write to Sutton Local Authority by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 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.