

# Wellington School Admissions Policy for September 2026



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## SECTION A: ADMISSION INTO YEAR 7 FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2026

As an Academy School, Wellington is responsible for all its own admissions.

Parents seeking a place for their child in Year 7 in September 2026 **must** include Wellington School in ranked order of preference on their **Local Authority's Common Application Form**.

Students may be admitted at the age of 11, without reference to ability, aptitude or religious denomination. The number of intended admissions for the year commencing 1 September 2026 will be 244.

The Co-ordinated arrangements introduced by the 2002 Education Act impose a national "allocation day" of 1<sup>st</sup> March. All parents will be notified by their Local Authority on behalf of the Governing Body, of the outcome of their application.

Only applicants born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 (inclusive) will be considered for entrance into Year 7 unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such cases each application will be considered in line with the School Admissions Code Section 2.17A and the decision based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child.

Where the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine how the places are awarded:

1. Looked After Children and all previously Looked After Children. 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 (as defined in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989). Previously Looked After Children are children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted

or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order. Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians). This category includes children who have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

2. Children who will have an older sibling attending the School up to and including Year 11 at the time of admission and live in the postcode areas of WA14/WA15. This includes half/step or adopted brothers and sisters, who are living at the same address as part of the same family unit.
3. Children of staff at Wellington School who have 2 years continuous service at the time of application and/or are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage.
4. Applicants living in the Post Code areas of WA14 and WA15. If the number of applicants in this category exceeds the number of places available, then the places will be allocated on the basis of proximity of the child's home address to school, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Distance will be calculated in a direct straight line from the child's permanent place of residence to the School using property co-ordinates provided from Trafford's Local Land and Property Gazetteer (BS7666) (Royal Mail postal address information may be used in some instances). In the case of a child living in a block of flats, co-ordinates will be obtained the same way. The co-ordinates that will be used for the School are 377800, 388604.
5. All other applicants. Distance will be calculated in a straight line from the child's permanent place of residence using the same method as above.

The child's home address means the address where the child normally and permanently lives on a full-time basis, not a temporary address or the address of any carer or relative. In the case of parents who are separated the application will also be considered from the address where the child lives, even though the child may regularly spend some time at another address. Where it is claimed that the child's residency is shared equally between two addresses parents may decide which address will be used for the purpose of the application.

In the case where there is more than one applicant for the final place, who live exactly the same distance from the school, then a ballot will decide who receives the final place.

If a successful applicant moves home between the date of allocation and the beginning of term in September 2026, the offer of the place will be reviewed. As a result of this review, the offer may be withdrawn if an unsuccessful applicant is, as a result of the move, promoted to a higher priority on the School's admissions criteria.

For all leasing agreements a minimum of 12 months leasing agreement is required with legally supporting documentation and also documentation pertaining to the disposal of the previous home.

Any applicant who moves address must provide evidence and legal documentation to the effect they have purchased and exchanged contracts on a property and documentation relating to proof of disposal of the previous home.

Wellington School reserves the right to withdraw a place at a later date if it is discovered that false or incorrect information has been provided in order to secure a place.

Unsuccessful applicants may request to be placed on a waiting list and thus be considered for any places that may arise in the future. These places will be awarded in accordance with the criteria listed above. Parents

who wish to exercise this right must state their intention in writing directly to the school within 28 days of receipt of notification letter.

All unsuccessful applicants will have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel in accordance with the Education Act 1998. Parents who wish to exercise this right must state their intention in writing within 28 days of receipt of notification letter.

## **SECTION B: ADMISSION INTO YEARS 7-11 DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2025**

This section applies to applicants applying for places outside the normal admissions process, i.e. pupils wishing to change schools, pupils excluded from their school, or pupils moving into the area.

It is the policy of Wellington School to admit pupils into the year group appropriate only to their age unless there are exceptional circumstances. In such cases each application will be considered in line with the School Admissions Code Section 2.17A and the decision based on the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of the child.

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Only applicants born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 will be considered for entry into Year 7</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Only applicants born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 will be considered for entry into Year 8</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Only applicants born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will be considered for entry into Year 9</b>
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Only applicants born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 will be considered for entry into Year 10</b>
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Only applicants born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 will be considered for entry into Year 11</b>

Details on how to make an in-year application can be found on the school website <https://www.wellington-school.co.uk/in-year-admissions/>

Waiting Lists are maintained throughout Years 7 to 10. If any places in these year groups become available they will be awarded strictly in accordance with the School's published Admissions Policy, with the nearest person being awarded the place irrespective to how long they have been on the waiting list.

Applicants will only be kept on the waiting list for the academic year of application, if an applicant wishes to remain on the waiting list for the following academic year they must apply again in writing.

Wellington School reserves the right to withdraw a place, at a later date, if it is discovered that false or incorrect information has either been withheld or not provided in order to secure a place.

## **SECTION C: ADMISSION INTO YEAR 12 FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

Only pupils born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 will be considered for entry in Year 12.

The maximum number of students to be admitted into Year 12 will be 100 which will consist of 90 places for students from Wellington School and 10 places for external applicants. Additional external students may be admitted providing their admission does not prejudice efficient education or the efficient use of resources.

The minimum qualifications for entry are:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above (including English Language and Mathematics).
- A minimum Grade 6 or above in those subjects to be studied at A Level (or in a 'relevant' subject where the subject chosen has not been taken at GCSE).
- Students wishing to study Physics, Chemistry or Biology must have achieved a minimum Grade 6 or above in GCSE Mathematics.
- Students wishing to study A Level Mathematics should have achieved a GCSE Grade 7 or above.

### **INTERNAL APPLICANTS**

All pupils in Year 11, during the academic year commencing September 2025, will be given the opportunity of an interview to discuss subject choices and suitability for entry onto 'A' level courses.

In order to secure a provisional offer of a place in the Sixth Form, internal applicants must show evidence of a positive attitude towards school and towards learning throughout Year 11 i.e. the expected levels of 'commitment to learning' and attendance. The key factor in determining whether a place in the Sixth Form will be offered will be whether the applicant is likely to meet all the entry requirements. In support of their application, students will have completed the Sixth Form passport of learning skills during Year 11.

Provisional places will be offered after February 2026 to those internal applicants who have demonstrated a satisfactory level of commitment towards their school work and whose predicted GCSE grades suggest that they will be able to cope with A level work.

The final offer will then be confirmed following appropriate GCSE results being achieved in August 2025.

Wellington School reserves the right to refuse to offer a place, or remove a place already awarded, if any of the above conditions are not fulfilled.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, the rank order will be determined by a selection process which will give priority to students with the highest GCSE grades in the subjects selected for study. If any applicant has the same grade profile as another applicant, the determination factor will be the proximity of the student's home to the school measured by a straight line (as defined in Section A in this policy).

Application forms must be returned by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

### **EXTERNAL APPLICANTS**

An application form, available from the school, must be completed and returned by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. All application forms will be acknowledged.

Applicants wishing to be considered for a place will then be invited to contact the School after receiving their GCSE Results in August 2026. They must be able to demonstrate a positive attitude towards school and towards learning throughout Year 11 and, of course, must meet the same 'minimum qualifications for entry' as internal applicants.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, the rank order will be determined by a selection process which will give priority to students with the highest GCSE grades in the subjects selected

for study. If any applicant has the same grade profile as another applicant, the determination factor will be the proximity of the student's home to the school measured by a straight line (as defined in Section A in this policy).

Wellington School reserves the right to withhold the offer of a place in the Sixth Form if any of the above conditions are not fulfilled, or to withdraw a place if it is discovered that false or incorrect information has either been withheld or not provided in order to secure a place.

### **TRANSFER FROM YEAR 12 TO YEAR 13**

The School will review a student's position (progress, attitude and attendance) at the end of Year 12 and provide advice about their prospects at A level and whether it is in the student's best interest to return in Year 13.

## **SECTION D - ADMISSION INTO THE SIXTH FORM DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2026**

The only admissions into Sixth Form for the academic year commencing in September 2026 will be into Year 12 up to the end of September 2026, if places are available.

**Only applicants born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 will be considered for entry into Year 12.**

All applicants will be required to complete an application form and will be invited to attend for an interview to discuss subject choices and suitability for entry onto 'A' level courses.

All applicants will be required to meet the criteria and accept the conditions listed under 'Section C - Admission into Year 12 for September 2026'.