

Course Allocation Procedure

Wallington County Grammar School

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Please note that our course allocation procedure is not part of our formal admissions arrangements but is determined by the Local Governing Body of Wallington County Grammar School in consultation with the Headmaster. This procedure is therefore not governed by the Schools Admissions Code.

How many qualifications can I study? Does Further Mathematics count?

All students will study at least four A Levels from those listed in the tables below, with a small number of students studying either further mathematics or the Extended Project Qualification as a fifth. All students will take at least three A Levels through to the Upper Sixth. Subjects taken through to the Upper Sixth will normally be those in which the student is performing best, with the final decision being made by the Headmaster in consultation with the student and the Head of Sixth Form.

While Mathematics and Further Mathematics are two separate qualifications, and will be treated as such for UCAS purposes, students will need to study two A Levels in addition to Mathematics and Further Mathematics for both the Lower and Upper Sixth to ensure a suitably broad curriculum. This means that Further Mathematics can be a fourth choice rather than a fifth, but if so it is Further Mathematics which can be 'dropped' if moving to three A Levels in Upper Sixth.

Subject Combinations

We cannot guarantee all subject combinations due to options blocking in the timetable.

We encourage students to take a broad range of subjects at A Level so that they avoid narrowing their options too early. We are particularly cautious about letting students choose all STEM subjects in the Lower Sixth as they are extremely challenging and most students are better off having a humanities or arts A Level they can fall back on if one of their STEM options does not work out. Further Mathematics is an exception to this as it equips students with a better foundation for study in many university courses popular with our students.

Students may only choose four subjects from table 1 if they have achieved a minimum of grade 8 in each of the four subjects. Otherwise, a maximum of three subjects can be chosen from table 1, with students needing to choose at least one subject from table 2.

Appeals

Should there be significant mitigating circumstances to be taken into account when deciding which courses a student is allowed to study at A Level, a digital form is available to inform the School. A decision will then be taken by the Headmaster in consultation with the student, the Director of Sixth Form and subject teachers. This decision is final and there is no right of further appeal.

Table 1 Subjects	
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Biology or • Grade 8 in Double Award Science or • Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry or • Grade 8 in Double Award Science or • Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science
Computer Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science or • Grade 7 in Mathematics
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Physics or • Grade 8 in Double Award Science or • Grade 7 across all three subjects in Combined Trilogy Science

Table 2 Subjects	
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Art
Classics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Classics or • Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature or History or Religious Studies
Drama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Drama or • Grade 7 in English Literature
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Economics or • Grade 7 in Mathematics and Grade 7 in either English Language or English Literature
English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE English Literature or • Grade 7 in GCSE English Language or Classics
EPQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available as a fifth qualification. Students should apply to Dr Meek in a letter of application outlining their preferred area of study.
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE French
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Geography or • Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature and a Grade 7 in a Science GCSE, whether Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Combined Science
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE History or • Grade 7 in English Language or English Literature or Classics
Further Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics or • Grade 8 in AQA Further Mathematics or • Grade B in FSMQ Additional Mathematics or <p>Further Mathematics can only be studied in addition to Mathematics A Level. Students choosing Further Mathematics will be enrolled onto the AS Further Mathematics course. At the end of the Lower Sixth, and based partly on UCAS examinations, those demonstrating a good grasp of this challenging subject will be offered the chance to change this to a full A Level course.</p>
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Music or • Grade 5 or above on an instrument/voice and Grade 5 in Music theory.
Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE RS or English Language or English Literature or History or Classics
Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE History or Classics or English Language or English Literature
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 in GCSE Spanish