



Policy for In Year Admissions (Post 11+)
For entry to Wilmington Grammar School for Girls
1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Parents/Carers applying for a place at Wilmington Grammar School for Girls outside their local authority co-ordinated admissions scheme for entry to Year 7 will be dealt with through the WGSG In Year Admissions Policy.

1. Parents may only apply for a place once in any one academic year. *Parents need to complete an In - Year Application form which they can download from the WGSG or the Kent County Council website and return by post to the Admissions Team at Wilmington Grammar for Girls, Parsons Lane, Wilmington, DA2 7BB, or email to admissions@wgsq.co.uk*

2. Applicants for Years 7 to 10 take written tests in the following subjects:

Year 7	English, Maths
Year 8	English, Maths, one Modern Foreign Language, from a choice of French, Spanish or Mandarin
Year 9	English, Maths, one Modern Foreign Language, from a choice of French, Spanish or Mandarin
Year 10	English, Maths, one Modern Foreign Language, from a choice of French, Spanish or Mandarin

Where a student has taken and passed the Kent 11+ test in Year 6 and is seeking a place in Year 7 testing may not be necessary and the student will be added to the waiting list for this year group. If the Year 7 student did not sit the 11+ then testing will need to take place depending on when the in-year application form is received.

All applicants take Cognitive Ability Tests (CATS) in quantitative, verbal and non-verbal reasoning which are only used to assess the suitability of candidates.

The written papers are set to cover the current work of WGSG students and are marked by Heads of Departments of relevant subjects who have an oversight of standards within their subject areas:

- English:
Students are assessed on their reading and comprehension skills and their ability to use language with accuracy and effect.

- Mathematics:
Students sit papers relevant to their year group and the time within the school year. The questions for each paper relate to schemes of work for the year group.

- Modern Foreign Languages:
The test includes national curriculum topics covering vocabulary which a student should be able to speak, write or read about, depending on Year Group and time within the academic year.
Papers are marked for content and accuracy.

A test is offered in French, Spanish or Mandarin. Candidates may choose the language based on experience in their previous school from any of these three languages.

All students are required to take one Modern Foreign Language to GCSE level.

3. The school will process applications within 15 school days of receipt. Parents will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.
4. Testing will take place when there is a space in the year group or if an appeal is received. When an application is received, and a test is being offered the applicant will be invited to attend the next scheduled testing date. If this is not convenient the subsequent date will be offered. If an applicant wishes to be considered for a place at the start of the next academic year, they will be tested during Term 6 regardless of when the application is received. There will be 3 testing dates allocated per academic year.
5. In order to be offered a place, a student should demonstrate, in the written tests, that she would be capable of maintaining a level of work commensurate with that of the average student currently at the school.

To be assessed as suitable for a place the student must achieve the following:

- In the CATS test students need to gain a standardised score of 115 and above in Verbal, Non Verbal and Quantitative areas
 - Students must achieve a score of 60% and above in the three written papers.
6. Assessment decisions will be sent, in writing, to parents as soon as the papers have been marked. If an applicant has been successful and a place is available in the relevant year group an offer of a place to start with immediate effect will be made.

Where no place is available or the applicant has not reached the required standard parents will be notified of their right to appeal the decision to not offer a place.

If we are unable to offer the student a place because the school has reached its Published Admission Number (PAN) in that year group, then the student who has been assessed as suitable for entry may be placed on a waiting list for the required year group for two full terms. Should a vacancy arise and, there is more than 1 name on the waiting list for the year group, the school will allocate the place on the basis of the oversubscription criteria detailed in the 2023-2024 Determined Admissions Arrangements which can be found on the school website.

Under the School Admissions Code (sections 1.18 & 2.8) the school, being wholly selective by high academic ability, does not have to fill empty places if the applicant does not reach the required standard.

Admissions to Year 11

- Applications for Year 11 will be considered only in exceptional circumstances and if, in the judgement of the school and the applicant's previous school, that a programme appropriate to the student's potential can be provided in order for them to gain an absolute minimum of 5 9 to 5 GCSE grades including in English Language and mathematics.
- Tests in English and Mathematics will be set and if appropriate a test in the Modern Foreign Language the applicant has been studying to GCSE if that is Mandarin, Spanish or French.

Admissions outside the normal age group

- Each case will be reviewed individually.
- Early entry e.g. Gifted and Talented – if deemed as such by the Head Teacher of their current school, will be tested along with all other applicants.

Right to withdraw a place

Wilmington Grammar School for Girls reserves the right to withdraw a place offered to a pupil in the following circumstances:

- When the parent has failed to respond to a confirmed offer within 10 school days; or
- When a place has been offered on the basis of a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application.

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