



**Policy for In Year Admissions (Post 11+)**  
**For entry to Wilmington Grammar School for Boys**  
**1st September 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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 WGSB or the Kent County Council website and return by post to the Admissions Team at Wilmington Grammar for Boys, Common Lane, Wilmington, DA2 7DA or email [admissions@wgsb.co.uk](mailto:admissions@wgsb.co.uk).
2. Applicants for Years 7 to 10 take written tests in the following subjects:

Year 7	English, Maths
Year 8	English, Maths
Year 9	English, Maths
Year 10	English, Maths

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 used to assess the suitability of candidates.

The written papers are set to cover the current work of WGSB 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.

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 he 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 two 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 at the earliest convenient date 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. 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.

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 2024-2025 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 9-5 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.

### **Admissions outside the normal age group**

- Each case will be reviewed individually.
- Early 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 Boys 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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