WICKERSLEY SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE

POLICIES

ADMISSIONS POLICY (Sixth Form)
Wickersley Admissions Policy For Sixth Form
For Entry in the Academic Year 2020 – 2021

The admission policy below refers only to entry in September 2020 for our sixth form students. Wickersley School and Sports College is an academy and therefore is its own admissions authority.

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August 2020. Applications for students outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; details should be supplied in writing to Sixth Form.

The minimum qualification for entry into Wickersley Sixth Form is five 4 grades including Maths and English. There are specific entry requirements for some of our option subjects (see point iv onwards below). A student’s suitability for their chosen subjects will also be taken into account, even if they meet the five 4 grades threshold.

Final sixth form numbers will vary depending on combination of courses and availability of spaces.

Applicants will need to have a proven record of good or excellent effort and attendance in Year 11 in order to qualify for a place, verified by a suitable reference

Application Process for Internal and External Applicants

To apply, the applicant should complete the online application form on the Wickerlsey Sixth Form website. Students are entitled to apply in their own right. All application forms must be completed and returned by 14th Feb 2020. Competition for places is strong, and late applications might not be considered. Paper applications can be acquired if necessary and submitted to the sixth form office.

An applicant who is a looked after child or a previously looked after child will be offered a place before other applicants, conditional upon them meeting the admission criteria. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker).

Places will be offered depending on the following criteria:

i. Applicants will be assessed on their estimated GCSE grades submitted on their application form.
ii. Students who meet our entry requirements will be invited for an interview where they can discuss their option choices
iii. All conditional offers will be made subject to adequate references. References will be sought for both internal and external students.
iv. For Chemistry a separate grade 6 in Chemistry or combined science grade 76 with a grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 5 in English is required.
v. For Physics a separate grade 6 in Physics or combined science grade 76 with a grade 6 in Maths and a Grade 5 in English is required.
vi. For Biology a separate grade 6 in Biology or combined science grade 76 with a grade 5 in Maths and English.
vii. For Mathematics, a minimum of a 7 at GCSE Mathematics is required.
viii. For Further Mathematics, a minimum of a grade 8 at GCSE Mathematics is required.
ix. For English Literature a minimum of a 6 in English Literature is required.
x. For English Language a minimum of a 6 in English Language is required.
 xi. For Economics a minimum of a 6 in English and a grade 5 in Maths is required.
 xii. For Psychology a minimum of a 5 in Maths, Science and English is required.
 xiii. For Spanish and French a grade 6 in the relevant language is required
xiv. For Politics a minimum of a 6 in English is required.
xv. For Business studies a minimum of a grade 5 in both Maths and English is required
xvi. For RS, a minimum of a 5 in English is required.
xvii. For History, a minimum of a 5 in English is required and a grade 5 in History GCSE is desirable
xviii. For Law a grade 6 in English Language is required
xix. For Sociology a minimum of a grade 5 in English language is required
xx. For Film a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language and a 5 in a humanities or creative arts subject is required
xxi. For PE minimum of a grade 6 in a GCSE PE based subject and a grade 4 in Maths and English.
xxii. For Applied Sport – Level 2 Pass or grade 4 in PE is desirable
xxiii. For Dance a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE Dance or a Merit or above in BTEC dance or dancing on a regular basis outside of school is required.
xxiv. For Geography a minimum of a 5 in English and Maths is required. If you have studied GCSE Geography, a minimum of a grade 5 is desirable.
xxv. For Drama a minimum of a grade 5 is in English Language or English Literature is required. GCSE drama or Level 2 BTEC performing arts is desirable but not essential. Practical suitability is undertaken in the first few weeks of the course.
xxvi. For all creative subjects including Fine Art, D & T, Fashion and Textiles and Graphics a minimum of a 5 in another creative GCSE is required.
xxvii. For Computer Science a minimum of a 5 in Maths is required, if you have studied GCSE Computer Science, you must have achieved a minimum of a grade 5
xxviii. For Applied Science a minimum of a 44 in science required with a grade 4 in Maths and English.
xxix. For Childcare and Education (single) a minimum of a Grade 4 in English and Maths. We may also offer a place on successful completion of Level 2 Certificate, an introduction to Early Years Education and Care. A DBS check will also be required.
xxx. For Childcare and Education (level 3) a minimum of a Grade 4 in English and Maths. We may also offer a place on successful completion of Level 2 Certificate, an introduction to Early Years Education and Care. A DBS check will also be required.

A student who does not achieve a grade 4 in their Maths and/or their English GCSE will be required to re-sit these GCSEs as a condition of their offer. We recommend that students who achieve a grade 4 resit Maths or English to secure a grade 5 during their time at Sixth Form.

Further entry tests will be set in each subject in the first weeks of the course in September, this will be taken into account in assessing a student’s suitability for the course.

All students will be expected to register for their studies by the 7th September 2020 with evidence of GCSE grades.

We will be unable to accept any applications for entry after the 25th September 2020 for studying in that academic year.

Any student who has registered with another academic provider for post-16 study who wishes to transfer their study to Wickersley Sixth Form must gain confirmation from the provider in writing that they are no longer on roll before the 25th September. We will be unable to register late registration students until we have received this confirmation. The final deadline for Year 12 students swapping subjects is the 30th September 2020.

**Progression from Year 12 to Year 13**

Wickersley sixth form expects students to attend lessons regularly. In order to progress from Year 12 into Year 13 students need to have a good record for effort and have maintained a minimum of 92% attendance, unless in exceptional circumstances. Students whose subject attendance is below 92% will not be entered for their exams, unless under exceptional circumstances. Students will be reviewed on an individual basis, and the decision made in one case will set a precedent for another. Certain subjects might have additional progression criteria – e.g. having achieved a minimum level in mock exams at the end of Year 12.

Readmission to Wickersley Sixth Form for students who do not meet the above criteria is allowed only in exceptional circumstances such as:
• Serious problems beyond the student’s control have severely disrupted his/her work. A student in this position would be re-enrolled on the most appropriate course.
• The student has attended and worked well (above 90% attendance and good effort) but chose an inappropriate combination of subjects.
Attendance and Exam entry in Year 13
Regular attendance at timetabled lessons is vital, and students whose subject attendance in Year 13 falls below 92% will not be entered for examinations except in exceptional circumstances (as above).

Children with an EHCP (Statement of Special Educational Needs)
Please contact your SEND case worker or Local Authority for further information regarding the transition to Sixth Form. Young people have the right to request that Wickersley is named in their EHC plan if, after consultation with Wickersley Sixth Form, the young person’s age, ability, aptitude and SEND is compatible with the resources available.

Appeals
Parents / Carers and students are able to appeal jointly or separately against a decision refusing a student admission and, where they appeal separately, the appeals will be heard together by the appeals panel which will comprise of an independent clerk, and at least 3 people from the following categories:

a) lay people (someone without personal experience in the management of any school or provision of education in any school (except as a school governor or in another voluntary capacity));

b) people who have experience in education, who are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or who are parents of registered pupils at our school.

Our appeals process will follow the admissions code from DfE as set out in point 3.2 to 3.9. The appeals process will allow appellants at least 20 days from the date of notification that their application was unsuccessful to prepare and lodge their written appeal and ensure that appellants receive at least 10 school days’ notice of the appeal hearing and includes reasonable deadlines for appellants to submit additional evidence, for admission authorities to submit their evidence, and for the clerk to send appeal papers to the panel and parties and ensure that decision letters are sent within five school days of the hearing.

An appeal would need to be put in writing to the local authority.