

Wickersley Sixth Form Admissions Policy

1. This Admissions Policy refers only to entry to Wickersley Sixth Form in September 2021.
2. Wickersley School and Sports College is an academy and therefore its own admissions authority.

Eligibility for Application

3. Applicants must be aged between 16 and 18 on 31 August 2021.
4. Applications for students outside this age group will be considered alongside individual circumstances (see paragraph 32)
5. Both internal and external students are eligible to apply to study at Wickersley Sixth Form.
6. A student will be offered a place at Wickersley Sixth Form subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The pupil has met the minimum entry requirement of five GCSE 4 grades
 - b. The pupil has met the subject-specific entry requirements (see paragraph 22)
 - c. The pupil has demonstrated a commitment to learning
 - d. The pupil has a good behaviour record.

Application Process for Internal and External Applicants

7. The application process is the same for both external and internal applicants.
8. All external applicants who meet the entry requirements (see paragraph 6) will be offered a place at Wickersley Sixth Form, and no preference is given to students from any particular secondary school.
9. Applications to study at Wickersley Sixth Form may be submitted after the November Information Evening. To apply, students must submit an electronic application via the Wickersley Sixth Form website or through their form tutor. Paper applications are available upon request.
10. All application forms must be submitted by the 12th of Feb 2021. Competition for places is strong, late applications may be submitted but may not be considered.
11. Once an electronic application has been submitted, students will be invited to attend an interview at Wickersley Sixth Form. Interviews will begin in January for entry in the following September. Repeated failure to attend a scheduled interview will be considered as withdrawal of an application.
12. Interviews are conducted to discuss options and courses and do not form part of the decision process on whether to offer a place.
13. Applicants will be assessed on their estimated/predicted GCSE grades.
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15. If a pupil fails to meet the criteria above, then their application will be rejected or deferred and reviewed at a later date. If a deferred pupil repeatedly fails to satisfy the criteria above, then their application will be rejected.
16. Applications from students who are a looked after child (or a previously looked after child) will be given the highest priority if entry criteria are met, following the School Admissions Code 2014. Applications made under this criterion must be accompanied by details of circumstance and supporting evidence (e.g. from social care).
17. All students will be expected to register and provide evidence of their GCSE grades by the 10th of September 2021.
18. We will not accept any applications for entry after the 24th of September 2021.
19. Any student who has registered with another post-16 provider 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 24th of September 2021. We will not register students until this confirmation is received.
20. The deadline for Year 12 students swapping option choices is the 30th of September 2021.

Children with Statement of Special Educational Needs

21. Please contact your SEND caseworker 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 are compatible with the resources available.

Subject Specific Entry Requirements

22. In addition to the minimum entry requirement of five GCSE 4 grades, students must meet the minimum entry requirements for the course they wish to study:
- a. 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
 - b. 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
 - c. For Biology, a separate grade 6 in Biology or combined science grade 76 with a grade 5 in Maths and English
 - d. For Mathematics, a minimum of a 7 at GCSE Mathematics is required
 - e. For Further Mathematics, a minimum of a grade 8 at GCSE Mathematics is required
 - f. For English Literature, a minimum of a 6 in English Literature is required

- g. For English Language, a minimum of a 6 in English Language is required
- h. For Economics, a minimum of a 6 in English and a grade 5 in Maths is required
- i. For Psychology, a minimum of a 5 in Maths, Science, and English is required
- j. For Applied Psychology, a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language, Maths and Science is required
- k. For Spanish, and French a grade 6 in the relevant language is required
- l. For Politics, a minimum of a 6 in English is required
- m. For Business Studies, a minimum of a grade 5 in both Maths and English is required
- n. For RS, a minimum of a 5 in English is required
- o. For History, a minimum of a 5 in English is required and a grade 5 in History GCSE is desirable
- p. For Law, a grade 6 in English Language is required
- q. For Sociology, a minimum of a grade 5 in English language is required
- r. For Criminology, a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language is required
- s. For PE, minimum of a grade 6 in a GCSE PE-based subject and a grade 4 in Maths and English
- t. For Applied Sport, a Level 2 Pass or 4 in GCSE PE is desirable
- u. 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
- v. 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
- w. 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
- x. 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
- y. For Applied Science, a minimum of a 44 in science required with a grade 4 in Maths and English
- z. For Childcare and Education (single), a minimum of a 4 in GCSE English and Maths. We may also offer a place on successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate, an introduction to Early Years Education and Care. A DBS check will also be required
- aa. For Childcare and Education (level 3), a minimum of a 4 GCSE in English and Maths. We may also offer a place on successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate, an introduction to Early Years Education and Care. A DBS check will also be required.

23. Students who do not achieve a grade 4 in their Maths and/or English GCSE will be required to re-sit these as a condition of their offer.
24. Further entry tests will be taken in each subject throughout September, these will be used to assess a student's suitability for a course.
25. If we feel that a student has chosen a course that they are unlikely to succeed in, they'll be asked to reconsider their options.

Appeals

26. Parents/carers and students can 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.
27. Our appeals process will follow the admissions code from the DfE, points 3.2 to 3.9.
28. 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.
29. Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the appeal hearing and all parties will be given reasonable deadlines to submit additional evidence, for admission authorities to submit their evidence, and for the clerk to send appeal papers to the panel and parties.
30. Decision letters will be sent within five school days of the hearing.
31. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the Local Authority.

Re-entry for repeated years

32. Readmission to Wickersley Sixth Form after Year 13 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
33. If a pupil wishes to return to Wickersley Sixth Form after Year 13 then they must submit a formal request to the Head Teacher and the Head of Sixth Form.
34. Returning Sixth Form pupils must adhere to all principles and expectations outlined in Sixth Form Behaviour and Intervention Policy.