

OVERSUBSCRIPTION CRITERIA FOR SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL 2021-22

Minimum entry requirements for both internal and external applicants:

A-Level courses have minimum academic entrance requirement, 5 Grade 9-4 GCSE's including English and mathematics with at least a grade 6 at GCSE in each particular subject chosen. For mathematics the requirement is grade 7 and for further mathematics, grade 8 or 9. For A-Level Science subjects the requirement is to attain grade 6 in the associated GCSE modules. For IGCSEs or for GCSEs still graded A* to G we would expect a grade B or above, where relevant to a further course of study.

Availability requirements

Places will be offered subject to and dependent upon;

- I. sufficient demand for places in each of the subject areas the applicant has indicated they wish to study,
- II. availability of the combination of subjects selected by the applicant
- III. and Waldegrave's ability to staff and resource the subjects selected.

Existing Waldegrave School students will have priority over external applicants. Where there are more external applicants than places, places will be offered using the oversubscription criteria below.

We will accept a minimum of 20 students from external academic institutions in each cohort. External applicants will be admitted based on their proximity to the school. This is determined by the London Borough of Richmond.

If the sixth form is oversubscribed with applicants, the following criteria will be used to determine which applicants are admitted:

1. Young people who are, Looked After Children (LAC), to qualify for this criteria, currently looked after and previously looked after children are defined as:
 - Children who are in the care of a local authority, or being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989, at the time an application for a school is made;
 - Children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so because they were adopted (under the Adoption Act 1976 or Adoption and Children's Act 2002), or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order.
2. Children (by which is meant full, step-, half- and adopted children living in the same household) of staff directly employed by Waldegrave School for two years or more before the admission application and employed at the point of admission.
3. Any other young people on the basis of distance from home to Waldegrave School, measured by the shortest route by road and/or maintained footpath from the property to the nearest pedestrian school gate used by the relevant year-group.

Notes:

1. An offer of a place under Criterion 3 will be conditional on verification of address at 28 May 2021. Any address other than the young person's permanent home will not be used for processing the application. If you move after 28 May 2021, you must inform the school within two weeks of your move.
2. Places will be offered at Waldegrave Sixth Form but the school cannot offer places for specific courses. It is possible that some courses may not run in any given academic year. It is also possible that some subjects will have to be capped at a specific class size to protect staffing, rooming and specialist facilities planning. Final capping will not be able to take place until enrolment day. Where the school is not able to confirm a place on a specific course an alternative course may be suggested. A waiting list will be held in order of the above criteria for places on courses should they become available in the first two weeks of term.
3. Enrolment administration procedures will need to take into account the oversubscription criteria. Students will be given time slots on the day, by order of the oversubscription criteria.
4. Applications made under criterion 1 must be accompanied by details of circumstance and professionally supported evidence (e.g. from a social worker)
5. Young people with an Education and Health Care Plan that specifies the school as the placement school will be allocated a place through the statementing process, in accordance with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice.
6. The school reserves the right to seek verification of any information given on the application form and to withdraw the offer of a place if false information has been given.
7. For subjects where there is not a GCSE equivalent like psychology, sociology and economics students will be required to have a Grade 5 in English and Maths. This is subject to change due to changing curriculum, please see the latest minimum requirement for individual courses in the 6th form course directory guide. Student's attendance, punctuality and behaviour records will also be taken into account when assessing suitability for courses applied for.
8. Some applicants may be invited to attend an informal meeting at the school, but an offer of a place will not be dependent upon the outcome of the meeting. Meeting slots are limited and will be allocated by distance to school and will be reviewed annually based on previous conversion rates.
9. There will be a right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal students refused transfer and for external applicants refused admission.