

Policy for Admissions Criteria into Years 9

The Board of Governors delegate responsibility, to the Senior Management Team of the school, for the application of Admissions Criteria into Year 9.

1. If a place becomes available in Year 9 the following procedure will be followed:

- (a) If the AQE score is available, applicants will be ranked by AQE score,
- (b) If the applicant is transferring from outside Northern Ireland or they did not sit the AQE examination and if there is appropriate evidence of academic ability and/or potential they will be asked to sit a standardised entrance test.

On the basis of the evidence obtained the Senior Management Team using 1 above will offer a place according to the score (AQE or standardised test).

2. In the event of a tie, preference will be given according to the following criteria, applied in the order set down:

- (a) Pupils transferring from another grammar school in Northern Ireland where their family move into the geographical area served by our traditional primary feeder schools.
- (b) Pupils who have a sibling enrolled in the school on the date of transfer or who are the eldest child of the family.
- (c) Pupils whose brother/sister attended The Wallace High School.
- (d) Pupils who have a parent who attended The Wallace High School.
- (e) Pupils attending our usual feeder secondary schools (list available).
- (f) Pupils from other schools in Northern Ireland.
- (g) Pupils from a school outside Northern Ireland.

3. There must be evidence from the school currently attended of satisfactory attainment, attendance and behaviour.

4. A waiting list will be maintained for each academic year and this will be updated annually. If a pupil's name is to remain on the list an application will need to be re- submitted each new academic year.