

The Wallace High School



Sixth Form Entry Criteria

2019 - 2020

Criteria for Entry (Year 13)

Pupils entering the Lower Sixth Year will follow courses leading to three or four AS Levels. Most pupils will continue courses in the Upper Sixth Year leading to three A2 Levels. A small number may take four A2 Levels.

Criteria for joining Lower Sixth

Normally a pupil **must** have obtained:

- Grades at GCSE which result in a minimum score of **fourteen points** within the preceding twelve months, where
 - A* = 4 points
 - A = 3 points
 - B = 2 points
 - C* = 1.5 points
 - C = 1 point

At least a grade B in specific subjects at GCSE as stated in the "Subject Specific Requirements".

- At least 3 subjects at Grade B or better.

Pupils with 23-30 points have the option of three or four AS subjects. Pupils with more than 30 points would be expected to study four.

Pupils who opt to study the **BTEC Diploma** in Physical Education who do attain GCSE 12 or 13 points may still be considered for entry. Please contact the school directly once results are published.

Criteria for Entry (Year 14)

Except in exceptional circumstances the minimum entry requirement for A2 study is DDD or 8 points* across 3 subjects at AS level.

(* where an A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.)

SUBJECT SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to 14 Points pupils must meet the specific criteria for each subject they wish to study. Where a pupil is applying for more than two or more subjects not previously studied at GCSE a qualifying grade may only be used once.

AS LEVEL SUBJECTS	SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS <i>A pupil MUST have obtained at least a grade B at GCSE in the subject stated at the higher tier.</i>
Art	Grade B in Art or Grade B in Moving Image Arts.
Biology	Grade A in GCSE Biology or B in GCSE Biology with a B in GCSE Chemistry. For Double Award Science, a minimum of BB in Double Award Science with a mark of 75% in the Biology component.
Business Studies	Grade B in Business Studies or Grade B in English and Maths where Business Studies GCSE has not been studied.
Chemistry	Grade A in GCSE Chemistry or minimum of AA in Double Award Science with a mark of 80% in the Chemistry component and 20 GCSE Points.
Computing / SSD	B grade in Digital Technology AND an A in Mathematics for students who have studied GCSE Digital Technology OR A in Further Mathematics for students who have not studied GCSE Digital Technology OR A* in Mathematics for students who have not studied either GCSE Digital Technology or Further Mathematics.
Digital Technology	For those who have studied GCSE Digital Technology a Grade B in GCSE Digital Technology is required OR for students who have not studied GCSE Digital Technology a grade A in GCSE Mathematics AND a grade B in GCSE English Language/Literature are required.
English Literature	Grade B in English Literature (an A* or A in English Language is acceptable where English Literature has not been studied)
Economics	A minimum of Grade A in Mathematics & Grade B in English or B in Further Maths.
Geography	Grade B in GCSE Geography.
Government & Politics	Grade B in 1 of: English Language, English Literature, History or Journalism.

Health & Social Care	Grade B in 1 of: English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Food and Nutrition or Journalism.
History	Grade B in 1 of: English Language, English Literature, Journalism or History.
Mathematics Accelerated Mathematics leading to Further Mathematics	<p>Mathematics at Grade A* having taken the M4 & M8 modules. OR Mathematics Grade A having taken the T4 (or M4/M8) module when accompanied by Further Mathematics have achieved a minimum of Grade B.</p> <p>Students who achieve a UMS mark of at least 170 in Further Mathematics can avail of the option of completing their A Level Mathematics in one year. Any student wishing to study Further Mathematics A Level should follow this route. The maximum class size will be 20 students and in the event of an oversubscription GCSE Further Maths UMS scores will be used. (Note this route is only available in Option Block B)</p>
Modern Languages German French Spanish	<p>Grade B in German</p> <p>Grade B in French</p> <p>Grade B in Spanish</p>
Moving Image Arts	Grade B grade in 1 of: MIA, Art, Digital Technology or Journalism.
Music	Grade B in Music or Grade 3 Music Theory and Grade 4 Instrument Practical ABRSM or equivalent.
Nutrition & Food Science	Grade B in GCSE Food and Nutrition or Grade B in Biology or Chemistry if GCSE Food & Nutrition has not been studied.
Physical Education BTEC	<p>Grade B in Physical Education or B in GCSE English or Biology if PE has not been studied.</p> <p>Also, participation at a high level in a major sport (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, athletics etc) or representative honour in other sports is essential.</p>
Physics	Grade A in GCSE Physics and GCSE Mathematics with a minimum of 20 total GCSE points. Where Double Award has been studied a minimum of AA in Double Award Science with a mark of 77% in the Physics component.
Religious Studies (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)	Grade B RS (Full Course) or grade A in RS (Short course).
Technology	Grade A in GCSE Technology or a Grade B with a grade A in Unit 3 (CW).

- In the event of a subject being oversubscribed the students with the highest UMS scores will be selected before those with lower UMS scores.
- Where a pupil is applying for two or more subjects not previously studied at GCSE a qualifying grade may only be used once.