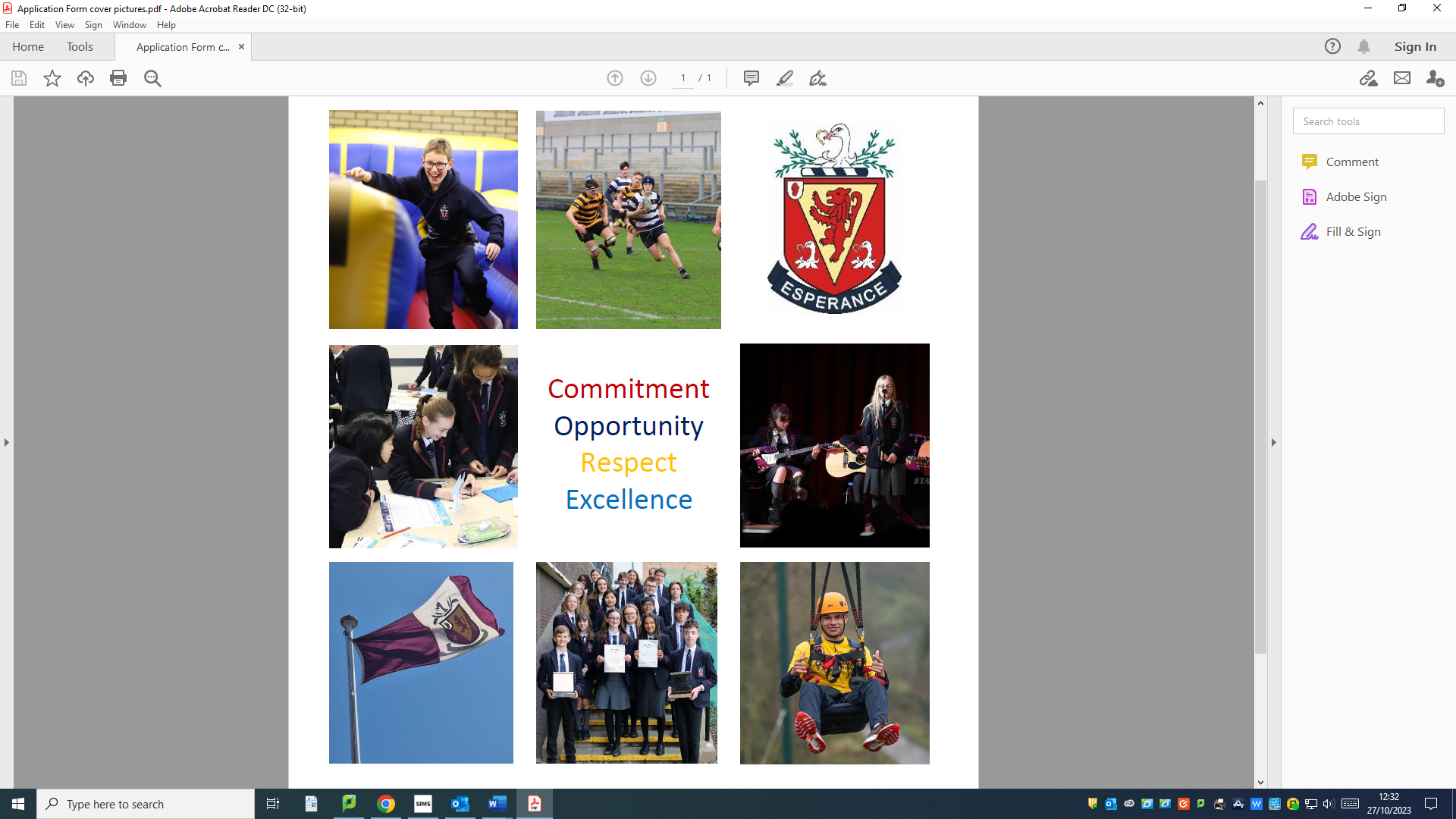
**The Wallace High School**

**Application Form**



Post: **SEN Classroom Assistant**

Post Begins: **26 August 2025**

Closing Date: **Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 12 midday**

The Wallace High School is a co-educational voluntary grammar school situated in a pleasant residential area of Lisburn. It was founded in 1880 by a bequest from the estate of Sir Richard Wallace, local landowner and MP.

The School enjoys an excellent academic record both locally and nationally. The strong pastoral system ensures that individual pupils benefit from the support and guidance of their class tutor who monitors academic progress and general welfare. Through its curricular programme, wide range of extra-curricular activities and the expertise of well trained, specialist teaching staff, the School provides a balanced educational experience, encouraging pupils to discover and develop their particular talents, and preparing them for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life referred to as ‘The Wallace Way’.

A strong emphasis is placed on extra-curricular activities, and a wide range of clubs and societies meet regularly. Pupil involvement is encouraged in music, drama and debating, while success is enjoyed by School teams playing rugby, hockey, tennis, athletics, badminton, netball and cricket. Pupils also benefit from the many opportunities afforded to them through School trips and visits, and through involvement in community service.

The School has recently invested in major enhancements such as new extensions and sports facilities, but the commitment at Wallace High School still remains to maintain high standards and maximise the potential of each individual pupil. The School has a strong reputation for innovation in the use of digital technology in learning.

**Instructions to Applicants**

Please read this before you complete the application form.

* Please do not attach additional sheets to this form. Covering emails/letters and CVs will not be considered by the panel.
* Please complete the form in Calibri font 12.
* Application forms should be emailed in Word format to [recruit@wallacehigh.net](mailto:recruit@wallacehigh.net). An acknowledgement will be sent by return of email.
* If shortlisted, you will be asked to sign the printed application form at interview, and present a form of photographic identification.
* Applications received after the closing date/time will not be accepted.
* It is up to the candidate to demonstrate on the application form how they meet each criterion.

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Office use only:**

Ref: 2025/SEN ClassroomAssist/………

**Office use only:**

Ref: 2023/Physics/……….

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| **Title** |  |  |  |
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| **First name** |  | **Middle name(s)** |  |
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| **Surname** |  | **Maiden Name (if applicable)** |  |
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| **Date of Birth** |  | **Mobile number** |  |
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| **Email address** |  | | |
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| **Address** |  | | |
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| **National Insurance No** |  |  | |

**SECTION 2: DETAILS OF PRESENT EMPLOYMENT**

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| **Name and address of present employer** | | |  | |
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| **Post held** |  | | | |
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| **Current salary** |  | | |  |
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| **Main Duties** |  | | | |
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| **Period of notice required** | |  | | |



**SECTION 3: PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

Please provide the details of previous employment, starting with the most recent.

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| **Name and address of employer** | **Job Title** | **From** | **To** | **Reason for leaving** | |
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Please explain any gaps in your employment history:

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**SECTION 4: EDUCATION**

Please list below your GCSE and A Level (or equivalent), degree and postgraduate qualifications, grades or levels and the dates awarded.

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| **Name of School/College/University** | **Qualification** | **Grade/Level**  **(if appropriate)** | **Date Awarded** |
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**SECTION 5: MEETING THE CRITERIA**

Please indicate below how you meet the following criteria which are either essential or desirable (if not met please leave blank).

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| **Essential Criteria**  **Applicants must (as of 1 September 2025):** |
| Have a qualified status as a Classroom Assistant (Minimum NVQ Level 3). |
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| Have GCSE Grade C or above in English Language and Mathematics or Level 2 equivalent. |
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| **Desirable Criteria**  **Preference may be given to candidates who (as of 1 September 2025):** |
| Have experience of working with a child with a diagnosis of ASD as a Classroom Assistant in a Post Primary setting. |
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| Have experience of working with a child with special needs as a Classroom Assistant in a Post Primary setting. |
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| Have additional academic qualifications at Level 3 or above. |
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**SECTION 6: REFEREES**

Please give the name, address and position of two persons from whom we may obtain a reference. The persons should not be relatives and one must be in a position to comment upon your performance in your present post or situation as appropriate.

Please ensure that you have notified your referee that you have listed their name. Depending on the post advertised, references may be called at any stage during the recruitment process.

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| **Referee 1** | | **Referee 2** | |
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| Job Title |  | Job Title |  |
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| Organisation and address |  | Organisation and address |  |
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| Email address |  | Email address |  |
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| Telephone number |  | Telephone number |  |

**SECTION 7: CRIMINAL OFFENCES**

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| Please give details of any convictions or cautions from criminal offences (including nature of offence and sentence). A Criminal Record will not necessarily be a bar to an applicant obtaining a position, any Disclosure Information will not be used unfairly. A copy of the Recruitment of Ex-Offenders Policy is available on request. |
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**SECTION 8: DISCLOSURE**

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| Are you aware of any issues or circumstances which the School, concerned for the welfare of its under age and young adult pupils and the protection of its reputation, might reasonably be expected to consider relevant to your engagement, continued employment, conduct and performance? (Please ✓ the appropriate box). | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| If yes, please supply all relevant details. | | | |
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| Is there any reason why you cannot work in Regulated Activity? (Please ✓ the appropriate box)  Please refer to: <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/disclosure-and-barring> for further information. | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| If yes, please supply all relevant details. | | | |
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**SECTION 9: DECLARATION**

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to sign the application form at the interview stage.

I certify that the information supplied by me in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that prior to an appointment being confirmed, a criminal records check will be made on me for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the DENI Circulars 2006/06 “Child Protection: Recruitment of People to work with Children and Young People in Educational Settings” and 2008/03 “Child Protection: Pre-Employment checking of persons to work in schools – new arrangements”. I give my permission for this to be done.

I certify that I am not disqualified from working with children or subject to sanctions imposed by a regulatory body which would restrict me from applying for this post.

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| **Signature** |  | **Date** |  |

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SECTION 10**

**SECTION 10: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Office use only:**

Ref: 2025/SEN ClassroomAssist/………

**This form will be detached from your application form and anonymised.**

Please complete the following information by inserting an X in the appropriate box.

**Gender**

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| Female |  | Male |  |

**Community Background**

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| I have a Protestant community background |  |
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| I have a Roman Catholic community background |  |
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| I have neither a Protestant nor a Roman Catholic community background |  |

The Wallace High School

**Fair Employment and Treatment (NI) Order 1998**

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT TO ALL EMPLOYEES**

The policy of the Board of Governors is to provide equal opportunities for all job applicants and employees.

All appointments and promotions are made on merit. The School does not directly or indirectly discriminate on grounds of religious belief, political opinion, race, gender, sexuality, marital status or disability.

To ensure that selection procedures are consistent and seen to be fair by all employees and job applicants, job descriptions and personnel specifications are used; the main duties and necessary requirements for any vacant post are clearly defined.

All vacancies are advertised. All applicants for non-teaching posts are initially required to complete an application form which, where applicable, is accompanied by a request for a voluntary unsigned statement on community background for the collection of equal-opportunity data. This request form is not included as part of the formal application but is retained separately and has no influence on any employment decision. Where short-listing is appropriate to the filling of the vacancy, interviews are offered on the basis of job-related criteria; written assessments, with reasons for acceptance or rejection, are retained for a period of one year on each individual interviewed.

The School maintains a neutral working environment in which no employee, pupil or visitor should feel embarrassed, threatened or intimidated because of his/her religious belief, political opinion, race, gender, sexuality, marital status or disability. The display by an employee or pupil of flags, emblems, posters or graffiti or the circulation of any material or any activity whatsoever likely to give offence or cause apprehension among particular groups is therefore prohibited. All members of the school, staff and pupils alike, are expected to contribute positively to the maintenance of good community relations. Employment contracts make clear that any break of equal-opportunity practice is regarded as a disciplinary offence.

The Board commits itself to keep under review the operation of its equal-opportunity policy, as specified in Article 55 of the Order, to take account of changing circumstances, adopting, where necessary, appropriate affirmative action measures to ensure the provision of equality of opportunity and fair participation for all sections of the community.

**Deborah O’Hare (Mrs)**

**Principal**

(Responsible under the above legislation for Equal Opportunity Policy)