



THE WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

PERMANENT FULL TIME TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY TO A LEVEL

From Monday, 4 January 2027

General Information

The Wallace High School is a co-educational, voluntary grammar school founded in 1880. The annual intake of pupils into Year 8 is 170 and there are some 300 pupils in the Sixth Form. The school draws its pupils from Lisburn and the surrounding area.

The Chemistry Department

The Department consists of the Head of Department, four full-time teachers and a technician. GCSE Chemistry is taught by subject specialists at Key Stage 4. Sciences are taught separately at Key Stage 3.

Main Responsibilities

- To be responsible to the Principal through the Head of Chemistry for the effective teaching and learning of Chemistry Key Stage 3, 4 and Chemistry A Level.
- To teach Chemistry in accordance with school policies and practice, and in pursuit of high standards of pupil achievement.
- To act as Class Tutor to an assigned group and carry out duties in accordance with school policies and practice.
- To be actively involved in extra-curricular activities.

The above responsibilities are subject to the general duties and responsibilities contained in the statement of conditions of appointment.

This job description is not necessarily a comprehensive definition of the post. It will be reviewed regularly and may be subject to modification or amendment at any time after due consideration.

Qualifications and Experience

Essential Criteria

Applicants must (from 1 September 2026)

- have a good honours degree in Chemistry (2:2 minimum) or a good honours degree in which Chemistry is a major component.
- be a qualified teacher on the date of appointment recognised by the Department of Education (NI) and be registered with the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland.
- show ability to teach Chemistry to A Level.
- be able to demonstrate the effective use of ICT in teaching and learning.
- possess good interpersonal skills.

- be able to coordinate and supervise a weekly Science Club.
- be able to plan and deliver examination revision sessions after school weekly to GCSE and A Level students.

Desirable Criteria

Preference may be given to applicants who (from 1 September 2026)

- have experience of teaching Chemistry to GCSE.
- have experience of teaching Chemistry to A Level.
- show willingness to coach a major school sport.
- have a recognised coaching certificate in a major school sport.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to enhance the above criteria at shortlisting.

Applications

It is preferred that application forms are emailed in Word format to the Principal's Personal Assistant, Mrs McDowell, recruit@wallacehigh.net. An acknowledgement will be sent by return of email. Applicants should ensure that they indicate clearly on their application form how they meet the criteria.

The closing date for receipt of application forms is **Thursday, 15 October 2026 at 12 midday**. Interviews are likely to take place between Wednesday 21 - Friday, 23 October 2026.

All applicants will receive written confirmation of whether they have been shortlisted or not.

In order to comply with DE guidelines on Child Protection shortlisted applicants should bring an original birth certificate and/or marriage certificate (if appropriate) plus photographic ID to their interview.

NB: It is an offence for an individual who is on either of the Department's Lists (UP List and/or List 99), or who is the subject of a disqualification order from the courts, to apply for, or offer to do any work, paid or unpaid, in a regulated position.