



THE WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL

**TEMPORARY FULL TIME TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY TO GCSE
(MATERNITY LEAVE)**

From Monday, 4 January 2027 for the duration of the permanent postholder's Maternity Leave.

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. The school offers CCEA GCSE and A Level Chemistry. 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, and GCSE.
- 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 including a weekly Chemistry Club.

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 2:2 minimum degree in Chemistry or a 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.

Desirable Criteria

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

- Have experience of teaching Chemistry to GCSE.
- Show willingness to coach a major school sport.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to enhance the above criteria at shortlisting and this may include the use of the Competencies and Skills section of the application form.

Applications

It is preferred that application forms are emailed 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.

As part of the recruitment process all applicants are expected to have a working knowledge of all aspects of the CCEA GCSE Chemistry specification.

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.