



Wimbledon College

Sixth Form Admissions Policy 2027-2028

Wimbledon College is a voluntary aided Roman Catholic secondary school for boys in the trusteeship of the Society of Jesus[1]. It is part of the provision of Catholic education in the Diocese of Southwark and an apostolic work of the British Jesuit Province.

The school is conducted by its governing body as part of the Catholic Church in accordance with its Trust Deed and Instrument of Government and seeks at all times to be a witness to Jesus Christ.

The school exists primarily to provide a Jesuit education for children of the Catholic community and Catholic children always have priority of admission. However, the Governing Body also welcomes applications from those of other denominations and faiths or of no faith who support the religious ethos of the school.

Priority of admission to Wimbledon College Sixth Form will be given to students finishing Year 11 of Wimbledon College in Summer of 2027. The College may also admit external students into Year 12 such that the total number of Year 12 students, internal and external, does not exceed 160.

Internal applicants

Pupils in Year 11 at Wimbledon College are eligible for a place in the Wimbledon College Sixth Form if they meet the Wimbledon College Sixth Form entry requirements. A provisional offer is communicated to applicants in the Spring term of their Year 11. Course confirmations are only issued after GCSE results day and subject to entry requirements and space on courses.

External applicants

Wimbledon College Sixth Form welcomes male applicants from other schools for Pathways 1-4 (see later for details). External male applicants must complete the Wimbledon College Sixth Form application form and ask their current school to complete the reference section of the application form.

When assessing any application, we consider several key factors:

- Current academic attainment (eg mock grades)
- Commitment to study at Wimbledon College (evidenced through reference and student application form)
- Wider interests and the contribution the applicant might make to the College community (evidenced through reference and student application form)
- Previous school attendance and punctuality (evidenced through reference)
- Distance from the school
- Course size numbers. The school reserves the right to limit course sizes due to staffing and resourcing constraints.

A provisional offer may be communicated to external applicants in the Spring term of their Year 11. Course confirmations are only issued after GCSE results day and subject to entry requirements and space on courses. Some external applicants may be placed on a waiting list.

Pathways

There are several Pathways through the Sixth Form. Which Pathway you take will depend on your achievements in Year 11 and your intentions for education after Sixth Form. You must meet the entry requirements for the Pathway.

Pathway 1: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-5 (minimum of six grade 7 or above). Students can opt to do 4 A Levels or 3 A Levels and EPQ

Pathway 2: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (minimum of four grade 5 or above). Students study 3 A Levels

Pathway 3: At least eight GCSEs grades 9-4 (with fewer than four at grade 5). Students study two Level 3 Vocational qualifications and can study one A Level or a further Level 3 equivalent qualification.

Pathway 4: At least five GCSEs grades 9-4 (including grade 4 in English or Maths). Students study three Level 3 Vocational qualifications and may also retake GCSE Maths or English if they have not achieved a 4 in one or the other.

Pathway 5: Fewer than five GCSEs grades 9-4 (below grade 4 in Maths and English Language) Students follow the Level 2 Courses and retake both GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics. This pathway is only available to pupils in Y11 at Wimbledon College it is not available to pupils in Y11 in other schools.

External students can only apply for Pathways 1 to 4.

Students meeting the requirements for a higher pathway are eligible for other pathways.

In addition to meeting the above requirements to follow each Pathway, students must also meet the entry requirements for each subject they intend to study. (See separate document for these requirements – Wimbledon College Entry Requirements 2027-2028)

Please note for several subjects there are additional conditions that must be met.

Oversubscribed Courses

For subjects that are oversubscribed, preference will be given in the following order:

1. Pupils who are looked after or who were recently looked after who meet the subject entry requirements
2. Pupils currently at Wimbledon College who meet the subject entry requirements
3. Other external applicants who meet the subject entry requirements

If courses are oversubscribed within any of the above categories, Average Points Score (APS) from a student's best 8 GCSEs will be used to determine the order of admissions with the higher score being given preference.

We will not offer places to current Wimbledon College pupils or external applicants who fail to meet the entry requirements and for whom no reasonable programme of study can be arranged.

Students with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

The admission of students with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is dealt with by a completely separate procedure. This procedure is integral to the making and maintaining of EHCPs by the student's home Local Education Authority. Details of this separate procedure is set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice. An EHCP student naming the school will be admitted if the school deems their needs can be accommodated and they meet the entry requirements.

Entitlement To Free Education

To be eligible for funding a student must have the legal right to be resident in the UK at the start of their study programme. A person subject to a Home Office deportation order will ordinarily be ineligible for funding until their situation has been resolved to the satisfaction of the Home Office. Students whose immigration permission to enter the UK is as a 'Visitor' (also commonly known as a 'Tourist') are also ineligible for 16 to 19 funding.

The criteria identifying those students who are eligible for funding can be found in DfE Advice: funding rules for 16 to 19 provision 2026 to 2027.