



WILSON'S SCHOOL ADMISSION CRITERIA and ARRANGEMENTS 2026-2027

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ENTRY TO THE SIXTH FORM (YEAR 12) IN SEPTEMBER 2026

All boys in the current Year 11 at Wilson's School who meet the normal academic entry criteria will continue into the Sixth Form, if they wish¹.

Wilson's School welcomes applications from boys from other schools who are moving from Year 11 into Year 12 and have a date of birth from 1 September 2009 to 31 August 2010. However, the School does not guarantee a minimum number of places for external applicants. If places are available once all internal candidates who have met the entry criteria are admitted, they will be offered to external applicants who have met the entry criteria in rank order of total GCSE points score calculated in accordance with the provisions below. External candidates are not accepted into Year 13.

In the event that external candidates have the same rank order of total points score, the application will be determined by a random ballot supervised by an independent person.

Offers for places in the Sixth Form will be made on the basis of the total points score at GCSE (full course only) achieved in Mathematics, the highest English grade (Language or Literature) and the best six results from the remaining subjects listed below.

English Language; English Literature; separate sciences (namely Biology, Chemistry, Physics) or Combined Science (Science and Additional Science); French; German; Spanish; (other Modern Foreign Languages will only be considered if they are achieved as part of the standard curriculum at the candidate's current school); History; Geography; Business or Economics; Art; Computing; Design and Technology; Music; Latin; Classics; Religious Studies; PE.

An A or B at AS level in any of the above subjects will be counted as 9 points. To be included in the calculation of the total points score the subjects and qualifications must be achieved as part of the standard timetabled curriculum at the candidate's current school. Subjects or qualifications not listed are not accepted. Only **one** qualification for each of the subjects listed above is taken into consideration.

The same normal entry requirements for both internal and external candidates are:

- a candidate must achieve a total grade points score of at least **58** using the points score calculation described above;

¹ Examination board reviews can bring about a change of grade in individual subjects. If a Wilson's student does not achieve the entry requirements on results day, but subsequently meets the standard, he will be admitted up to and including the last day of the second full week of term.

- a candidate must achieve a grade 6 or above in English (Language or Literature) and Mathematics;
- a candidate must achieve at least grade 7 in the subjects he wishes to study; where there are special entry requirements to specific courses as set out in the table below, these entry requirements must be met to study the subject.

Example:

	Grade	Points	Counted?
Mathematics	7	7	Yes
English Language	6	6	
English Literature	8	8	Yes
Biology	8	8	Yes
Chemistry	9	9	Yes
Physics	8	8	Yes
German	9	9	Yes
DT	6	6	
Business	7	7	Yes
History	7	7	Yes

This candidate achieves a total points score of: **63**

Places will be offered subject to availability on the candidate's chosen courses.

SPECIAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO COURSES		
Subject	Grade 7 or above required in this subject at GCSE?	Special Entry Requirements above and beyond the grade 7 at GCSE?
Art	Yes	Where Art has not been taken at GCSE, a portfolio of evidence of suitable range of skills will be considered.
English Literature	Yes	At least a grade 7 in English Language or English Literature.
French	Yes	Not applicable.
Geography	Yes	Not applicable.
German	Yes	Not applicable.
Latin	Yes	Not applicable.
Mathematics Pathway (1)*	Yes	At least a grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics is required.
Mathematics Pathway (2)*	Yes	At least a grade 9 in GCSE Mathematics is required
Science (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)	Yes	If Combined Science has been taken at GCSE, a grade 7 or above is required in the specific subject to be studied (e.g. Biology). This is a distinct requirement from achieving a minimum grade 7 overall.
Spanish	Yes	Not applicable.
* Mathematics Pathway 1 Course Structure: this pathway prepares students for both the AS Mathematics qualification in Year 12 and the A Level Mathematics qualification in Year 13 * Mathematics Pathway 2 Course Structure -: this pathway prepares students for both AS Mathematics (Year 12) and A Level Mathematics (Year 13). It also provides students with the opportunity to have their aptitude for studying A Level Further Mathematics in Year 13 assessed.		

Subject	Grade 7 or above required in this subject at GCSE?	Special Entry Requirements?
Classical Civilisation	No	A grade 7 or above in any of English Literature, English Language or History is required.
Computing	Yes	If Computing has been taken at GCSE, then at least a grade 8 must be achieved to study A level Computing. If Computing has not been studied at GCSE, then at least a grade 8 in Mathematics is required to study Computing at A level.
DT	No*	At least a grade B must be achieved at AS for those who have studied this course. Students who have not studied the subject at GCSE / AS will need to present a portfolio of their work to be considered. *For external applicants who have studied GCSE in Resistant Materials, Product Design and/or Systems and Control, at least a grade 8 is required.
Economics	No	If Business has been taken at GCSE, then at least a grade 7 must be achieved to study A level Economics. If Business has not been taken at GCSE, then at least a grade 7 in both Mathematics and English (Language or Literature) are required to study A level Economics.
Government & Politics	No	At least a grade 7 in English Language, English Literature or History
History	No	At least a grade 7 in History or at least a grade 7 in English Language or English Literature if History has not been taken.
Music	No	Demonstrate theory knowledge at Grade 5 level alongside regular and on-going professional instrumental/vocal tuition. Where Music has been studied at GCSE, at least a grade 7 and on-going professional instrumental/vocal lessons.
Philosophy	No	At least a grade 7 in any of Religious Studies, English Language, English Literature or History is required.

NB: Courses offered and entry requirements can be subject to change.

RIGHT OF APPEAL

Parents/carers, and in the case of the entry to the Sixth Form the pupil, have a statutory right of appeal against a decision to refuse a place for which a valid application has been made.