

The Wallace High School



Sixth Form Entry Criteria

2025-2026

Criteria for Entry (Year 13)

Pupils entering the Lower Sixth Year will follow courses leading to three or four AS Levels. Most pupils will continue courses in the Upper Sixth Year leading to three A2 Levels. A small number may take four A2 Levels.

Criteria for joining Lower Sixth

Normally a pupil **must** have obtained:

- Grades at GCSE which result in a minimum score of **fourteen points** within the preceding twelve months, where:
 - A* = 4 points
 - A = 3 points
 - B = 2 points
 - C* = 1.5 points
 - C = 1 point

At least a grade B in specific subjects at GCSE as stated in the "Subject Specific Requirements".

- At least 3 subjects at Grade B or better.

Pupils with 23-30 points have the option of three or four AS subjects. Pupils with more than 30 points would be expected to study four.

Pupils who opt to study the **BTEC Diploma** in Physical Education who do not attain 14 GCSE points may still be considered for entry. Please contact the school directly once results are published.

Careers and Pathways

The recommended minimum grades for A2 study is DDD or 8 points* across three subjects at AS level. Students who do not meet this criterion will be invited for a careers meeting and a review of their selected subjects.

(* where an A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1.)

SUBJECT SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to 14 Points pupils must meet the specific criteria for each subject they wish to study.

<u>AS LEVEL SUBJECTS</u>	<u>SPECIFIC GCSE REQUIREMENTS</u> <i>A pupil MUST have obtained at least a grade B at GCSE in the subject stated at the higher tier.</i>
Art	Grade B in Art or Grade B in Moving Image Arts.
Biology	Grade A in GCSE Biology or B in GCSE Biology with a B in GCSE Chemistry. For Double Award Science, a minimum of BB in Double Award Science with a mark of 75% in the Biology component.
Business Studies	Grade B in Business Studies or Grade B in Business Communications or Grade B in English and Maths where Business Studies / Business Communications GCSE has not been studied.
Chemistry	Grade A in GCSE Chemistry or minimum of AA in Double Award Science with a mark of 80% in the Chemistry component and 20 GCSE Points.
Computing / SSD	For students who have studied GCSE Digital Technology: B grade in Digital Technology AND an A in Mathematics or B in Further Mathematics. For students who have not studied GCSE Digital Technology: A* in Mathematics for students who have not studied either GCSE Digital Technology or Further Mathematics.
Digital Technology	Grade B in Digital Technology or Business and Communication Systems. Where a student has not studied Digital Technology or Business and Communication Systems a grade B in GCSE Mathematics AND a grade B in GCSE English Language/Literature are required.
English Literature	Grade B in English Literature (an A* or A in English Language is acceptable where English Literature has not been studied).

Geography	Grade B in GCSE Geography or Grade A in GCSE Agriculture and Land Use.
Government & Politics	Grade B in 1 of: English Language, English Literature, or History.
Health & Social Care	Grade B in 1 of: English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, or Food and Nutrition.
History	Grade B in History or grade A in English Language or English Literature.
Mathematics	Grade A* In Mathematics [^] or Grade A in Mathematics [^] with Grade B in Further Mathematics or Grade A in Mathematics [^] with Grade A* in Statistics. [^] having taken the M4/M8 modules
Accelerated Mathematics (A-level in 1 Year) This can lead to Further Mathematics in Year 14.	Further Mathematics A* with Mathematics at A or Further Mathematics A with Mathematics A*. Any student wishing to study Further Mathematics A-Level must follow this route. Pupils opting for Accelerated Maths must study four subjects at AS.
Modern Languages German French Spanish	Grade B in German Grade B in French Grade B in Spanish
Moving Image Arts	Grade B grade in 1 of: MIA, Art or Digital Technology.
Music	Grade B in Music or Grade 3 Music Theory and Grade 4 Instrument Practical ABRSM or equivalent.
Nutrition & Food Science	Grade B in GCSE Food and Nutrition or Grade B in Biology or Chemistry if GCSE Food & Nutrition has not been studied.
Physical Education (A-Level)	Grade A in GCSE PE Also, participation at a high level in a major sport (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, athletics etc) or representative honour in other sports is essential.

Physical Education (BTEC)	Grade B in Physical Education or B in GCSE English or Biology if PE has not been studied. Also , participation at a high level in a major sport (rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, athletics etc) or representative honour in other sports is essential.
Physics	Grade A in GCSE Physics and Grade A in Mathematics with 20 or more GCSE points. Where Double Award has been studied a minimum of AA in Double Award Science with a mark of 80% in the Physics component.
Religious Studies	Grade B RS (Full Course).
Technology	Grade B in GCSE Technology.

- Where a pupil is applying for more than two or more subjects not previously studied at GCSE a qualifying grade may only be used once.
- In the event of a subject being oversubscribed the students with the highest UMS scores will be selected before those with lower UMS scores.
- A course that is undersubscribed may be withdrawn.

Criteria Appeals (August)

Where a student has not met the necessary subject requirements a parent/guardian may apply for a criteria appeal. A criteria appeal application can be made during the return to school interview on GCSE results day. Appeals aim to be processed within 48 hours of application.

