WEST LONDON FREE SCHOOL

Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements 2026-2027

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Overview

a. Students must normally be 16 on 31st August 2026. Applications for students outside that age group will be considered according to the individual circumstances of the case; details should be supplied in writing to the Sixth Form Admissions Team. We do not allow current WLFS Y12 students to re-sit the year. However, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Headteachers when students experience extreme circumstances outside of school.

b. There are a maximum of 270 places in the Sixth Form. Places available for each year group may change slightly year on year due to in-year movement but will usually be around 135.

c. Minimum Entry Requirements are Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics, and five Grade 6s overall. Individual Subject Criteria can be found in the Appendix below.

d. All students in the current Year 11 at the West London Free School who meet the Minimum Entry Requirements and the Individual Subject Criteria will be given first preference to continue into the Sixth Form if they wish to do so. The Headteachers reserve the right to make the final decision in the event of any WLFS pupil who has narrowly missed either the Minimum Entry Requirements or Individual Subject Requirements.

e. Any remaining places will be filled by external applicants to the Sixth Form; final numbers will vary depending on the combination of courses, availability of spaces and the number of internal Year 11 students who decide to continue at the West London Free School. Applications must be made by the annual closing date in January, and final subject choices must be submitted each year by 1st July.

f. Applicants who do not have any GCSE/iGCSE grades, such as those studying at international schools or schools abroad, will be asked to obtain a Statement of Comparability via ENIC, at their own cost. Alternatively, students will be expected to sit a GCSE or iGCSE in both Mathematics and English Language. Additionally, for students wishing to study any or all of Physics, Biology and/or Chemistry, they will need to sit an internally assessed paper of comparable challenge to the GCSE Combined Science paper(s).

GCSE Results Day

a. Internal WLFS students should confirm at the point of collection of their GCSE Results their intention to take up their place at the Sixth Form via Applicaa, at the latest by 11am on GCSE Results Day. If no response is received by this time, the place may be offered to another applicant.

b. External students who have met the entry requirements should update all their GCSE results from 'predicted' to 'achieved' on their WLFS Applicaa account, including any taken in previous years (along with a confirmatory image) by 11am on GCSE Results Day to indicate their continued interest in taking up a place.
c. Prior to confirmation of the A levels to be taken, an applicant's GCSE results will be checked firstly against the Minimum Entry Requirements and then against the Individual Subject Criteria for their presubmitted choices. In the case where applications exceed our Pupil Admission Number then the oversubscription criteria will be applied. Please see below.

d. External applicants will receive a confirmation email on GCSE ResultsDay of their enrolment status.

e. Should an internal or external student wish to change their subject choices following enrolment, they should submit a request in writing to sixthformadmissions@wlfs.org. Changes will only be accommodated where space is available.

Oversubscription Criteria for External Students

In all cases students must have applied before the closing deadline and achieved the general and subject entry requirements before these oversubscription criteria are applied.

a. Subject to place availability on courses, places will first be offered to the applicants in order from the ranked list. Priority will be given to:

I. Looked after children as defined in Section 22 of the Children Act (1989) or children who were previously looked after.

II. Children with a current EHCP plan whose needs can be met by WLFS (as confirmed by the WLFS SENCo).

III. Children whose parents are founders and who have been granted this provision by the Secretary of State for Education.

IV. Children of staff at WLFS who have been employed for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made or who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

V. Children who will have siblings in the school at the time when they are admitted to the school.

VI. 35% of all remaining external places to be made available for pupils who have received pupil premium grant (PPG)/ free school meals (FSM) and

meet the required academic entry grades and who make clear on their application form that they have received PPG/ FSMs. This will be verified with the relevant local authority.

VII. Students wishing to study Music or Music Technology, in consideration of the school's specialism.

VIII. After places have been filled under the first seven criteria, any remaining places will be offered to students based on a combination of average GCSE score across all subjects, and availability on courses. Average GCSE score will be calculated based on an average of all GCSEs taken by the student. All subjects and results must be uploaded to Applicaa.

IX. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of places, and the cut-off point lies between two pupils with the same average GCSE score, offers will be determined by random allocation.

Appeal Procedure

Admissions decisions are made based on the admissions criteria, and appealswill only be investigated if we believe there has been an error in this regard.

Should you wish to make an appeal, please contact Robert Peal, Joint Headteacher (r.peal@wlfs.org) by 14th September, including any additional evidence for making your appeal.

Reserve List

In addition to the right to appeal, unsuccessful applicants will be placed on the Reserve List. The order of the Reserve List will be determined in accordance withthe over-subscription criteria.

The Reserve List will be maintained until 30th September 2026.

Appendix A – Individual Subject Criteria

Minimum Entry Requirements are Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics, and five Grade 6s overall. Individual Subject Criteria can be found in the Appendix below.

A-level Subject	Minimum Entry Requirement
Biology	Grade 7/A Biology or Grades 7-7/A-A Combined Science and Grade 7/A Mathematics
Chemistry	Grade 7/A Chemistry or Grades 7-7/A-A Combined Science and Grade 7/A Mathematics
Classical Civilisation	Grade 6/B at GCSE English Language
Computer Science	Grade 7/A at GCSE Mathematics and 7/A at GCSE Computer Science (where taken)
Economics	Grade 7/A at GCSE Mathematics and Grade 6/B in English Language
English Literature	Grade 6/B at GCSE English Language
Fine Art	Grade 6/B at GCSE Art
French	Grade 7/A at GCSE French
Further Mathematics	Grade 8/A* at GCSE Mathematics - can only be taken as a fourth A-level option
Geography	Grade 6/B at GCSE Geography
History of Art	Grade 6/B at GCSE English Language
Latin	Grade 7/A at GCSE Latin
Mathematics	Grade 7/A at GCSE Mathematics
History	Grade 6/B at GCSE History
Music	Grade 6/B at GCSE Music
/Music Technology	Grade 6/B at GCSE Music
Physical Education	Grade 6/B at GCSE PE and Biology or 6-6 in Combined Science. In addition, students must take part in a competitive sport outside of school.
Physics	Grade 7/A Physics or Grades 7-7/A-A Combined Science and Grade 7/A Mathematics
Politics	Grade 6/B at GCSE History or Humanities subject
Religious Studies	Grade 6/B in Religious Studies (or a Humanity)
Spanish	Grade 7/A at GCSE Spanish

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