



Watford Grammar School for Boys

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I make an application?

1. Apply online to your Local Education Authority, giving Watford Grammar School for Boys as a named school.
2. Complete the online School Information Form (SIF) for Watford Grammar School for Boys. You **MUST** return both online forms and submit them by the deadlines given.

When is the deadline to apply?

31st October is the official deadline for applications, both to your LEA and here.

What is the DFE number for Watford Grammar School for Boys?

919 5401

When is your Open Day?

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 5th October 2019, between 9am and 12 noon. Tours of the School will be available all morning and there is no need to register. We will not be organising tours for secondary transfer prior to our Open Morning.

Is the School Information Form (SIF) available on-line?

The SIF will be available to download from our website.

What happens if I do not submit a School Information Form (SIF) to Watford Grammar School for Boys?

We will not know if you are eligible to have your application considered under any particular criteria and therefore your application will only be considered under criteria 2 (distance). We will not know if you have taken the academic or music tests or if you have a sibling already here.

What happens if I do not apply to my LEA, naming Watford Grammar School for Boys as one of my choices?

Even if you take the academic/music tests or have a sibling here already, we will not be able to offer your son a place here.

Can I apply if my postcode is not in one of your postcode areas?

Every year we receive in excess of 600 applications from within the Admission Area for 224 places and, unfortunately, this means that, due to our over subscription criteria, applicants outside the Admission Area have no realistic chance of being offered a place under these admission arrangements. Unless you are intending to apply to another school within the SW Herts Consortium, under whose admission arrangements your child would be considered for a place, there is no point in requesting that your child sit the tests. Having taken the test before applying to any school will not make your child eligible for a place unless the application complies with the rest of our admissions arrangements, principally that the child's home address is inside the WBGs admissions area. In such a case, should you apply, even after your child has taken the tests, your application will merely be acknowledged and retained. Should it transpire that there are insufficient acceptances from applicants within the Admission Area to fill all the places, only then would your application be considered.

If I take the academic/music tests, can I still apply for a distance place?

Test places are classed as specialist places and all applicants who apply for a specialist place are automatically deemed to have applied for a community place (see Admission Policy for further clarification of community and specialist places).

What is the difference between criterion 2 (proximity) and criterion 6 (distance)?

The distances of ALL applicants are measured and placed in order. Criterion 2 is the initial 10% of places that are offered. Criterion 6 Distance places are offered if there are any places left at the end of the allocations. We simply return to the distance list and continue to work down it.

Does my son have to sit any tests?

Non-sibling applicants who do not sit any tests, either academic or music, will only be considered under the distance criterion.

Applicants with a brother at Watford Boys are not required to sit the academic test. Bear in mind that the older brother must be on roll at the time the younger brother enters the school (i.e. if you only have a son in Upper Sixth at the time of application your younger son would not be allocated a sibling place) and not have first entered the school in the Sixth form.

We strongly recommend that sister-siblings take the test in the event of there not being enough community places to admit all sister-siblings.

Applicants can apply only under the music criterion and only take the music test if they wish, however there are limited places under this criterion and applicants are advised to sit the academic test as well.

Do you want to know about my child's sporting abilities and extra-curricular activities?

No – this information will not affect his application. Places are offered in strict accordance with the Admission Arrangements only.

NB: If your query is not answered here, please read the full Admission Notes.