

Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination (NWSSEE)

Frequently Asked Questions

Section 1 About the examination

When is the Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination?

A joint Second Stage Entrance Examination will be held by Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls on Saturday 26 September 2026. Both the test and the criteria applied to be of selective ability will be common to both schools. All girls who meet or exceed the pass mark in the Selective Eligibility Test (SET) will be invited to sit the Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination (hereafter NWSSEE).

What is in the NWSSEE?

There are two elements: an English paper and a Maths paper. They will not be multiple choice. Each paper will last between 40 and 50 minutes. The tests will not include verbal reasoning or non-verbal reasoning. There is no comprehension paper for English in the NWSSEE.

Candidates sometimes come to the NWSSEE with an English composition that they have learned by heart. However, they must write about the subject as shown on the question paper. Answers which are obviously prepared beforehand and do not address the form or task will not be rewarded any marks.

Can my daughter sit the NWSSEE if she has not sat the Selective Eligibility Test?

No. It is a requirement that all candidates pass the SET in order to be invited to sit the NWSSEE.

Section 2 Prior to the examination

My daughter has another entrance test booked on the day of the NWSSEE?

Checks are made with schools in our local area to ensure that we do not clash with their test dates and our dates are published months in advance. We are therefore unable to offer an alternative date for our test.

What if my child has additional needs and will require access arrangements?

You will have already provided details of these when completing the online registration for your child to sit the SET. You will have been informed of the arrangements that will be put in place for your child at the NWSSEE.

Can I get specimen papers or sample questions for the NWSSEE?

We do not provide specimen papers. The content of the English and Maths papers broadly matches what is commonly covered at Key Stage 2 at Primary School. Candidates will need to adapt their learning to tackle some of the questions.

What should I do if my child is not fit to sit the test on the day of the NWSSEE?

If your child is unwell or unfit to sit the NWSSEE on Saturday 26 September, you **MUST** email admissions@girlslearningtrust.org **BEFORE** the test is due to start. The email must contain your child's full name and candidate number as well as a brief explanation of the reason they are unfit to sit the test. You will need to provide a medical certificate/evidence confirming that your child was unfit to sit the test on the day. If you do not follow the instructions provided, your child will not be able to sit the test at a later date.

If there is another significant reason a candidate cannot attend e.g. hospital appointment, parents/carers are advised to email admissions@girlslearningtrust.org in advance of the test with further information. Evidence will be required.

Will my daughter need to use pen or pencil for the NWSSEE papers?

Candidates are expected to use pencil for the Maths paper and either black or blue pen or pencil for the English paper. If using pencil, mistakes must not be rubbed out. Mistakes should be neatly crossed through.

Section 3 During the examination

Will my child be given any rough paper during the NWSSEE?

No. Rough paper will not be provided. It is fine for candidates to use any additional space on the Question Papers for their workings out.

Will my daughter's working out receive any marks in the Maths paper?

There are no marks for working out, only the final answer is marked.

Section 4 To be deemed selective ability

Do you make allowances for age (as in a child whose birthday is at one end of the school year)?

Yes. Age standardisation is applied to the results of the SET and each of the English and Maths tests which make up the NWSSEE.

Does my daughter's score in the Selective Eligibility Test count towards her final score?

Yes. The final total score is the sum of the SET score (re-standardised and divided by 2), the standardised English NWSSEE score and the standardised Maths NWSSEE score.

Does my daughter have to pass both parts of the NWSSEE?

Yes. Candidates must pass both parts (English and Maths) of the NWSSEE to be eligible for a place.

What are the pass marks in the NWSSEE?

It is not possible to state the pass marks for the English and Maths papers in advance of the examination. The pass marks will be decided after the papers have been marked.

When do I find out the outcome of the NWSSEE?

You will be notified by email whether or not your child has passed the NWSSEE prior to the Common Application Form (CAF) deadline.

My daughter has passed the NWSSEE. Does this mean she will be offered a place at Nonsuch High School for Girls or Wallington High School for Girls?

Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls are both oversubscribed which means that many candidates who pass the entrance test will not be made an offer on National Offer Day for one or either school. The outcome of the NWSSEE is valid for applications to Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls.

Will I be given details of my daughter's results in the NWSSEE?

If your daughter does not meet the required standard for one or more of the papers in the NWSSEE, you will be given her standardised score in that paper and the standardised pass mark for that paper.

If your daughter passes both the English and Maths NWSSEE papers and is therefore deemed to be of selective ability, you will not be given her scores but you will be told that she is eligible for a place.

The reason for this policy not to provide scores where a child passes the exam is that, in our experience, providing scores in this way negatively influences pupils, and often leads to anxiety as pupils start comparing themselves relative to their peers, which hurts their overall education journey.

What happens if my daughter does not pass the NWSSEE?

If your daughter does not pass the NWSSEE it means that she is not eligible for a place at either Nonsuch or Wallington Girls as she will not have met the admissions criteria. You should not name these schools on your CAF. However, if you think you might want to lodge an appeal, you will need to name the relevant school(s) on the CAF. This will give you the opportunity to lodge any appeal(s) after National Offer Day.

I am no longer interested in a place at Nonsuch or Wallington Girls; what should I do?

If you are no longer interested in a place at either school, then your daughter does not need to sit the NWSSEE. If this is the case, it would be appreciated if you could email admissions@girlslearningtrust.org to let us know.

I have a question that isn't covered here; what should I do?

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