WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

WCHS Sixth Form Entry Criteria 2026: Minimum entry requirements

Subject/ combinations	Minimum Requirements
Minimum General requirements	6.5 GCSE grade point average across your best 8 subjects * 6 in GCSE English language or GCSE English literature 6 in GCSE Maths
4 A levels (Pathway 3)	Average GCSE point score of 8 or above to do any 4 A Levels. Average grade GCSE point score of 7.3 or above to do Further Maths as the 4th subject.
Art	Grade 6 in GCSE Art or portfolio of evidence that shows a high level of competency
Biology	**If studying triple sciences:** Grade 7 in GCSE Biology and a minimum of Grade 6 in other sciences. **If studying double science:** Grades 8,7 in GCSE Double Science.
Chemistry	**If studying triple sciences:** Grade 7 in GCSE Chemistry and a minimum of Grade 6 in other sciences. **If studying double science:** Grades 8,7 in GCSE Double Science.
Classical Civilisation	Grade 6 GCSE in an essay-based subject
Computer Science	Grade 7 in GCSE Computer Science and a grade 7 in GCSE Maths.
Economics	Grade 6 in GCSE Maths
English Literature	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
French	Grade 6 in GCSE French
Further Maths	Grade 8 or above in GCSE Maths
Geography	Grade 6 GCSE Geography
German	Grade 6 in GCSE German
History	Grade 6 in GCSE History
Latin	Grade 6 in GCSE Latin
Maths	Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
Music	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Music or play to a grade 5 level in your first instrument
Physics	**If studying triple sciences:** Grade 7 in GCSE Physics, Grade 7 in Mathematics, and a minimum of Grade 6 in other sciences. **If studying double science:** Grades 8,7 at GCSE Double Science and Grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics.
Politics	Grade 6 in an essay-based subject at GCSE.
Psychology	Grade 6 or above in at least one science subject at GCSE.
RS	Grade 6 in RS GCSE or Grade 6 in an essay-based subject at GCSE.

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*All applicants need a minimum average capped GCSE point score of 6.5. This is arrived at by calculating the average of the best 8 GCSEs. These 8 GCSEs should normally have been achieved during one sitting, though exceptions will be considered for early entries in GCSE English and Mathematics.

Calculating average GCSE point score:

Points	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Full GCSE (9-1)	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
Legacy & IGCSE		A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U

If studying IGCSEs please substitute the relevant grade equivalent for any numerical grade referred to above.

General requirements

- All applicants must be under 17 years of age on 31st August of the calendar year of proposed admission. (Any applicant for whom this is not the case should write to the Head of Sixth Form requesting consideration of their circumstances.)
- In addition to the GCSE requirements set out, where an applicant's first language is not English, the school may require them to demonstrate sufficient fluency in English, both orally and in writing, to participate successfully in the Sixth Form.
- Applicants must be able to show to the school's satisfaction that they have a right to reside in the United Kingdom and are entitled to State Education.
- The school will refuse admission to any applicant who fails to provide authentic, valid and bona fide documentation in support of her application.

Oversubscription

Applicants for the Sixth Form may be in Year 11 at Woodford or following GCSE courses elsewhere. In the case of over-subscription, places will be offered first to internal applicants, then to external applicants. A minimum of 30 places will be offered each year for appropriately qualified girls from other schools. The entry criteria (identified above) are the same for both groups. Students are admitted based on the availability of places in the timetabled classes for each subject. In the event of courses being oversubscribed, then the following criteria will be applied to external candidates who fulfil the minimum academic entry requirements in order to determine admissions:

1. Looked after children and those with a statement of special educational needs.
2. Highest average predicted capped points score.
3. Proximity to the school.