

# **NONSUCH AND WALLINGTON SECOND STAGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (NWSSEE)**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **When is the Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination?**

A joint second stage test will be held by Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls on Saturday 26 September 2020. Both the test and the criteria applied to be of selective ability will be common to both schools. All girls who have passed the Selective Eligibility Test will receive an invitation to sit the Nonsuch and Wallington Second Stage Entrance Examination (hereafter NWSSEE). If your daughter is deemed to be of selective ability, you will be able to name either or both schools on your CAF in your chosen order of preference.

### **Where will my daughter sit the NWSSEE?**

On Saturday 26 September 2020, the NWSSEE will be held at Nonsuch High School for Girls. All applicants will receive an email containing the detailed arrangements in the week before the tests.

### **What is in the NWSSEE?**

There are two elements: an English test and a Maths test. They will not be multiple-choice. Each paper will be around 45 minutes to 1 hour long. The tests will not include verbal reasoning or non-verbal reasoning. There is no comprehension paper for English in 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 tests is broadly based on the Key Stage 2 curriculum.

You can find some examples of the sorts of questions which might be set in the Second Stage Entrance Examination by clicking on the links below:

[Second Stage English Sample Questions](#)

[Second Stage Maths Sample Questions and Second Stage Maths Sample Answers](#)

### **What should my child bring with them to the NWSSEE?**

Candidates will need:

1. The information that will have been sent to you in advance by email with details of venue and candidate number.
2. Two pencils (HB or B), black pen/biro, a soft rubber, a pencil sharpener and a ruler in a clear plastic pencil case or bag.

3. A fleece or jumper.
4. If desired, water in a sports cap bottle (no fizzy drinks) and a snack for break time (no nuts or products containing nuts due to the number of children who suffer from nut allergies).
5. If desired, a reading book to help pass waiting time. This is optional and has absolutely nothing to do with the examination.

Candidates **must not** bring:

1. A mobile telephone or any other electronic device.
2. A calculator or calculator/digital watch.
3. Any piece of stationery that displays times tables or other such information.
4. A dictionary.

### **Where can my daughter do her working out in the Maths paper?**

If there is not enough space on the paper, candidates will be given rough paper to do any working out. This will be collected in and thrown away. It will not be marked.

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

No. Only the answer your daughter puts on the answer paper will be marked.

### **What is the pass mark in the NWSSEE?**

It is not possible to state a pass mark in advance of the examination. The pass mark will be decided after the papers have been marked.

### **Does my daughter's score in the Selective Eligibility Test count towards her score in the NWSSEE?**

Yes. The final rank order of the entrance examinations will be determined on the basis of the aggregate scores of the Selective Eligibility Test and the two elements of the NWSSEE in the ratio 1:1:1.

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

Yes. Candidates must pass **BOTH** parts of the NWSSEE to be eligible for a place. The marks in these tests will then be added to half of the mark achieved in the Selective Eligibility Test and each part will carry equal weight.

### **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 Selective Eligibility Test and each of the English and Maths tests which make up the NWSSEE before the aggregate score is calculated.

### **Can my daughter sit the test abroad?**

Candidates applying from abroad can sit the NWSSEE in a school abroad as long as the candidate has passed the Selective Eligibility Test and as long as the school will guarantee that the tests are taken in suitable test conditions.

### **How many children will sit the NWSSEE?**

All the girls who pass the Selective Eligibility Test will be invited to sit the NWSSEE.

### **I have received an invitation for my daughter to sit the NWSSEE at Nonsuch but I am not interested in a place at Nonsuch.**

As we run a joint second stage test with Wallington High School for Girls, your daughter would need to sit the test if she is interested in a place at either school. If your daughter is not interested in a place at Nonsuch High School for Girls or Wallington High School for Girls 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](mailto:admissions@girlslearningtrust.org) to let us know. If your daughter does not sit the NWSSEE, you may wish to consider carefully whether or not to name Nonsuch or Wallington on your Common Application Form.

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

No. It is a requirement that your daughter sits and passes the Selective Eligibility Test in order for her to sit the NWSSEE.

### **Are there any other opportunities to sit the NWSSEE?**

There are no alternative dates to sit the NWSSEE except in the case of illness on the day for which a signed medical certificate dated 26 September 2020 will be required. Candidates must also ensure that they arrive on time on the day of the NWSSEE and you must immediately contact Nonsuch High School for Girls (where the test is being held) on 020 8394 3400 if there is any delay.

### **Can we request a morning or afternoon slot for the NWSSEE?**

No. In view of the number of candidates, it is not possible to manage requests for a specific time during the test day.

### **What if my child has special needs and will need special arrangements in the examination?**

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

### **When do I find out the outcome of the NWSSEE?**

You will be notified by email whether or not your daughter has passed the test before the deadline for the Common Application Form, which is 31 October 2020. Please note that, because of oversubscription, many candidates who pass the test will not be made an offer on National Offer Day.

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

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