

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 Entrance Examination will be held by Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls on Saturday 30 September 2023. 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 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. Sample questions can be found below.

[NWSSEE Sample Maths Questions](#)

[NWSSEE Sample English Questions](#)

[NWSSEE English Notes](#)

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.

Can my daughter use pencil for the NWSSEE papers?

In line with common practice at Primary School, candidates are expected to use pencil for the Maths paper and black or blue biro or pen for the English paper. However, candidates will not be penalised

for using pencil for the English paper.

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

Yes. Candidates must pass both parts (Maths and English) 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.

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 Maths NWSSEE score and the standardised English NWSSEE score.

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.

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.

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 30 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 produce a medical certificate/evidence confirming that your child was not fit 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, parent/carers are advised to email admissions@girlslearningtrust.org with further information. Evidence will be required.

What if my child has additional needs and will need 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.

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 CAF deadline. Please note that because of oversubscription, many candidates who pass the entrance test

will not be made an offer on National Offer Day. The outcome of the NWSSEE is valid for applications to Nonsuch High School for Girls and Wallington High School for Girls.

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?

Please email admissions@girlslearningtrust.org