



Gifted and Talented Programme

Application Pack



WELLINGTON COLLEGE
HANGZHOU


Introduction

The **Gifted and Talented Programme** is designed to support and advance pupils' abilities through bespoke opportunities and classes in addition to their core curriculum. Acceptance to this programme may lead to a scholarship for a very select few. Applications for the Gifted and Talented Programme are open to pupils in Years 7-13.

The Gifted and Talented Programme is for pupils who have demonstrated significant talent in their discipline and have made a noteworthy contribution to the school through their abilities. These pupils will be the leaders in Academics, The Arts or Sports, serving as role models to the entire community. Pupils who do not meet the programme's requirements may be removed during the year.

Identified Primary age pupils (Years 3-6) who show exceptional ability will be tracked until they are able to join the Gifted and Talented Programme.





Requirements and How to Apply

Academics

Selected pupils from each year group are offered the opportunity to join the **Academic Gifted and Talented** Programme. These pupils will have demonstrated high levels of skill in a range of disciplines and made a noteworthy contribution to the school through their demonstrated achievements.

This programme encourages pupils to capitalise on their academic passions, to engage beyond the curriculum and use them to serve the wider school community.

Application criteria: **Academic Gifted and Talented**

- A completed application form and essay on why you want to join the Gifted and Talented Programme and your academic interest area
- Have outstanding grades that demonstrate applied ability
- CAT4 (or other benchmarking testing) results
- A portfolio of any achievements and awards won
- Interview

Award

Academic Gifted and Talented will receive:

- Mentorship in their predetermined area of academic study
- Opportunities for academic enrichment and challenge beyond the curriculum i.e. trips, specialist talks, access to resources, discussion groups
- One 60-minute session per week focused on either subject, mentorship or higher education mentorship
- Opportunities for support and co-ordination of entry to competitions, Olympiads and other opportunities for the raising of their academic profile

Expectations

Academic Gifted and Talented will be expected to fulfil the following expectations:

- Attend all Gifted and Talented classes, workshops and trips
- Make consistent progress in their scholastic work across all subjects – to maintain academic excellence in accordance with the standards of their curriculum and the college
- To be a model for the high standards of the college in all areas i.e. uniform, behaviour and punctuality
- Take an active leadership role within their discipline, including being a mentor to younger pupils
- To take part in competitions, Olympiads and awards, to demonstrate ability
- Study IGCSE/ A-Level in their chosen discipline (Year 10-13)

The Arts

Visual Art

A Visual Art Gifted and Talented pupil will be expected to demonstrate high level skills in the context of their chosen area(s) of Visual Arts. They will need to prove their development and exploration of ideas demonstrating a high level of creativity, independent thought, visual expression and imagination and a range of experimentation with different media, techniques and processes. A Visual Art Gifted and Talented Pupil will be expected to play an active and positive leading role amongst Art pupils.

Application criteria: Gifted and Talented–Visual Art

- A completed Application Form and Application Essay including your area of interest
- Demonstrated high level of Visual Art accomplishments
- Scholastic record of good progress in all subjects and excellence in Visual Art
- A Portfolio of artwork and any awards and accomplishments
- Interview

Award

Gifted and Talented–Visual Art pupils will receive:

- Mentorship in their predetermined area of study
- Opportunities for enrichment and challenge beyond the curriculum i.e. trips, specialist talks, access to resources, discussion groups
- One 60-minute session per week focused on either subject, mentorship or higher education mentorship
- Opportunities for support and coordination of entry to competitions and other opportunities for the raising of their academic profile

Expectations

Gifted and Talented–Visual Art pupils will be expected to fulfil the following expectations:

- To develop own practice and attend all Gifted and Talented sessions provided
- To lead/support an Art SA and take an active leadership role in promoting Visual Arts in school
- To help to develop Art displays for the Primary and Senior Schools
- To be a model for the high standards of the college in all areas i.e. uniform, behaviour and punctuality
- To support the running of Exhibitions and Community Art Events
- To study Art as an academic subject from IGCSE/ A- Level (Year 10-13)

Music

A Music Gifted and Talented pupil will demonstrate a genuine interest and passion for music. They should be performing at Grade 5 (or equivalent) level in their main instrument and will be expected to demonstrate aural skills, sight-reading and general musicianship.

Gifted and Talented pupils will be expected to play an active and positive leading role amongst Music pupils throughout their time at Wellington, taking part in a variety of ensembles and supporting concerts and productions.

Application criteria: Gifted and Talented–Music

- A completed Application Form and Application Essay including your area of interest
- Grade 5 or higher ABRSM or equivalent
- Scholastic record of good progress in all subjects and proven excellence in Music
- A Portfolio of work or accomplishments, including recordings of work
- Audition in front of the Music Panel. Two contrasting solo pieces of no more than 5 minutes each
- Sight reading
- Interview

Award

Gifted and Talented –Music pupils will receive:

- Mentorship in their predetermined area of study
- Opportunities for enrichment and challenge beyond the curriculum i.e. trips, specialist talks, access to resources, discussion groups
- One 60-minute session per week focused on either subject, mentorship or higher education mentorship
- Opportunities for support and coordination of entry to competitions and other opportunities for the raising of their academic profile

Expectations

Gifted and Talented –Music pupils will be expected to fulfil the following expectations:

- Attend all designated Gifted and Talented sessions
- Make consistent progress in their instrument through regular attendance at music lessons and with regular practice
- Take an active leadership role in ensembles that are suitable for their instrument
- To be a model for the high standards of the college in all areas i.e. uniform, behaviour and punctuality
- To attend and help run music events
- Study Music as an academic subject from IGCSE/ A- Level (Year 10-13)

Drama

A Drama Gifted and Talented pupil must have a proven track record of academic and performance Drama. They must have deep rooted enthusiasm for theatre and should act as positive role models in behaviour and commitment. Drama Gifted and Talented pupils will be expected to play an integral role in aspects of College Drama and be fully committed to the annual suite of performances and productions.

Application criteria: Gifted and Talented–Drama

- A completed Application Form and Application Essay including your area of interest
- A Portfolio of work or accomplishments. Showreel or photos for Drama. Any grades or awards
- Audition in front of the Drama panel.
- Interview

Award

Gifted and Talented–Drama pupils will receive:

- Mentorship in their predetermined area of study
- Opportunities for enrichment and challenge beyond the curriculum i.e. trips, specialist talks, access to resources, discussion groups
- One 60-minute session per week focused on either subject, mentorship or higher education mentorship
- Opportunities for support and coordination of entry to competitions and other opportunities for the raising of their academic profile

Expectations

Gifted and Talented–Drama pupils will be expected to fulfil the following expectations:

- Attend all designated Gifted and Talented Drama sessions Participate fully in College productions
- To be a model for the high standards of the college in all areas i.e. uniform, behaviour and punctuality
- Assist the performing arts team in the promotion of performing arts around the College and encourage other pupils to participate in and support events
- Study Drama as an academic subject from IGCSE/ A- Level (Year 10-13)



Sport

A Sport Gifted and Talented pupil will demonstrate exceptional talent or potential in at least one sport in which they should make a significant contribution to School life. This is not an 'all-rounder' award but an award for excellence in a particular sport with a possibility to progress further and potentially to University.

Application criteria: Gifted and Talented Sport

- A completed Application Form and Application Essay including your area of interest
- Significant sporting ability in one or more sports
- Recent success in competitions and sporting achievements
- Interview.

Award

Gifted and Talented Sport pupils will receive:

- Mentorship in their predetermined area of study
- Opportunities for enrichment and challenge beyond the curriculum i.e. trips, specialist talks, access to resources, discussion groups
- One 60-minute session per week focused on either subject, mentorship or higher education mentorship
- Opportunities for support and coordination of entry to competitions and other opportunities for the raising of their academic profile

Expectations

Gifted and Talented Sport pupils will be expected to fulfil the following expectations:

- Attend all designated Gifted and Talented Sport sessions and Strength and Conditioning sessions.
- Participate fully in college sporting events (in relation to their designated sport) and act as a positive role model in behaviour and commitment
- To attend sporting events at the college and those given by visiting athletes
- To help with coaching and mentoring of younger athletes
- To be a model for the high standards of the college in all areas i.e. uniform, behaviour and punctuality
- Prioritise being in school teams to support the development and performance of sport at Wellington
- Study PE as an academic subject from IGCSE (Year 10-11)



Application Procedure

Candidates should complete the following process:

- Complete the Gifted and Talented Programme application form contained within this pack.
- Prepare supporting documentary evidence (pdf).
- Complete the required application essay.
- Submit the full application via email.

Notification

Successful candidates will be notified by email within 10 days of the final interviews.

Submission

Applications are to be sent to:

helen.mumford@wellingtoncollege.cn

Application Form Guidance

The Application Essay

This section of the application allows the selection panel to see what you are interested in and how you will contribute to College life. There is no prescribed format for the application essay, but the length of the essay must be a minimum of 200 words. Responses must be in English and address the following questions.

- 1) How did you become interested in your area of Talent?
- 2) Is there any person or experience that has inspired you directly?
- 3) What do you hope to achieve by being accepted onto the Programme?
- 4) What will you contribute to the College as a member of the Gifted and Talented Programme?

Supporting Documents That Need to Be Attached:

A portfolio of achievements which may include results, awards, external examination grades, press clippings, video evidence, etc. Please clearly label all material with your full name and year group.

Submission

Please submit your application form, essay, supporting documents and academic reports via email to:
helen.mumford@wellingtoncollege.cn





Application Form

Applicant's Details

Name _____ Gender _____

Date of Birth _____ Nationality _____

Passport No. _____ Year Group _____

Gifted and Talented category you are applying for: _____

Home Address: _____

Applicants Email: _____

Mobile Tel: _____

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Mobile Tel: _____

Address of parent/guardian
(if different from above): _____



Pupil Acknowledgement

I have read the information regarding Wellington College Hangzhou Gifted and Talented Programme, and I understand the selection criteria. I confirm that the statements provided in my application are my own and that they are true and accurate.

I have completed and attached the following documents:

- Application form contained within this pack.
- Supporting documentary evidence (pdf).
- Required essay(s).

Name of Applicant _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Endorsement

I have read the attached information and I understand the selection criteria for the Wellington College Gifted and Talented programme. This application has been completed with my full knowledge and approval, and the facts presented are true and accurate.

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Signature _____

Date _____





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