



APPEALS TIMETABLE – INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2026 (Year 7)

Offer letters posted to parents/carers on National Offer Day by Local Authority:

1st March 2026 or next working day

Deadline for acceptance of offer by parent/carer: **13th March 2026**

Deadline for lodging an on-time admission appeal: **27th March 2026**

Appeal Hearing Dates: between **11th May and 19th June 2026 (excluding half term)**

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- Appeals lodged after these dates will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal deadline or 30 school days of being lodged, whichever is the later date.
- You will receive at least 10 school days' notice of your appeal hearing date. School days do not include school holidays, inset days, bank holidays or weekends.
- Appeals are normally heard during the daytime on weekdays and are not normally heard in school holidays. Where there are a number of parents all appealing for places at the same school, the hearings may go over a number of days.
- The school's case will be dispatched to parents and Panel members at least 5 working days before the start of the appeal hearing.
- Additional evidence may be submitted by parents up to 5 working days before the hearing
- Any additional evidence received after this date might not be considered at the appeal hearing. The Appeal Panel will decide whether it should be considered taking into account its significance and the effect of a possible need to adjourn the hearing.
- Following the hearing, decision letters will be sent, where possible, within five school days of the end of the hearing.
- Appeal hearings for in-year places will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged