

BOA Admissions
Timeframe for Applications, Aptitude Workshops & Appeals

w/c 10th October 2022

Open Week

31st January 2023

Deadline for 'On-Time' Applications

w/c 27th February 2023

First Round Aptitude Workshops

TBC March 2023

Letters to notify applicants of a decision from the aptitude workshops

28th April 2023

Deadline for 'Late' applications.

8th May 2023

Deadline to submit an Appeal (*allowing 20 school days from the date of the decision letter*)

N.B. Any requests for formal appeals must be in writing and marked for the attention of 'Head of Admissions' on or before the published date.

Any child that is unsuccessful at their first assessment can request a second chance in the assessment process, within an agreed time limit. A second chance will be granted in exceptional circumstances only, where an applicant may not have been able to demonstrate their aptitude, for example through illness. (BOA Admissions Policy)

15th May 2023

Second Round Aptitude Workshops

23rd May 2023

Letters to notify applicants of a decision from second round aptitude workshop.

21st June 2023

Deadline to submit an Appeal for Second Round Workshops (*allowing 20 school days from the date of the decision letter*).

3rd July 2023

Notification of Appeal Hearing (10 days' notice) and all paperwork for the Independent Appeals Hearing will be shared with all parties (including 5 days' notice to raise any questions for the panel).

18th July 2023

Independent Admissions Appeal Hearing

The Independent Appeal Hearing

In line with The School Admission Appeals Code, admission appeal hearings must include a clerk who is independent of the academy and the education functions of the Trust, and an independent appeals panel that is comprised of a chair and at least two other panel members. The panel must consist of the following persons with at least one from each category:

- 1. lay people (someone without personal experience in the management of any school or provision of education in any school (except as a school governor or in another voluntary capacity);*
- 2. people who have experience in education, who are acquainted with educational conditions in the local authority area, or who are parents of registered pupils at school.*

During the hearing

- The admission authority will explain why they turned down your application.*
- You'll be able to give your own reasons why your child should be admitted.*
- The appeals panel must decide if the Academy's admission criteria were properly followed and comply with the school admissions code.*
- If the criteria were not properly followed or do not comply with the school admissions code your appeal must be upheld.*
- If your reasons for your child to be admitted outweigh the Academy's reasons for not admitting any more children at all, your appeal will be upheld.*
- After careful consideration of the request and reviewing any evidence and representation made by the applicant, parent/carer and Academy, the Independent Panel will conclude by:*
 - 1. Upholding the original decision not to offer a place*
 - 2. Determine the applicant should be offered a place*
- The decision of the panel is final and will be communicated in writing within 5 school days.*