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BOA Admissions Timeline 2025-26

Week commencing 15th September 2025:

BOA's website will advertise details of how to book places for open week: **Admissions** section.

Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 9am:

Prospective students can access **Applicaa** (the online admissions management system used by the Academy to track all applications) in order to commence their applications.

Week commencing 13th October 2025:

Open Week 2025, to include:

KS4 Evening on Tuesday 14th October (for students wishing to join Year 10 in September 2026)

Post-16 Evening on Thursday 16th October (for students wishing to join Year 12 in September 2026)

Saturday 31st January 2026 at 5pm:

Deadline for all **'on time' applications**.

Prospective students who have submitted their applications by this time and date will be invited to the aptitude workshops in February 2026.

Week commencing 23rd February 2026:

Aptitude workshops will take place at

Birmingham Ormiston Academy (1 Grosvenor Street, B4 7QD) from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February 2026.

Week commencing 16th March 2026:

We aim to send out all **decision letters** w/c 16th March 2026.

Monday 13th April 2026 at 5pm:

Deadline for **'accepting' or 'declining' a place** at Birmingham Ormiston Academy.

Monday 27th April 2026 at 5pm:

Deadline for all **late admissions applications**.
Deadline for requesting a **'second chance' aptitude workshop**.



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Saturday 9th or Monday 11th May 2026:

'Second round' or 'second chance' aptitude workshops (please see info below).

'First round' and 'second round' aptitude workshops:

Each year, Birmingham Ormiston Academy receives more applications than the number of places on offer. Last year, we received 577 applications for the 175 places available in Year 10, and 666 applications for the 225 places available in Year 12. As a result, we refer to our *oversubscription criteria* (Section 37, BOA Admissions Policy 2025/6) when allocating places and typically find that all available places are filled after the first round of aptitude workshops in February.

Please bear the following in mind:

- We always advise applicants to attend the aptitude workshops in February.
- The Academy is not dutybound to run a second round of aptitude workshops in May if a) we receive more applications than places available by 31st January, and b) if all places are filled following the first round of aptitude workshops in February.
- If the Academy runs the second round of aptitude workshops, we do so in order to enable **late applicants** and **second chance applicants** access to the waiting list, should they successfully demonstrate aptitude during the second round of workshops.
- Unsuccessful applicants from the first round of aptitude workshops in February can request a 'second chance' workshop (which takes place at the same time as the second round) but only if they can provide evidence of exceptional or extenuating circumstances that affected their first-round aptitude assessment(s).

Timeline for Admissions Appeals 2025/2026:

Friday 8th May 2026 at 5pm:

Deadline to submit an **Admission Appeal** following February 2026 aptitude workshops (*allowing at least 20 school days following receipt of the decision letter*).

Friday 19th June 2026 at 5pm:

Deadline to submit an **Admission Appeal** following May 2026 aptitude workshops (*allowing at least 20 school days following receipt of the decision letter*).

Friday 26th June 2026:

Notification of Admission Appeal Hearing (at least 10 days' notice). Paperwork for the Independent Appeals hearing will be shared with all parties by this date.

Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th July 2026:

Independent Admission Appeal Hearings in front of an **Independent Admission Appeal Panel**.