

Hearing dates 2025

There are different types of appeal, each with their own arrangements:

- Reception appeals, for children under five who will begin school on or after 1 September 2025
- Infant to Junior Cohort appeals, for children who will be entering Year 3 in September 2025, appealing for a place in a Junior School
- Secondary Transfer appeals, for children aged 11 who will transfer to secondary school in September 2025
- Sixth Form appeals, for Year 11 students who want to move to Sixth Form education in a school in September 2025
- In-year appeals, for children of any age changing school, including a school Sixth Form

Please note that appeals for admission to a Sixth Form College are dealt with by the College itself.

Reception, Infant – Junior and Secondary School Appeals

The following table shows the timetable for appeals, other than in-year appeals:

	Secondary Appeals	Reception and Infant - Junior Appeals	Sixth Form Appeals
National offer date	3 March 2025	16 April 2025	
Deadline appeals must be received by, 20 school days	31 March 2025	20 May 2025	Subject to review to facilitate earliest possible hearing
Appeal hearings held	See schedule below	23, 25, 27 & 30 June 2025	

Secondary School Appeal Schedule

School	Grouped Appeal Date	Appeal Hearing Date
Redden Court School	22 April 2025	23,24 & 25 April 2025
The Champion School	23 April 2025	24 & 25 April 2025
Coopers Company and Coborn School	1 May 2025	6 & 7 May 2025
Sanders Drapers	2 May 2025	2 May 2025
Abbs Cross Academy	2 May 2025	2 May 2025
Emerson Park	2 May 2025	2 May 2025
Royal Liberty	2 June 2025	3 June 2025
Bower Park Academy	5 June 2025	5 & 6 June 2025
Drapers Academy	5 June 2025	5 & 6 June 2025
Harris Academy Rainham	5 June 2025	5 & 6 June 2025
Marshalls Park Academy	5 June 2025	5 & 6 June 2025
Frances Bardsley Academy	4 June 2025	9 & 10 June 2025
Hall Mead	12 June 2025	12 & 13 June 2025

*Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School and St Edwards CofE Academy – Please visit the schools website for information on appeals.

Appeals submitted after the deadline date will be heard within 40 school days of the appeal being lodged.

In Year Appeals

In-year admission appeals (for people applying for school places after the start of the school year) will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged.

Sixth Form Appeals

Sixth-form appeals will be heard within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged or, if the offer of a place would have depended upon exam results, 30 school days after those results are received.