

TIMETABLE FOR SMESTOW ACADEMY INDEPENDENT ADMISSION APPEALS **FOR YEAR 7 - SEPTEMBER 2027 ENTRY**

APPEAL APPLICATION

Appeal applications should be made by completing the appeal form which is available on the school website – www.smestowacademy.co.uk
You must give written reasons for your appeal on this form.

Once an appeal has been lodged, appellants will receive at least 10 working days' notice of their appeal hearing date (although appellants can waive their right to this).

If you would like to submit additional evidence prior to the appeal hearing, you should ensure that this is submitted to the Appeals Clerk at least 7 working days prior to the appeal hearing by emailing postbox@smestowacademy.co.uk
Decision letters will be sent within 5 working days following the hearing.

ADMISSION APPEALS FOR CHILDREN DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027

National Offer Day (Secondary) – 1st March 2027 (or the next working day)
Deadline for Lodging Appeals – 3pm on Friday 16th April 2027

Appeals received by Friday 16th April 2027 will be heard on 17th June 2027. This date is subject to change.

Appeals received after Friday 16th April 2027 (late appeals) will be heard in July 2027, only where practicable, or within 30 school days of the appeal being lodged (whichever is later), where practicable.

Please note it may not be possible to hear late appeals before the start of the new school year in September 2027. Appeals are not heard during school holidays.

In-Year Admissions

If your child has been refused a place at one of your preferred schools outside the normal round of admissions (i.e. at any other time than as above), you may appeal. Your appeal, where possible, will be heard within 30 working days of being lodged. In-Year appeal application forms can be found on the school website.