Bishop Challoner
Catholic Secondary School

Admission Appeals Timetable for Year 7 in September 2026

All appeals organised by the **Independent Appeals Service** will follow the timetable below:

National notification date for on-time applicants	Monday 2 March 2026
Notification date for late applicants *(for applications received after 31 October 2025 and before 2 March 2026)*	Thursday 12 March 2026
Deadline date for parents wishing to lodge an appeal (*submitting completed appeal forms to the County Council*)	Friday 27 March 2026
Year 7 appeal hearings to be held	From 27 April to 22 May 2026 inclusive (excluding Monday 4 May)
Decision letter to be sent	Within five school days of hearing

Please note

(i) Appeals lodged after 27 March 2026 will be heard during the above dates, if possible. Where it is not achievable to hold an appeal between the above dates, the hearing will be scheduled within 30 school days (excluding any school holidays) of the appeal being lodged. Appeals lodged on or after 11 June 2026 may not be heard until the autumn term.

(ii) Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the exact date and location of their appeal hearing.

(iii) Following the lodging of an appeal, additional papers may be submitted to the Appeals Service until 10 school days before the hearing. Evidence submitted after this date will be considered by the panel but this may lead to an adjournment and significant delays.