

Appeal Process

Year 7 Appeals:

If you have not been offered a place at Stalham High School, the law entitles you to appeal against that decision to an Independent Appeal Panel.

Please make sure you have read the latest Covid guidance on the appeals process as there have been changes. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-admissions-appeals-code/changes-to-the-school-admission-appeals-code-regulations-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

This panel is completely independent of the Academy and the Local Authority. The appeals are held at the School.

If you wish to appeal, please download an Appeal Form from the School's website. Please do NOT use ANY other appeal form or send your form to your local authority. It is suggested that you download the explanatory leaflet about appeals which you should read before you complete the appeal form. The appeal form is in Word format. The panel would prefer the form to be typed, but handwritten forms are acceptable, in black ink. Please ensure that the clerk can read your details including telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. 'Signatures' may be typed.

You should include any evidence or supporting material with your appeal form and you MUST give the grounds for your appeal at the time you lodge your appeal form. Your appeal form will not be accepted unless you state the grounds for your appeal.

Completed appeals forms should be sent to the address on the form to arrange an Appeal Hearing. **Appeal forms must be returned to this address by 3pm on 22nd March 2022.**

The timetable for appeals is as follows:

Action	Date
Last day for lodging appeal forms for a place in Year 7 to start in September 2022:	3pm on 19th April 2022 to guarantee that your appeal will be heard in the first tranche of appeals. Appeals lodged later may not be heard until the second tranche which could be in September 2022. You <u>MUST</u> state the reasons for your appeal and supply any documentary evidence at this stage. Appeal forms and other information may be emailed to office@stalhamhigh.co.uk (preferred method) or posted to Admission & Appeals, Stalhamham High, Brumstead Rd, Stalham NR12 9DG
The stage 1 and stage 2 parts of the hearing (with other parents present) will take place at the school.	June 13th and June 15th 2022. Depending on number of appeals.

Invitation letter giving details about your hearing will be sent by the Clerk to the Independent Appeal Panel:	At least 10 school days before the stage 1 hearing.
Any additional supporting evidence:	June 6th 2022. You are advised that additional paperwork received on the day of the appeal hearing will <u>not</u> be taken into account. Please provide the Clerk with FIVE copies of any additional evidence. All such evidence to be submitted in A4 format and NOT bound, but may be stapled on the top left hand corner. Paperwork submitted with your appeal form does not need to include 5 copies.
Letter from the Clerk informing you of the decision of the Independent Appeal Panel:	Due to the high number of appeals held at this time, this may not be sent until up to 2 weeks after the last hearing for the School.

In-Year Appeals; the processes are the same as above with the following timetable;

Last day for lodging appeal forms following a refusal for an in year place.	20 school days from receipt of your letter of refusal. You MUST state the reasons for your appeal and supply documentary evidence at this stage. Appeal forms and other information may be posted to In-Year Admissions & Appeals, Stalham High School, Brumstead Rd, Stalham, NR12 9DG . Appeals are held within 30 school days of the receipt of the appeal form.
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