

GUIDANCE FOR YEAR 7 APPEALS - 2025

If your daughter is due to start Year 7 in September 2025, and you named MGSG as one of your preferred schools, you can appeal throughout March up to 4 p.m. Monday 31st March 2025. Appeals for Year 7 received after this date may not be heard in the first round. The first round of appeals is scheduled to be heard in June by an Independent Appeal Panel. The Panel will consider your case and determine whether there are exceptional and/or mitigating circumstances for admitting your daughter.

After 24th April 2025 you may appeal to this and any other school not on your preferred list.

This year the requirements for a selective assessment and eligibility for a grammar school place through the Kent PESE Procedure were a minimum total score of 332 and with no individual score below 106. Girls who have taken part in the Kent PESE Procedure will also be eligible for admission if they reach the required standard through the Mayfield Procedure. This is an optional additional opportunity to be assessed as eligible for a place.

The Case for the School is attached. This explains how places have been allocated and the capacity of the school to admit any additional children.

Your appeal should be downloaded on the official form and submitted to MGSG. You will then be sent a letter detailing the arrangements for your appeal. This will include a deadline for the submission of evidence if you have not sent any with your appeal form. You **MUST** give a reason, however brief, for your appeal to be valid.

The email address for queries is appeals@mgsg.kent.sch.uk.

Evidence to support your appeal is important especially if you are trying to overturn the results of the 11+ and/or convince the Panel that your daughter should be given a place. You will be probably be one of many parents/carers appealing. With your appeal form, therefore, it would be helpful, and advised, to include, if possible, some or all of the following,

- **Headteacher/Class Teacher letter of support,**
- **recent assessments,**
- **a copy of the Year 5 annual report,**
- **details of any mitigating circumstances,**
- **tracking sheet, (optional but advised) which shows your child's progress over time.** This has been attached.

Work samples are not required as the Panel will not be in a position to assess their validity or context. In addition, it is not necessary to provide numerous certificates of achievement.

For applications made in the normal admission round, i.e. Year 6 for 7, appeals must be heard within 40 school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

KCC have advised that if you intend lodging an appeal because you are not happy with the school you have been allocated, you should still send the acceptance form

back to the school that you were offered. This is to insure that you have a place for September. If your appeal is upheld and you are offered a place at MGSG, then you will need to withdraw your acceptance of the allocated school.

KEY DATES

Monday 3rd March 2025 - National Offer Day: KCC offer emailed/posted to parents/carers.

Wednesday 5th March 2024 - MGSG to email/post offers to parents/carers.

Monday 17th March 2024 - Deadline for MGSG places to be accepted or declined.

Monday 31st March 2025 - Main round appeals for Year 7 must be lodged to guarantee that it will be heard in the first round of appeals.