

## **GUIDANCE FOR YEAR 7 APPEALS - 2026**

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2026, and you named Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend as one of your preferred schools, you can appeal throughout March up to 4.00pm Monday 30th March 2026. Appeals for Year 7 received after this date may not be heard in the first round of appeals, which is scheduled to be heard in June by an Independent Appeal Panel. The Panel will consider your case and determine whether there is exceptional and/or mitigating circumstances for admitting your child.

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 108. 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.

Your appeal should be downloaded on the official form and submitted to Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend. You will be sent a letter detailing the arrangements for your appeal, including the case for the school. There will be 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](mailto:appeals@mgsg.kent.sch.uk).

**Evidence to support your appeal is important especially if you are trying to overturn the results of the Kent/Mayfield test and convince the Panel that your child should be given a place. You will 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 the following:**

- **Headteacher/Class Teacher letter of support**
- **recent assessments, including mock SAT scores and/or CAT scores (ask your child's primary school if unsure)**
- **a copy of the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 annual report if available**
- **Year 6 SAT predictions (ask your primary school)**
- **details of any mitigating circumstances**
- **tracking sheet, (optional but advised) which shows your child's progress over time**

**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. A maximum of 1-2 will suffice.**

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 ensure that you have a place for September. If your appeal is upheld and you are offered a place at Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend then you will need to withdraw your acceptance of the allocated school.