

## APPEAL GUIDANCE

### 2026-2027

If your son is due to start Year 7 in September 2026, and you named Borden Grammar as one of your preferred schools, you can appeal up to and including the deadline listed below if you have been refused a place at one of your preferred schools. Your appeal should be submitted from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 and by 4pm Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the latest. Any appeals received after this deadline will not be heard in the first round of appeals which are scheduled to be heard in April and May 2026. (Any appeal received after the deadline or because this is not a named school will be heard in June 2026).

This year the requirements for a selective assessment and eligibility for a grammar school place were a minimum total score of 332 with no individual score below 108. If your child has been given a non-selective assessment and you have named Borden Grammar on your SCAF, you may appeal to an Independent Education Panel to consider whether there could be an exceptional reason/mitigating circumstances for admitting your child.

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

The Appeal Form. Once you have completed the form you can send this together with any evidence and supporting documents to [jcole@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jcole@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk). 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.

Evidence to support your appeal is important especially if you are trying to overturn the results of the 11+. Therefore, it would be helpful, and advised, to include 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
- Completed primary school tracking sheet, (optional but advised) which shows your child's progress over time.

Please send your evidence and supporting documents to [jcole@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jcole@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk)

**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 certificates of achievement.**

For applications made in the normal admission round, ie; 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, you should still send the acceptance form back to the school that you were offered. If your appeal is upheld and you are offered a place at Borden for your son, you will then need to withdraw your acceptance from the initial school accepted. This is to ensure that if your appeal is not upheld your son will still have a place at a school in September.



## KEY DATES

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** - National Offer Day: KCC email or post school offer to parents/carers.

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026** – Deadline for lodging appeals to guarantee it will be heard in the main round of appeals. Any appeals received after this date will be heard within 40 school days.