

South Devon High School Appeals Process

The purpose of this process is to ensure the independence of admission appeal panels and to ensure that all admission appeals are conducted in a fair and transparent way.

If you or your child is not offered a place at South Devon High School you have the right to appeal. You must write to the Head of South Devon High School, at the address below, stating that you wish to appeal, no more than 30 days following notification of the application decision.

Head of South Devon High School
Vantage Point
Long Road
Paignton
TQ4 7EJ

1. South Devon High School will arrange for an Independent Appeals Panel to consider the reasons for refusal.
2. The panel will consist of three people (two will have education experience and one will be an independent person with no education experience). The panel will consider the case put forward, it must consider the admission arrangements for South Devon High School and the reasons why you want to attend this particular school. The panel must exercise its discretion by balancing the weight of arguments.
3. South Devon High School will provide Parents / Carers with the right to attend the Appeal Panel meeting in person, notification of the appeal date will be sent at least fourteen days prior to the hearing.
4. The decision of the Independent Appeals Panel is binding on the School and parents.

Repeat Appeals

5. South Devon High School will not consider repeat appeals by the same applicant in the same academic year unless the applicant is able to prove that there have been material changes in their circumstances since the previous admission appeal. The final decision as to whether the material changes warrant a fresh appeal will be determined by South Devon High School Appeals Panel made up of different members than in the original appeal.

Withdrawal of an offer of a place

6. South Devon High School may withdraw an offer of a place where a parent fails to respond to an offer within a reasonable timescale or the place was offered on the basis of a fraudulent or misleading application.