

# Admissions & Appeals in MATs and Single Academies

Meet your legal duties as your own admissions authority, utilise your freedoms and effectively manage appeals  
28 February 2017, London

09:00 – 09:45	Registration and refreshments	
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Chair's Introduction &amp; Welcome:</b> A shortfall of 10,000 primary school places in four years, what does this mean for the current admissions and appeals landscape? <i>Dai Durbridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson</i>	
10:00 – 10:30 Admissions Update	<b>Opening address from the Chief Schools Adjudicator:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admissions implications from the 'Schools that work for everyone' Green Paper</li> <li>Insights from the most recent OSA report and impact on your academy or MAT</li> <li>Meeting the Code's requirements and clarity on recent admissions developments</li> </ul> <i>Shan Scott, Chief Schools Adjudicator</i>	
10:30 – 11:00 Academy Autonomy	<b>Understanding your duties as an admissions authority:</b> Gain clarity on effectively discharging them and learn how to ensure effective delegation of the duty to the LA <i>Yvonne Spencer, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</i>	
11:00 – 11:10	Questions	
11:10 – 11:40	Morning Refreshments	
11:40 – 12:40	Streamed Sessions 1	
	1A	1B
	<b>Mock appeal: primary</b>	<b>Mock appeal: secondary</b>
	<b>Clear guidance and advice when preparing for an infant class size appeal: Know how to present your case, prepare a strong Prejudice Statement and ensure your case stands up to challenge</b> This session will run as a live example of a infant class size appeal <i>Richard Freeth, Partner, Browne Jacobson</i>	<b>Clear guidance and advice when preparing for a secondary school appeal: Know how to present your case, prepare a strong Prejudice Statement and ensure your case stands up to challenge</b> This session will run as a live example of a secondary school appeal <i>Tracey Eldridge-Hinners, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</i>
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch & Networking	
13:40 – 14:10 MATs Admissions	<b>Exploring the potential benefits of admissions in MATs:</b> Understand the strategic changes you could make as a MAT and how to remain compliant with the Code <i>Dai Durbridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson</i>	
14:10 – 14:20	Questions	
14:20 – 15:10	Streamed Sessions 2	
	2A	2B
	<b>Admission strategies in MATs</b>	<b>Working with parents</b>
	<b>How to change your admissions criteria as a Trust, meet your obligations surrounding consultation and work positively with your community</b> Leave this session with an action plan and timeline for admissions strategies in your MAT <i>Dai Durbridge, Partner, Browne Jacobson</i>	<b>Clarify your obligations for communicating with parents, how to uncover fraudulent applications and avoid common mistakes that would negatively impact your school's case at appeals</b> <i>Tracey Eldridge-Hinners, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</i>
15:10 – 15:30	Afternoon refreshments	
15:30 – 16:20	Streamed Sessions 3	
	3A	3B
	<b>In-year fair access protocol</b>	<b>Appeals panel training</b>
	<b>Meet your legal requirements surrounding in-year admissions and know how to challenge local authorities with their own fair access protocol</b> <i>Yvonne Spencer, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</i>	<b>Gain hands-on training on how to set up your own appeals panel, what training to provide and meet your responsibilities as your own admissions authority</b> <i>Richard Freeth, Partner, Browne Jacobson</i>
16:20	Conference Close	