



# Online Admissions

Secondary School 2021





This leaflet provides some information regarding applying for your child's secondary school place for **September 2021**. However, please consider carefully all the information available on the website [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions) before submitting your online application.

Your preferred schools (up to 5) must be submitted on your online application between 18 June 2020 and 31 October 2020. An automated acknowledgement of your application will be sent by email.

If you have no internet access, facilities are available at Calderdale's Customer First offices at Brighouse, Halifax, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden. Your child's current primary school may also offer internet access.

**Secondary School 2021 places for children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010**

**Apply online from 18 June 2020 to 31 October 2020**

**\* Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic, all the below dates are subject to change. Please check the individual schools' websites, prior to travelling to these Open Evenings, for the latest information. Schools will be following the latest Government advice and will only open if it is safe to do so.**

Parents and children may attend Calderdale school's open evenings:

**The Crossley Heath School**

Tuesday 23 June 2020, 5.00-8.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 5.00, 5.45, 6.30 & 7.15pm

**The North Halifax Grammar School**

Parents should check the school website for virtual tour and video [www.nhgs.co.uk](http://www.nhgs.co.uk)

**Trinity Academy, Halifax**

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 5.00-7.00pm  
Principal to speak at 5.30 & 6.15pm

**Trinity Academy, Sowerby Bridge**

Thursday 10 September 2020, 5.30-7.30pm  
Principal to speak at 5.45 & 6:15pm

**Park Lane Academy**

Tuesday 29 September 2020, 6.00-8.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 6.30 & 7.15pm

**The Halifax Academy**

Wednesday 23 September 2020, 5.30-7.30pm  
Tours from 5.30pm, last tour 6.30pm  
Headteacher to speak at 7.00pm

**Rastrick High School**

Thursday 24 September 2020, 5.30-8.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 5.45, 6.30 & 7.15pm

**The Brooksbank School**

Thursday 1 October 2020, 6.00-8.30pm  
Headteacher to speak at 6.15 & 7.00pm

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Wednesday 7 October 2020, 9.30am

**Brighouse High School**

Thursday 8 October 2020, 6.30-9.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 6.45pm & 7.30pm

**Todmorden High School**

Thursday 8 October 2020, 6.00-8.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 6.30pm

**Ryburn Valley High School**

Thursday 15 October 2020, 7.00-9.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at various times

**Lightcliffe Academy**

Thursday 15 October 2020, 5.30-8.00pm  
Principal to speak at 6.00, 6.45 & 7.30pm

**Calder High School**

Thursday 22 October 2020, 5.30-8.00pm  
Headteacher to speak at 5.45, 6.30 & 7.15pm

## Timetable of events

### 18 June 2020

Preferencing period begins.  
Information available for parents of Year 5 children

### June - October 2020

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

### 26 September 2020

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

### 31 October 2020

Closing date for applications

### 1 March 2021

**National Offer Day**

### 15 March 2021

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

### 29 March 2021

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

### June/July 2021

Appeal hearings

## Important Information

- Read carefully the information available at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions), including the home to school transport policy, school's oversubscription criteria and previous admissions data.
- **Register and apply online by 31 October 2020**
- Ensure the information you provide is accurate including sibling details and permanent home address. A school place may be withdrawn if a false address is provided.
- Performance tables can be accessed via [www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk)
- Ofsted reports and other school information can be found on the school's website.



## What happens next

### 1 March 2021 - National Offer Day

Calderdale Council will notify Calderdale residents of the school place offered by email. Non-Calderdale residents will receive their offer from their home local authority.

### 1 to 15 March 2021 - Reallocation and Appeal requests

You can request that your child's name is added to a waiting list for any school which may have places become available after 1 March. Parents will be given the right of appeal for any school where a place has been refused. Further information regarding this process is available at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions). Parents will be notified of the outcome of their reallocation request, in writing, by 29 March 2021.



## Frequently asked questions

Some frequently asked questions are shown below. However, you are strongly recommended to consider all the information available at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)

### Q1

How and when do I apply for a school place?

### A1

An online application will need to be submitted between 18 June and 31 October 2020.

Please visit [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)

### Q2

Do I need to complete any additional forms other than the online application?

### A2

For your child to be able to sit the admissions test for the grammar schools or the fair banding assessment for Trinity Academy, Halifax or Trinity Academy Sowerby Bridge, you will need to complete a registration form which is available on the schools' websites. You must register between April and 3 September 2020.

### Q3

In what order should I state my preferred schools?

### A3

Preference your schools in the order you would like them allocated. The highest preference will be met if a child is eligible for a place at more than one school. All preferences are considered equally.

### Q5

How will I be notified of my child's allocated school?

### A5

If you have requested your offer by email, you will receive an email from [cyps.admissions](mailto:cyps.admissions) on 1 March 2021. If an email notification was not requested, an offer letter will be sent directly to your home address or passed to your child via the current primary school.

### Q6

Where can I get advice?

### A6

The Authority recommends that parents/guardians take advice **only** from the Admissions Team on 01422 392617.

### Q4

If I only preference one school, will my child be offered a place at that school?

### A4

Not necessarily. If the authority is unable to meet your preference(s) a place will be allocated at the closest school to the family home with a vacancy. Parents are strongly recommended to make use of the 5 preferences available. Non-Calderdale residents will have a school place allocated by their home local authority.



# Useful Contacts

School Organisation and Access Team  
Children and Young People's Services  
Westgate House  
Halifax HX1 1PS  
**Tel: 01422 392617**  
**Email: [cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk)**

Home to School Transport  
**Tel: 01422 393532**

Special Educational Needs Team  
**Tel: 01422 394129**

Children Looked After Team  
**Tel: 01422 394125**

Education Welfare Service, Halifax  
**Tel: 01422 266125**

Bradford MDC  
**Tel: 01274 439200**

Kirklees MC  
**Tel: 01484 225007**

Lancashire CC  
**Tel: 01254 220718**

Rochdale MBC  
**Tel: 0300 3030340**

