



Online Admissions

Secondary School 2023





This leaflet provides some information regarding applying for your child's secondary school place for **September 2023**. However, please consider carefully all the information available on the website www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions before submitting your online application.

Your preferred schools (up to 5) must be submitted on your online application between 21 June 2022 and 31 October 2022. An automated acknowledgement of your application will be sent by email.

If you have no internet access, facilities are available at Calderdale Libraries. Your child's current primary school may also offer internet access.

Secondary School 2023 places for children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012

Apply online from 21 June 2022 to 31 October 2022



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

Trinity Academy, Halifax

Thursday 9 June 2022, 5.15pm

Visit halifax.trinitymat.org for details

The Crossley Heath School

Tuesday 21 June 2022, 5-8pm

Visit crossleyheath.org.uk for details

The North Halifax Grammar School

Thursday 23 June 2022, 5-8pm

Visit nhgs.co.uk for details

Trinity Academy, Grammar

Wednesday 14 September 2022

Visit sowerby.trinitymat.org for details / times

Trinity Academy, Halifax

Thursday 15 September 2022

Visit halifax.trinitymat.org for details / times

The Brooksbank School

Thursday 22 September 2022 6-8pm

Visit bbs.calderdale.sch.uk for details

Ravenscliffe High School

Tuesday 27 September 2022, 4-5pm

Visit ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk for details

Lightcliffe Academy

Wednesday 28 September 2022

Visit lightcliffeacademy.co.uk for details / times

Park Lane Academy

Wednesday 28 September 2022, 6.15-8pm

Visit parklane.org.uk for details

Rastrick High School

Thursday 29 September 2022

Visit rastrick.calderdale.sch.uk for details

Ravenscliffe High School

Thursday 29 September 2022, 10-11am

Visit ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk for details

The Halifax Academy

Wednesday 5 October 2022

Visit thehalifaxacademy.org for details

Brighouse High School

Thursday 6 October 2022

Visit brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk for details

Calder High School

Thursday 6 October 2022, 5.30 - 8pm

Visit calderlearningtrust.com for details

Ryburn Valley High School

Thursday 13 October 2022

Visit rvhs.co.uk for details

Todmorden High School

Thursday 13 October 2022 6-8pm

Visit todhigh.co.uk for details

Please check the school website for confirmation of event times/talks.

Timetable of events

21 June 2022

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

June - October 2022

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

25 September 2022

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

31 October 2022

Closing date for applications

1 March 2023

National Offer Day

15 March 2023

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

29 March 2023

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

June/July 2023

Appeal hearings

Important Information

- Read carefully the information available at 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 2022**
- 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/schools
- Ofsted reports and other school information can be found on the school's website.





What happens next

1 March 2023 - 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 2023 - 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. Parents will be notified of the outcome of their reallocation request, in writing, by 29 March 2023.

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

Q1

How and when do I apply for a school place?

A1

An online application will need to be submitted between 21 June and 31 October 2022. Please visit www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions

Q2

My child currently attends Calder Primary School/The Halifax Academy, do I need to complete an application if my child wishes to remain at the school?

A2

You do NOT need to complete an application if your child currently attends one of Calderdale's through-schools (ie Calder Primary School or The Halifax Academy, Primary Provision) and you would just like them to move into the Secondary Phase of the school. However, if you would like your child to be considered for any other Secondary School, you will need to submit an application.

Q3

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

A3

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 Grammar, you will need to complete a registration form which is available on the schools' websites. You must register for the admissions test for the grammar schools by the 1 July 2022.

Q4

In what order should I state my preferred schools?

A4

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

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

A5

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.

Q6

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

A6

If you have requested your offer by email, you will receive an email from cyps.admissions on 1 March 2023. 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.

Q7

Where can I get advice?

A7

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

Useful Contacts

School Organisation and Access Team
Children and Young People's Services
Princess Buildings
Halifax
HX1 1TS

Tel: 01422 392617

Email: 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 220747

Rochdale MBC

Tel: 0300 3030340

