



Online Admissions

Secondary School 2026





Calderdale Council have published this leaflet for parents of children due to start Secondary School in **September 2026**.

More details about how places are allocated and the admission arrangements for all the Calderdale schools and academies can be found on the Calderdale Council website:
www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions

Parents of children resident in Calderdale can express up to five preferences for schools, including schools in other local authority areas. An automated acknowledgement of your application will be sent by email. Parents of children living in other Local Authority areas, can apply for Calderdale schools through their own Local Authority.

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

Secondary School 2026 places for children born between 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015

Apply online from 23 June 2025 to 31 October 2025

Apply online by 31st October 2025. www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions



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

The North Halifax Grammar School

Tuesday 24 June 2025

nhgs.co.uk

Rastrick High School

Thursday 25 September 2025

rastrick.polarismat.org.uk

The Crossley Heath School

Thursday 26 June 2025

crossleyheath.org.uk

Todmorden High School

Thursday 25 September 2025

todhigh.co.uk

Trinity Academy Halifax

Thursday 11 September 2025

halifax.trinitymat.org

The Halifax Academy

Wednesday 1 October 2025

thehalifaxacademy.org

Trinity Academy Grammar

Wednesday 17 September 2025

grammar.trinitymat.org

Brighouse High School

Thursday 2 October 2025

brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk

Lightcliffe Academy

Thursday 18 September 2025

lightcliffeacademy.co.uk

Calder High School

Thursday 2 October 2025

calderlearningtrust.com

Ravenscliffe High School

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 4pm - 5pm

ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk

The Brooksbank School

Thursday 9 October 2025

thebrooksbankschool.co.uk

Park Lane Academy

Wednesday 24 September 2025

parklane.org.uk

Ryburn Valley High School

Thursday 16 October 2025

rvhs.co.uk

Ravenscliffe High School

Thursday 25 September 2025, 10am - 11am

ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk

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

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Timetable of events

23 June 2025

Preferencing period begins
Information available for parents of Year 5 children

27 June 2025

Close date for applications for the grammar school's admissions test

June - October 2025

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

20 September 2025

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

22 September 2025

Close date for application for the Fair Banding assessment for Trinity Academy Grammar and Trinity Academy Halifax

11 October 2025

Fair Banding assessment date for Trinity Academy Grammar and Trinity Academy Halifax

31 October 2025

Closing date for applications

2 March 2026

National Offer Day

16 March 2026

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

30 March 2026

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

June/July 2026

Appeal hearings



Important Information

Rastrick High School - To apply under the Talented Musician category, you must complete an application via the school website. Please see website for more information and close date.

The Brooksbank School - To apply under the sporting aptitude category, you must complete an application via the school website. Please see website for more information and close date.

The Crossley Heath School - As a selective grammar school, you must register your child for the Admission Test by the close date of 27 June 2025. For more information, visit the school's website.

The North Halifax Grammar School - As a selective grammar school, you must register your child for the Admission Test by the close date of 27 June 2025. For more information, visit the school's website.

Trinity Academy Grammar - Uses Fair Banding for their admissions. You will need to apply for the Fair Banding Assessment on the school website by the close date of 22 September 2025. If your child does not sit the assessment, your application will not be considered until after all others who sat the assessment have been, which means that your child may not be offered a place.

Trinity Academy Halifax - Uses Fair Banding for their admissions. You will need to apply for the Fair Banding Assessment on the school website by the close date of 22 September 2025. If your child does not sit the assessment, your application will not be considered until after all others who sat the assessment have been, which means that your child may not be offered a place.

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What happens next

2 March 2026 - 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.

2 to 16 March 2026 - 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 30 March 2026.

Checklist

- Register on the Citizens Portal and submit your application between **Monday 23 June** and **Friday 31 October 2025** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.
If you are a Calderdale resident, you must make your application through Calderdale. If you live outside Calderdale, you must apply through your home Local Authority, even if you want your child to attend a Calderdale school.
- Select up to 5 schools, listed in the order you would like them allocating.
The highest preference will be met if a child is eligible for a place at more than one school. All preferences are considered equally. We strongly recommend that you make use of the 5 preferences, as if we are unable to offer a place, your child will be allocated the closest school to your address with availability.
- Register for the Admissions Test for The Crossley Heath School and/or The North Halifax Grammar School by **Friday 27 June 2025**.
If you want to apply for a place at either of the Calderdale Grammar Schools, your child will need to sit the Admissions Test.
- Register for the Fair Banding Assessment for Trinity Academy Grammar and/or Trinity Academy Halifax by **Monday 22 September 2025**.
If you want to apply for a place at either Trinity Academy Grammar or Trinity Academy Halifax, your child will need to sit the Fair Banding Assessment.
- If you need more information, please email the Admissions Team at cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk





Further 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 2025**
- 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.

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

www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions

