



# Online Admissions

Secondary School 2027





Calderdale Council have published this leaflet for parents of children due to start Secondary School in **September 2027**.

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](http://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 2027 places for children born between 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016**

**Apply online from 23 June 2026 to 31 October 2026**

Apply online by 31st October 2026. [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)



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

**The Crossley Heath School**

Tuesday 23 June 2026

[crossleyheath.org.uk](http://crossleyheath.org.uk)

**Todmorden High School**

Thursday 24 September 2026

[todhigh.co.uk](http://todhigh.co.uk)

**The North Halifax Grammar School**

Thursday 25 June 2026

[nhgs.co.uk](http://nhgs.co.uk)

**Park Lane Academy**

Wednesday 30 September 2026

[parklane.org.uk](http://parklane.org.uk)

**Trinity Academy Grammar**

Wednesday 9 September 2026

[grammar.trinitymat.org](http://grammar.trinitymat.org)

**The Halifax Academy**

Wednesday 30 September 2026

[thehalifaxacademy.org](http://thehalifaxacademy.org)

**Trinity Academy Halifax**

Thursday 10 September 2026

[halifax.trinitymat.org](http://halifax.trinitymat.org)

**Brighouse High School**

Thursday 1 October 2026

[brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk](http://brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk)

**Lightcliffe Academy**

Thursday 17 September 2026

[lightcliffeacademy.co.uk](http://lightcliffeacademy.co.uk)

**Calder High School**

Thursday 1 October 2026

[calderlearningtrust.com](http://calderlearningtrust.com)

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Tuesday 22 September 2026 10am

[ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk](http://ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk)

**The Brooksbank School**

Thursday 8 October 2026

[thebrooksbankschool.co.uk](http://thebrooksbankschool.co.uk)

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Thursday 24 September 2026 4pm

[ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk](http://ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk)

**Ryburn Valley High School**

Thursday 15 October 2026

[rvhs.co.uk](http://rvhs.co.uk)

**Rastrick High School**

Thursday 24 September 2026

[rastrick.polarismat.org.uk](http://rastrick.polarismat.org.uk)

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

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## Timetable of events

### 23 June 2026

Preferencing period begins  
Information available for parents of Year 5 children

### 26 June 2026

Close date for applications for the grammar schools admissions test

### June - October 2026

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

### 19 September 2026

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

### 21 September 2026

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

### 10 October 2026

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

### 31 October 2026

Closing date for applications

### 1 March 2027

**National Offer Day**

### 15 March 2027

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

### 29 March 2027

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

### June/July 2027

Appeal hearings



## Important Information

In addition to the application to your home Local Authority, some schools need supplementary forms completing, in Calderdale these are:

**Rastrick High School** - To apply under the Talented Musician category, you must complete an application via the school website. Please visit [Rastrick High School - Admissions](#) for more information.

**The Brooksbank School** - To apply under the sporting aptitude category, you must complete an application via the school website. Please visit [Admissions – The Brooksbank School](#) for more information.

**The Crossley Heath School** - As a selective grammar school, you must register your child for the Admission Test by the close date of 26 June 2026, for more information visit [www.crossleyheath.org.uk](http://www.crossleyheath.org.uk).

**The North Halifax Grammar School** - As selective grammar school, you must register your child for the Admission Test by the close date of 26 June 2026, for more information visit [www.nhgs.co.uk](http://www.nhgs.co.uk)

**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 21 September 2026. 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. For more information about Fair Banding and to apply for the assessment, please visit [www.grammar.trinitymat.org](http://www.grammar.trinitymat.org)

**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 21 September 2026. 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. For more information about Fair Banding and to apply for the assessment, please visit [www.halifax.trinitymat.org](http://www.halifax.trinitymat.org)

Apply online by 31st October 2026. [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)



## What happens next

### 1 March 2027 - 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 2027 - 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 2027.

## Checklist

- Register on the Citizens Portal and submit your application between **Tuesday 23 June** and **Saturday 31 October 2026** at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://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.  
*If a child is eligible for a place at more than one of your preferred schools, we will allocate the school listed highest in your order of preferences. 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 26 June 2026**.  
*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 21 September 2026**.  
*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](mailto:cyps.admissions@calderdale.gov.uk)





## Further 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 2026**
- 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](http://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](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 220747**

Rochdale MBC

**Tel: 0300 3030340**

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

