



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

**Rastrick High School**

Thursday 25 September 2025

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

**The Crossley Heath School**

Thursday 26 June 2025

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

**Todmorden High School**

Thursday 25 September 2025

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

**Trinity Academy Halifax**

Thursday 11 September 2025

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

**The Halifax Academy**

Wednesday 1 October 2025

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

**Trinity Academy Grammar**

Wednesday 17 September 2025

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

**Brighouse High School**

Thursday 2 October 2025

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

**Lightcliffe Academy**

Thursday 18 September 2025

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

**Calder High School**

Thursday 2 October 2025

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

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 4pm - 5pm

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

**The Brooksbank School**

Thursday 9 October 2025

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

**Park Lane Academy**

Wednesday 24 September 2025

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

**Ryburn Valley High School**

Thursday 16 October 2025

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

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Thursday 25 September 2025, 10am - 11am

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

**Apply online by 31st October 2025. [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)**





## 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](http://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](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.  
*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](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 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](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)**

