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Children due to start secondary
school in September 2026

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Dear Parent or Guardian

Secondary School Transfers: September 2026

I am writing to you as your child is due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2026, the details of the timetable and application process and the dates for all Calderdale Secondary School Open Evenings can be found in the leaflet by clicking on this link [Online Admissions – Secondary School 2026 leaflet](#).

You are strongly recommended to read all the information regarding school admissions at calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at one, or both, of the Calderdale grammar schools, you will also need to complete a registration form **by 27 June 2025**. This is available on the website of the two grammar schools, nhgs.co.uk and crossleyheath.org.uk. Only one registration form needs to be completed, even if you would like to apply for both schools. If you do not register, your child will not be able to sit the admissions test.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at Trinity Academy Halifax or Trinity Academy Grammar, you will also need to complete a Fair Banding Assessment registration form by **22 September 2025**. ***If your child does not sit the Fair Banding Assessment, your application for these schools will not be considered until after all the others who sat the assessment have been, which means that your child may not be offered a place.*** To register your child and for more details about the assessment please visit the schools' websites grammar.trinitymat.org and/or halifax.trinitymat.org

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at Rastrick High School (rastrick.polarismat.org.uk) under their music aptitude criteria, The Brooksbanks School (thebrooksbankschool.co.uk) under their sports aptitude criteria or Trinity Academy Halifax (halifax.trinitymat.org) under their church criteria, a supplementary application form will also need to be completed. These supplementary forms are available on the individual schools' websites.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Calderdale residents only – applications to be made online: calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

Non-Calderdale residents – you will need to apply via your home local authority. Please do not complete a Calderdale online application as this will not be accepted.

If you require any help or advice, please contact the Admissions Team before you complete the online application.

Yours sincerely

School Admissions Team