



# Online Admissions

Secondary School 2024





This leaflet provides some information regarding applying for your child's secondary school place for **September 2024**. You should only apply to Calderdale if you live in the Calderdale area. If you live outside Calderdale and wish to apply for a Calderdale school place, you can do so by applying through your home Local Authority. Please consider carefully all the information available on the website [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 2023 and 31 October 2023.

An automated acknowledgement of your application will be sent by email.

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

**Secondary School 2024 places for children born between 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013**

**Apply online from 21 June 2023 to 31 October 2023**



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

**The North Halifax Grammar School**

Tuesday 20 June 2023 5 – 8pm

Visit [nhgs.co.uk](http://nhgs.co.uk) for details

**The Crossley Heath School**

Thursday 22 June 2023 5 – 8pm

Visit [crossleyheath.org.uk](http://crossleyheath.org.uk) for details

**Trinity Academy Grammar**

Tuesday 12 September 2023

Visit [grammar.trinitymat.org](http://grammar.trinitymat.org) for details

**Trinity Academy Halifax**

Thursday 14 September 2023

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

**Lightcliffe Academy**

Thursday 21 September 2023

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

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Tuesday 26 September 2023 4-5pm

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

**Park Lane Academy**

Weds 27 September 2023 6.15 – 8pm

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

**Ravenscliffe High School**

Thursday 28 September 2023 11am

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

**Rastrick High School**

Thursday 28 September 2023

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

**The Halifax Academy**

Wednesday 4 October 2023

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

**The Brooksbank School**

Wednesday 4 October 2023

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

**Brighouse High School**

Thursday 5 October 2023

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

**Calder High School**

Thursday 5 October 2023

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

**Ryburn Valley High School**

Thursday 12 October 2023

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

**Todmorden High School**

Thursday 12 October 2023

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

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

## Timetable of events

### 21 June 2023

Preferencing period begins

Information available for parents of Year 5 children

### 30 June 2023

Close date for applications for the grammar schools admissions test

### June - October 2023

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

### 23 September 2023

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

### 25 September 2023

Close date for applications for the Fair Banding assessment for Trinity Academy Schools

### 14 October 2023

Fair Banding assessment date for Trinity Academy schools

### 31 October 2023

Closing date for applications

### 1 March 2024

**National Offer Day**

### 15 March 2024

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

### 29 March 2024

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

### June/July 2024

Appeal hearings

## Important 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 2023**
- 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.







## What happens next

### 1 March 2024 - 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 2024 - 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 2024.

## 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](http://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 2023. Please visit [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://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

You must register for the admissions test for the grammar schools by the 30 June 2023. The close date for the Fair Banding Assessment for the Trinity Academy schools is 25 September 2023.

### 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 2024. 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](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**

