



# Online Admissions

Secondary School 2025



Apply online at [calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](https://calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)



This leaflet provides some information regarding applying for your child's secondary school place for **September 2025**. 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 Admissions 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 2024 and 31 October 2024. An automated acknowledgement of your application will be sent by email.

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 2025 places for children born between 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014**

**Apply online from 21 June 2024 to 31 October 2024**

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

**The Crossley Heath School**  
Tuesday 25 June 2024 5 - 8pm  
[crossleyheath.org.uk](http://crossleyheath.org.uk)

**Rastrick High School**  
Thursday 26 September 2024  
[rastrick.polarismat.org.uk](http://rastrick.polarismat.org.uk)

**The North Halifax Grammar School**  
Thursday 27 June 2024 5 - 8pm  
[nhgs.co.uk](http://nhgs.co.uk)

**Todmorden High School**  
Thursday 26 September 2024  
[todhigh.co.uk](http://todhigh.co.uk)

**Trinity Academy Grammar**  
Tuesday 10 September 2024  
[grammar.trinitymat.org](http://grammar.trinitymat.org)

**The Halifax Academy**  
Wednesday 2 October 2024  
[thehalifaxacademy.org](http://thehalifaxacademy.org)

**Trinity Academy Halifax**  
Thursday 12 September 2024  
[halifax.trinitymat.org](http://halifax.trinitymat.org)

**The Brooksbank School**  
Wednesday 2 October 2024  
[thebrooksbankschool.co.uk](http://thebrooksbankschool.co.uk)

**Lightcliffe Academy**  
Thursday 19 September 2024  
[lightcliffeacademy.co.uk](http://lightcliffeacademy.co.uk)

**Brighouse High School**  
Thursday 3 October 2024  
[brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk](http://brighouse.calderdale.sch.uk)

**Ravenscliffe High School**  
Tuesday 24 September 2024 4-5pm  
[ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk](http://ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk)

**Calder High School**  
Thursday 3 October 2024  
[calderlearningtrust.com](http://calderlearningtrust.com)

**Park Lane Academy**  
Wednesday 25 September 2024 6.15 - 8pm  
[parklane.org.uk](http://parklane.org.uk)

**Ryburn Valley High School**  
Thursday 10 October 2024  
[rvhs.co.uk](http://rvhs.co.uk)

**Ravenscliffe High School**  
Thursday 26 September 2024 11am  
[ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk](http://ravenscliffe.calderdale.sch.uk)

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

## Timetable of events

### 21 June 2024

Preferencing period begins  
Information available for parents of Year 5 children

### 28 June 2024

Close date for applications for the grammar schools admissions test

### June - October 2024

Calderdale secondary schools open evenings

### 21 September 2024

Calderdale grammar school(s) admissions test

### 23 September 2024

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

### 12 October 2024

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

### 31 October 2024

Closing date for applications

### 3 March 2025

#### National Offer Day

### 17 March 2025

Last date for reallocation/appeal requests

### 29 March 2025

Notification of outcome of reallocation requests

### June/July 2025

Appeal hearings



## Important Information

### Calderdale Grammar Schools - The Crossley Heath School & North Halifax Grammar School

Parents who would like to apply for a place at the Calderdale Grammar Schools will need to complete a separate registration form for their child to sit the admissions test. The close date to register for the test is Friday 28 June 2024. For further information and to register for the test please visit the school website.

### Trinity Academy Halifax and Trinity Academy Grammar

Parents who would like their child to attend Trinity Academy Halifax and Trinity Academy Grammar will need to register their child to sit the Fair Banding Assessment. The close date to submit the Fair Banding Registration Form is Monday 23 September 2024. Applicants who sit the Fair Banding Assessment will be considered for admission first. Any applicants who do not sit the assessment will be ranked after all banded applicants which means if the school is oversubscribed it is unlikely they will be offered a place. For further information and to register for the Fair Banding Assessment please visit the school website.

### Rastrick High School

A limited number of places at Rastrick High may be allocated to pupils with an aptitude for music. To be considered under this category parents must complete a supplementary application form which is available from the school.

### The Brooksbank School

A limited number of places at the Brooksbank School may be allocated to pupils with a particular aptitude for Sport. Parents must complete a separate application form for consideration under this category, this must be returned to the school by the deadline set by the school.



## What happens next

### 3 March 2025 - 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.

### 3 to 17 March 2025 - 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 3 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 2025.

## 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 2024. 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

If you want to apply for either or both of the Calderdale grammar schools, you must register for the admissions test, this can be done at either of the schools' websites and must be done by the close date of 28 June 2024. If you want to apply for a place at Trinity Academy Grammar or Trinity Academy Halifax you must register for the Fair Banding assessment, this can be done on either of the schools' websites and must be done by the close date of 23 September 2024.

### 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 The Admissions Team on 3 March 2025. If an email notification was not requested, a letter will be sent directly to your home address.

### Q7

Where can I get advice?

### A7

The Authority recommends that parents/guardians take advice **only** from the Admissions Team on 01422 392617.



## 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 2024**
- 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**

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