

TRINITY ACADEMY HALIFAX

Admissions Policy and Oversubscription Criteria for Admissions in the Academic Year 2020/21



Trinity Academy Halifax (the 'academy') will admit 330 students into Y7 in 2020/21.

Arrangements for applications for places at the academy will be made in accordance with the Calderdale Local Authority's co-ordinated admission arrangements and will be made on the online application form administered by the local authority.

It is not mandatory that the supplementary application form is completed, but parents should do so if they wish their application to be considered in relation to church attendance.

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the published admission number, applications will be considered against the criteria set out below. After the admission of students with an Education, Health and Care Plan or Statement of Special Educational Needs where Trinity Academy Halifax is named on the plan or statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

1. (a) Children who are in public care – 'Looked After' (as defined by section 22 of the Children Act 1989) or children who were previously looked after but ceased to be so because they became adopted or became subject to a child arrangements or special guardianship order.
(b) Children who appear (to the admission authority of the academy) to have been in public care outside of England and ceased to be in public care as a result of being adopted.¹

¹ A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society.

2. Children who attend Akroydon Primary Academy.
3. Children whose siblings currently attend the academy and who will continue to do so on the date of admission.

("Sibling" is defined as a full or half brother or sister; a step brother or sister; an adoptive brother or sister; the children of parents living together in the same family household. The elder sibling must still be on roll at the academy when the younger child starts at the academy. Sibling applications will only be accepted for siblings of students in years 7 to 10; siblings of students in year 11 whose parents have confirmed their commitment to the pupil continuing into year 12 (written confirmation will be required) and siblings of year 12 who are attending a 2-year course. However, siblings of year 13 students will not be accepted.)

4. Children of staff employed at the academy. 'Staff' for this purpose are defined as anyone employed by the academy who has held a permanent contract with the academy for at least two years prior to the application or to staff recently appointed to a post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
5. Children who are resident in the defined priority catchment area, as shown on the map following this policy and who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend a Church of England Parish Church.

("Regularly attend" means attendance at public worship at least twice per month for the year before the application is submitted.)

6. Children whose place of residence is within the defined priority catchment area shown on the map following this policy.
7. Children who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend, one of the Church of England Parish Churches in the Rural Deanery of Halifax.

("Regularly attend" carries the same definition as set out at Criterion 3.)

8. Children who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend, one of the Church of England Parish Churches in the rural Deaneries of Calder Valley and Brighouse and Elland.

("Regularly attend" carries the same definition as set out at Criterion 3.)

9. Children who regularly attend, or whose parents/guardians regularly attend, another Christian Church within the area of the Calderdale Metropolitan District (affiliated to Churches together in England). A list of such churches is available to view by visiting: www.cte.org.uk

("Regularly attend" carries the same definition as set out at Criterion 3.)

10. Other children.

If there is oversubscription in any category, students will be admitted in order of proximity to the academy.

Distance will be calculated using a straight-line measurement from the pupil's home to the main academy gate. Distances will be calculated using the local authority's Geographical Information System (GIS). To ensure consistency, all measurements will be carried out by the local authority's GIS system and no other method of measuring distance will be considered. Each property has a co-ordinate taken from Ordnance Survey address point data. This is the point from which distance measurements will be taken.

Random allocation (undertaken by the local authority or another body unconnected with Trinity Academy Halifax) will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between a child's home and the academy is equidistant in any individual case. However, if children of multiple birth (twins and triplets) are tied for the final place, those siblings will be admitted over PAN.

Sixth Form

The academy operates a sixth form for a total of 400 students. 250 places will be available in year 12 (the year 12 'capacity'). While the admission number is 250, if fewer than 250 of the academy's own year 11 students transfer into year 12, additional external students will be admitted until year 12 meets its capacity of 250. Priority to external students will be in the following order:

- 1 Students from any Calderdale 11-16 school who work formally with Trinity 6th Form Centre – these schools are: Rastrick High School and Trinity Academy Sowerby Bridge.
- 2 Students from any Calderdale secondary school who do not have their own 6th Form provision - these schools are: Calder High School, Park Lane Academy, The Halifax Academy and Todmorden High School.
- 3 Students from any other school.

Both internal and external students wishing to enter the 6th Form will be expected to have met the same minimum academic entry requirements. Minimum academic entry requirements, along with any relevant course-specific requirements, are published annually in the academy's Post-16 Prospectus and on its website. When the 6th Form is undersubscribed all applicants meeting the minimum academic entry requirements will be admitted/permitted to progress.
