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Department for Children and
Young People

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Dear Parent

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2026 FOR BURY RESIDENT CHILDREN

- As you are aware your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026. Our online admissions system is the easiest and quickest way to apply. All you will need is a valid email address and your child's details. Please include any sibling details or complete any supplementary forms if applicable. This can be done online from 1st September, via Bury Council's website at www.bury.gov.uk/admissionssecondary.
- Following the consultation process with all parents in October 2022, the Local Authority removed the catchment area priority from the admissions policy for community schools and non-faith academies. The [Admissions Policy](#) can be found on our website.
- **If you reside outside the Bury Local Authority, you will need to make your application to your home authority. Information on how to do this will be on their website. You can still state Bury schools on your application if you wish to do so.**
- If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you will receive separate correspondence via the SEN Team in Bury.
- Before you make your application there is a lot of useful information on our website which will assist in making an informed decision about which school you would prefer your child to attend.
- Details of school open days/evenings can be found overleaf. Please refer to individual school websites to confirm dates.
- If you wish to apply for schools in other areas as well as Bury schools, these must be stated on your Bury application. These preferences will be forwarded to the other Local Authority for their consideration. In due course, they will inform us as to whether they are able to offer a place.
- Emails will be sent out to online applicants after 9am on 2nd March 2026. For those that have applied by paper form or telephone, allocation letters will be **posted** on the 2nd March 2026 informing you of the outcome of your application.

The deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. It is important that you apply by the date given. If you do not do so, your application will be treated as late, and will not be considered until after all on time applications have been allocated. It may result in your child not getting a school of your preference. Changes to preferences can only be made up to 31st October 2025, or they will be treated as late applications.

Please do not list independent or private schools on your application. You need to apply directly to independent schools or private schools for places.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team on the number given above.

Yours sincerely

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEAM

OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

Please check school websites to confirm dates and times as they may be subject to change.

Bury Church of England High School	Wednesday 24 th September 3.30pm-6.30pm
Derby High School	Thursday 9 th October 6pm-8pm
Elton High School	Tuesday 30 th September 9am – 12.15pm Wednesday 1 st October - 9am – 12.15pm Thursday 2 nd October - 5pm – 7pm
Hazel Wood High School	Wednesday 24 th September Time to be confirmed
Parrenthorn High School	Thursday 25 th September Time to be confirmed
Philips High School	Thursday 2 nd October 6pm-8pm Friday 3 rd October 9am-12pm
Star Radcliffe Academy	Wednesday 1 st October 4pm-6.30pm
St Gabriel's RC	Thursday 25 ^h September 5pm-7pm
St Monica's RC	Wednesday 24 th September Time to be confirmed
The Heys	Thursday 11 th September 6pm-8pm
Tottington High School	Thursday 18 th September 4.30pm-7.30pm
Unsworth Academy	Thursday 9 th October Time to be confirmed
Woodhey High School	Monday 22 nd September 9am-12pm Tuesday 23 rd September 9am-12pm