Walsall Council

Your Ref:
Our Ref:
Date: September 2026
Ask for: **School Admissions**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Transfer to Secondary School September 2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 & 31 August 2016, they are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027. We would like to inform you that applications for Secondary 2027 admissions will be available on our website from **11 September 2026**. This means that you must apply for a secondary school place for your child by **31 October 2026.**

To do this, you must submit an on-line application through the Secondary Admissions web page of Walsall Council website: Apply for a secondary school place (walsall.gov.uk). Alternatively, from the front page of the Walsall Council website, follow: Schools and Learning – School Admissions – Apply for a secondary school place.

You will also find, on this web page, an Information for Parents booklet which provides detailed information about the school admissions process. We strongly recommend that you read this booklet before making your application.

Please note that the online application portal is open daily until the **31 October 2026**.

You should only apply through the Walsall Council website if you are a Walsall resident family. If you pay your Council Tax to a different Local Authority (LA), then you should apply through them. Contact details for other neighboring LAs are available in the online Information for Parents booklet.

You can list up to five schools on your application, in your order of preference. List all the schools that you are interested in, including those that may be located in other local authority areas.

Some schools also require parents to complete an additional Supplementary Information Form (SIF), as well as listing it as a preference on the online application form. Please refer to the online 'Information for Parents' booklet to see if you need to complete a Supplementary Information Form for any of your preferred schools. If you are applying for any schools outside of the Walsall Local Authority area you should also check with that school directly to see if a Supplementary Information Form is also required.

All places are offered based on how well a child meets the over-subscription criteria for each school and, regrettably, it is not possible to guarantee that a place will be offered at a particular preferred school. We strongly recommend Walsall parents and carers to list five different preferences in their application, the maximum allowed and include at least one local school you feel confident your child would have met the criteria for in previous years.

Details of each school's admissions criteria and how places have been allocated in previous years are included in the on-line Information for Parents booklet.

The deadline for submission of applications is **31 October 2026**.

This gives you ample time to consider which schools you intend to list and make your application. There is no priority given to applicants who make their application earlier than others.

It is however extremely important that your application is submitted by the closing deadline of 31 October 2026. Any applications, or changes to your preferred schools, made after this date means that your application will be processed as late and you will not receive your offer until after national secondary offer day of 1 March 2027.

Late applicants will receive their offer after 1 March 2027.

Making a late secondary school application will reduce the chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

All on time applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application on 1 March 2027.

School Profiles - Take part in the trial

As you may know, the Department for Education is testing a new online service called School Profiles, designed to help parents and carers find, compare and understand state secondary schools in England.

About School Profiles

School Profiles brings together key information about schools in one place, making it easier for families to explore their options ahead of submitting secondary school applications.

A new comparison feature has been introduced that allows parents and carers to compare up to 6 secondary schools side by side, helping families make more informed decisions about their child's education.

Take part in the trial

The DfE is inviting parents and carers to explore the service and provide feedback to help improve it before a wider rollout.

If you'd like to take part in the trial, you can:
- visit the School Profiles beta website
- search for and compare secondary schools
- share feedback directly through the service

Your feedback will help shape the future of School Profiles and ensure it meets the needs of parents and carers when making important school choices.

Visit the trial - **School Profiles beta website:**

https://beta.schoolprofiles.education.gov.uk/gateway/welcome/WLL

Please take a look and share your feedback as early as possible, so improvements can be made ahead of the next secondary school admissions cycle.

Any feedback provided through the website is collected directly by the Department for Education.

If you require any advice or support with making your application, then please contact the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully



Mrs Alex Groom
Admissions & Education Sufficiency Service Manager

School	Admission Number	Type of School	Contact Number	Email and Website	Open Evenings/Mornings
Aldridge School	280	Academy	01922 743988	Email: info@ald.merciantrust.org.uk Website: www.aldridgeschool.org	Open Evening: Wednesday 16 September 2026 & Thursday 17 September 2026
Aldridge School – Specialist Music Places	27	Academy	01922 743988	Email: info@ald.merciantrust.org.uk Website: www.aldridgeschool.org	Open Evening: Wednesday 16 September 2026 & Thursday 17 September 2026
Barr Beason School	252	Academy	0121 366 6600	Email: postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk Website: www.barrbeaconschool.co.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 10 September 2026 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Open Morning: 11 September & Friday 9 October 2026 9:10AM - 10:00AM
Bloxwich Academy	180	Academy	01922 710257	Email: postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk Website: www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk	Open Evening: Wednesday 16 September 2026
Blue Coat CE Academy	150	Academy	01922 720558	Email: postbox@bluecoatacademy.org Website: www.bluecoatacademy.org	Open Evening: Thursday 8 October 2026 4:45 PM – 7 PM
Brownhills Ormiston Academy	150	Academy	01543 452886	Email: postbox@brownhillsoa.co.uk Website: www.brownhills.walsall.sch.uk	Open Evening: Tuesday 22 September 2026 6 PM - 8:30 PM Open Mornings: Friday 25 September 2026, Monday 28 September 2026 & Thursday 1 October 2026 - 9:15 AM by prior appointment.
Grace Academy Darlaston	180	Academy	0121 568 3300	Email: enquiries@daraston.graceacademy.co.uk Website: www.darlaston-graceacademy.org.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 1 October 2026
Joseph Leckie Academy	240	Academy	01922 721071	Email: postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk Website: www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 1 October 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy	270	Academy	01922 685777	Email: postbox@scacademy.co.uk Website: www.scacademy.co.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 24 September 2026
Pool Hayes Academy	250	Academy	01902 368147	Email: pha-office@attrust.org.uk Website: www.poolhayes.attrust.org.uk	Please refer to the school's website.
Queen Mary's Grammar School (for boys)	180	Academy	01922 720696	Email: enquiries@qmgs.merciantrust.org.uk Website: walsall.sch.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 4 June 2026
Queen Mary's High School (for girls)	150	Academy	01922 721013	Email: qmarys@qmhs.merciantrust.org.uk Website: www.qmhs.org.uk	Open Evening: Tuesday 22 September 2026
Shire Oak Academy	270	Academy	01543 452518	Email: postbox@soa.merciantrust.org.uk Website: www.shireoakacademy.co.uk	Please refer to the school's website.
St Francis of Assisi Catholic School	180	Voluntary Aided	01922 740300	Email: postbox@stfrancis.cc Website: www.stfrancis.cc	Open Evening: 17 September 2026 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
St Thomas More Catholic School	243	Voluntary Aided	01902 368798	Email: postbox@st-thomasmore.walsall.sch.uk Website: www.st-thomasmore.walsall.sch.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 1 October 2026 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
The Streetly Academy	260	Academy	0121 353 2709	Email: postbox@thestreetlyacademy.co.uk Website: www.streetly.academy	Open evening: Thursday 24 September 2026. Please refer to the school's website for further information.
Walsall Academy	208	Academy	01922 493910	Email: enquiries@walsallacademy.com Website: www.walsallacademy.com	Please refer to the school's website.
West Walsall E-ACT Academy	210	Academy	01922 662640	Email: wwea.info@e-act.org.uk Website: www.westwalsallacademy.e-act.org.uk	Open Evening: Thursday 17 September 3:30 PM - 7:15 PM
Willenhall E-ACT Academy	180	Academy	01902 368221	Email: postbox@willenhalle-actacademy.org.uk Website: www.willenhallacademy.e-act.org.uk	Open Evening: Wednesday 18 September 2026

Date	Secondary 2027 Admissions - Key Dates
11 September 2026	Information for Parents booklets available online - Secondary 2027
11 September 2026	Portal for Secondary 2027 applications opens
29 September 2026	Lichfield Street Hub 9am - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
07 October 2026	Willenhall Library 1pm - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
13 October 2026	Blakenall Village Centre 1pm - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
20 October 2026	Brownhills Library 1pm - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
22 October 2026	Darlaston Library 1pm - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
30 October 2026	Lichfield Street Hub 9am - 5pm. Drop-in session, with the admissions team, to support families in the community to submit their secondary 2027 application.
31 October 2026 (10pm)	**NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR ON-TIME SECONDARY 2027 APPICATIONS**
1 November 2026 - 27 November 2026	Late application received within this period may be considered as on time but only in exceptional circumstances (see Information for Parents booklet for more information)
28 November 2026	All applications received from this date forward will be considered late regardless of the circumstances
01 March 2027	**SECONDARY NATIONAL OFFER DAY - all on-time applicants will receive an email confirming the school to be offered for September 2027**
15 March 2027	Late Offers - Phase 1 - Offers made for late applications received between 1/11/2026 & 28/02/2027
17 March 2027	Waiting List Positions available for Secondary 2027 applications
03 May 2027 (or next working day)	Late Offers - Phase 2 - Offers made for late applications received between 01/03/2027 & 30/04/2027
21 June 2027	Late Offers - Phase 3 - Offers made for late applications received between 01/05/2027 & 18/06/2027
As Required	Further offers for late applications will be made as required
June/July 2027	Appeal Hearings - dates to be confirmed to applicants as appropriate
June/July 2027	Inset dates - to be confirmed by the school of offer



The Admissions & Education Sufficiency Team will be at the following venues to help parents and carers with online applications for school places starting in September 2027.

Location	Date	Time
Lichfield Street Hub, Lichfield Street, Walsall WS1 1TR	Tuesday 29 Sept 2026 Friday 30 Oct 2026	9am – 5pm
Willenhall Library, 1 Walsall Street, Willenhall WV13 2EX	Wednesday 7 Oct 2026	1pm – 5pm
Blakenall Village Centre, 79 Thames Road, Bloxwich WS3 1LZ	Tuesday 13 Oct 2026	1pm – 5pm
Brownhills Community Library, Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills, WS8 7JB	Tuesday 20 Oct 2026	1pm – 5pm
Darlaston Library, 1 King Street, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 8DE	Thursday 22 Oct 2026	1pm – 5pm

- Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 are due to start secondary school (Year 7) in September 2027.
- Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 are due to start reception in September 2027.

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For more information, please email schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk