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Thursday 10th September 2026

Applications for High School and Open Evenings 2026/2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the application process is now open for our Year 6 pupils who will be transferring to secondary school in **September 2027**. Choosing a secondary school is an important decision for families, and we would encourage you to take the time to research the schools you are considering and, wherever possible, attend their open evenings or arrange a visit. Sefton Council has prepared a Guide for Parents, together with a Sefton Primary and Secondary Schools Admissions Information Guide, which contain lots of helpful information to support families through the admissions process. [Parents Guide to School Admissions 2027](#). Applications for Year 7 places opened on **1st September 2026**.

Parents/carers living within Sefton must make their application through **Sefton Council's Citizen Portal**, even if one or more of the schools they wish to apply for is outside the Sefton area. The following link will take you to the portal: [Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

Please be aware of the following important dates:

Applications opened: 1st September 2026

Closing date for secondary school applications: 31st October 2026

National Offer Day: 1st March 2027

It is extremely important that applications are submitted by the closing date. As a school, we do not advocate for any particular secondary school. Every child is different, and we would strongly encourage families to visit a range of schools to see what each has to offer and to consider which setting will best meet the individual needs of their child.

To assist you with this, we have listed below a selection of local secondary schools and the open-evening information currently available for **September 2027 admissions**.

Open Evenings 2026

Thursday 10th September

Maghull High School
5:30pm – 8:30pm

The evening will include student-led tours, opportunities to meet staff from across the school and a chance to sample the school's food menu.

Headteacher talks: 5:45pm, 6:45pm and 7:45pm.

Monday 14th September

Holy Family Catholic High School

Headteacher talks will take place at **4:30pm, 5:45pm and 7:00pm**.

No appointment is required.

Wednesday 16th September

Range High School
4:30pm – 7:00pm

The school will also hold a **Year 6 Open Morning on Friday 9th October, 8:00am – 12:30pm**.

Thursday 17th September

Litherland High School
4:45pm – 7:00pm

Principal presentations will take place in the school theatre at **4:45pm and 5:30pm**.

Families will also have the opportunity to explore the school and meet members of staff.

St Michael's Church of England High School
5:00pm – 7:30pm

Headteacher talks: 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

Deyes High School
5:00pm – 8:00pm

Headteacher presentations will take place at **5:30pm and 6:15pm**. School tours begin at 6:00pm and can be student-led or self-guided. The evening is open to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families. **No booking is required.**

Formby High School
5:30pm – 8:00pm

Please check the school's website/social media for any additional arrangements.

Maricourt Catholic High School

Open Evening – Thursday 17th September 2026

Please check the school's website/social media for confirmation of timings and any additional arrangements.

Tuesday 22nd September

The Salesian Academy of St John Bosco

4:00pm – 6:30pm

This will be the Academy's final Open Evening in its current school building before moving into its new school.

Wednesday 23rd September

Alsop High School

Year 5/6 Open Evening: 4:00pm – 6:30pm

No booking required.

Meols Cop High School

Year 5/6 Open Evening – Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Please check the school's website/social media for confirmation of the start and finish times.

Thursday 24th September

Archbishop Beck Catholic College

4:30pm – 7:30pm

Chesterfield High School

Open Evening – Thursday 24th September 2026

Booking is required.

Families should book their place through Chesterfield High School's Open Evening booking system. Chesterfield is also offering **Open Mornings on Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October 2026**. These also require booking.

Friday 9th October

Range High School – Year 6 Open Morning

8:00am – 12:30pm

This provides an additional opportunity for prospective Year 7 pupils and their families to visit the school.

Dates Awaiting Confirmation

At the time of writing, we have been unable to confirm the 2026 Open Evening dates for the following schools. Parents/carers should check the individual schools' websites and social media pages for the latest information.

Hillside High School

The school's current September 2026 online calendar does not yet list an Open Evening.

King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes

A confirmed 2026 Open Evening date has not yet been published in the sources available to us.

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

The school's current admissions information invites prospective families to register for its Open Evening or arrange a tour, but the **2026 Open Evening date and time are not currently displayed**. Families can also contact the school directly to arrange a visit.

Specialist Provision

Crosby High School

Crosby High School is a specialist school for children and young people with moderate and/or complex special educational needs identified through an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**.

Places are commissioned through the Local Authority. Parents/carers considering Crosby High should contact the school and Local Authority SEND team for further information regarding visits and admissions.

Rowan High School – Specialist School

Parents/carers considering Rowan High School should contact the school directly for information regarding visits, admissions and specialist provision.

St Mary's College, Crosby

St Mary's College held its main 2026 College Open Evening on **Wednesday 1st July 2026**.

Parents/carers interested in St Mary's College should contact the College or check its admissions information for details of any further opportunities to visit.

Supplementary Information Forms

Please be aware that some **Catholic, Church of England and other faith schools** may require parents/carers to complete a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** in addition to making an application through Sefton Council.

If you wish your application to be considered under a faith-based admissions criterion, please check the individual school's admissions policy carefully and ensure that any required supplementary forms are completed by the relevant deadline.

When Choosing a Secondary School

We strongly recommend that families:

- Attend as many Open Evenings as possible.
- Take your child with you when visiting prospective schools.
- Read each school's admissions criteria carefully.
- Consider how your child will travel to and from school.
- Discuss any SEND or additional support requirements directly with prospective schools.
- Check whether a Supplementary Information Form is required.
- Consider a range of schools before making your final choices.
- Submit your application through Sefton Council **no later than 31st October 2026**.

Please check the individual admissions policy of every school you are considering to ensure that you have completed all required documentation by the relevant deadlines. If you require any assistance with the secondary school application process, or would like to discuss transition arrangements for your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Lead