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Thursday 10th September 2026

High School Open Evenings 2026/2027

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although your child is currently in Year 5 and you do not need to apply for a secondary school place yet, we wanted to make you aware of the Open Evenings taking place at local secondary schools during September and October.

Your child will begin the secondary school application process when they enter Year 6 in September 2027, with applications normally needing to be submitted by the end of October 2027.

Visiting secondary schools while your child is in Year 5 can be extremely useful. It gives families an opportunity to explore different schools, meet staff and pupils, look at facilities and begin thinking about which schools may be a good fit for your child — without the pressure of having to make a decision straight away.

There is no expectation that Year 5 families attend these events, but you are very welcome to do so if you would like to begin exploring your options.

Secondary School Open Evenings 2026

The following events are listed in date order.

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

Range High School will also hold a Year 6 Open Morning on Friday 9th October, 8:00am–12:30pm. Please note that this additional morning is specifically advertised for Year 6 pupils.

Thursday 17th September

Litherland High School

4:45pm – 7:00pm

Principal presentations will take place 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, with school tours beginning at 6:00pm.

This event is specifically open to both Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families, so it is an excellent opportunity for our Year 5 families to visit.

Formby High School

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Please check the school's website or 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 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

This event is specifically for Year 5 and Year 6 families.

No booking is required.

Meols Cop High School

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 a place through Chesterfield High School's online booking system.

The school is also offering Open Mornings on Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October. These also require booking.

Other Local Secondary Schools

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting confirmed 2026 Open Evening information for:

Hillside High School

King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Parents/carers interested in any of these schools should check the schools' websites and social media pages for the latest Open Evening information.

Specialist Schools

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).

Families who feel that specialist secondary provision may be appropriate for their child should speak to school and their child's SENDCo regarding the transition and admissions process.

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 in July.

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.

Looking Ahead to Year 6

You do not need to apply for a secondary school place this year.

When your child enters Year 6 in September 2027, we will provide you with full information and support regarding the secondary school application process, including application deadlines and how to apply.

In the meantime, visiting schools during Year 5 can help you and your child:

- Explore a range of different secondary schools.
- Meet teachers, senior leaders and current pupils.
- Look around classrooms and specialist facilities.
- Find out about subjects, extracurricular activities and pastoral support.
- Ask questions about SEND and additional support where appropriate.
- Learn about each school's ethos and expectations.
- Begin thinking about which schools your child might like to consider next year.

Please remember that there is no need to make any decisions now. This is simply an opportunity to start exploring the different options available to your child.

If you require any further information or would like advice regarding secondary school transition, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. McGiveron

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Lead