

Admissions Process

FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ENTRY



THE
BRIAN CLARKE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



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Welcome to Brian Clarke

Mrs Ash, MA, NPQH

We are delighted you are considering applying for a place at The Brian Clarke Church of England Academy.

Our school is an inclusive, co-educational, Church of England secondary school situated in the centre of Oldham, founded to serve students of all faiths and denominations and those of none. We provide an excellent education to a student population that is aspirational, multi-cultural, multi-faith and multi-talented – a community that is a true microcosm of the Borough as a whole.

This booklet is an abridged guide to how admissions work at The Brian Clarke Academy. To read our full policy, please visit www.brian-clarke.org.

Types of school places at BCA

The two main categories of places at Brian Clarke are **faith based** places and **geographical** places.

Faith based places are allocated 50:50 between children of Christian faith and children of the five other major world faiths present in Oldham. These are Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism.

Our **geographical zones** are explained in more detail later in this booklet.



Apply for a place

Applications can only be made online using via Oldham Council. All schools in Oldham use this application process.

The Brian Clarke Academy is unable to assist with any technical issues that arise when applying via Oldham Council. You must contact OMBC's School Admissions Team with any queries or issues.

Apply online

<https://www.brian-clarke.org/join-us/>



CONTACT OMBC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEAM

 0161 770 4213

 ecs.pupils@oldham.gov.uk

Supplementary Information Forms

If applying for a place on the basis of faith, you must complete an online application as detailed above, and also provide the school with a **Supplementary Information Form**.

The form must be the school's own form, downloaded from our website or collected from school. A physical, hand-signed copy must be returned to the school either in person or via post no later than **Friday 30th October 2026**.



Return your SIF no later than Friday 30th October 2026.

You only need to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you are applying for a faith place.

You can pick up a copy from Reception between 7.45am and 3.45pm on weekdays, or download it from our website www.brian-clarke.org.

Admissions Timeline for September 2027 entry

1	From Monday 3 rd August, you will be able to apply for your secondary school place. All applications must be made via Oldham Council.
2	If you are applying for a faith based place, you need to get your faith leader to fill in the part of the Supplementary Information Form relevant to your religion.
3	Return a physical, hand-signed copy of your Supplementary Information Form to the school. You can post it or hand in to reception no later than the SIF deadline, Friday 30th October 2026 .
4	Oldham Council will inform you on Offer Day, Monday 1 st March 2027, which school you have been allocated.

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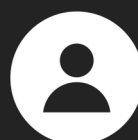
PAN

The school's Published Admission Number (PAN) for the admission of pupils to Year 7 is 240.



UNDERSUBSCRIBED

If fewer than 240 applications for admission to Year 7 are received, all applicants will be offered places.



EHCPs

The school will admit all children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) naming the school. These admissions are made without reference to faith.



OVERSUBSCRIBED

If there are more applications than places available, we will apply our oversubscription criteria.



“There is a strong sense of belonging and community cohesion.”

-Ofsted report, June 2025



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Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2026
4.30 - 7pm

Meet curriculum and pastoral leaders, explore subjects covered in Key Stage 3 & 4 and have a tour of The Brian Clarke Academy.



Oversubscription criteria

Priority allocations without reference to faith

If the school is over subscribed, we will apply the following criteria to ensure that the vision for the school is fulfilled.

- CLAs or previously CLA and internationally adopted previously CLA. These priority allocations are made without reference to faith.
- Children with EHCPs



Faith based places

For children of the Christian faith, priority is given to those with most frequent and sustained attendance at public worship over a period of up to five years. A maximum of 60 places will be allocated under this criterion: to qualify, you must submit a Supplementary Information Form completed and signed by you and your faith leader. Where there are more applications than places, we allocate based on highest points gained from church attendance.

FAITH BASED PLACES - 120

Children of the Christian faith who, with one or more parent or carer, regularly attend public worship at a Christian Church*



Regularly attends public worship - 60 places

Children who are active members of one of the five major world faiths other than Christianity (Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism or Buddhism) present in Oldham**

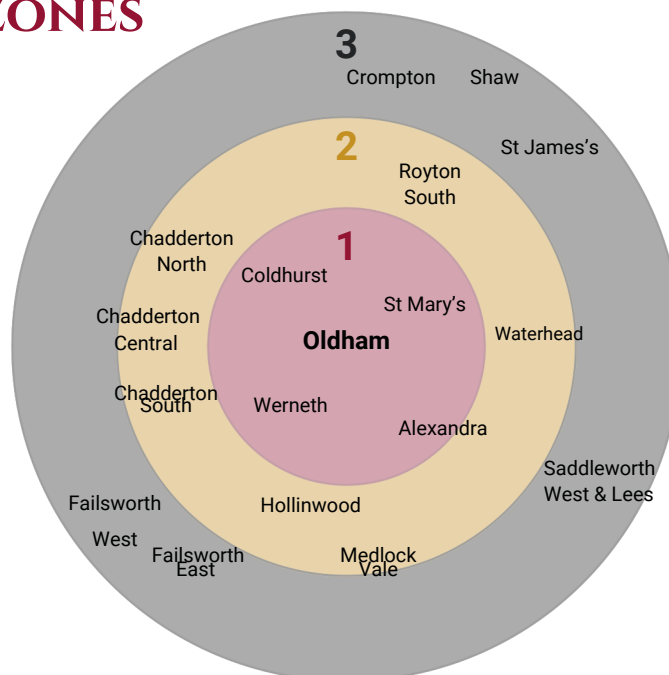


Active members - 60 places

Non-faith based places

At least 120 places are allocated on a non-faith basis, determined by geographical zones which are explained opposite. These zones are based on a ratio of 9:10:5 and therefore in any given year we anticipate that there will be 45 places allocated in Zone 1, 50 in Zone 2 and 25 in Zone 3. If the faith-based places are not taken up, they will be added to the places available through the geographical zones allocation. Where there are more applications than places, we allocate on random allocation within each geographical zone. Please see our Admissions Policy for full details.

ZONES



Zone 1 - within 1 mile of the school

Zone 2 - 1-2 miles from the school

Zone 3 - 2-3 miles from the school

NON-FAITH BASED PLACES - 120

ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
45 places	50 places	25 places
Fixed ratio		
9	10	5

It starts with you.



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