



Parent/Carer Handbook

Taking you step-by-step through your child starting secondary school at Sir Jonathan North Girls' College.



**SIR JONATHAN NORTH
GIRLS' COLLEGE**
Lionheart Educational Trust

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Sir Jonathan North Girls' College

A purposeful, ambitious and welcoming learning community in which students, staff and parents work together to ensure outstanding outcomes for our young people.

Sir Jonathan North seeks to give students an outstanding educational experience. We are acutely aware that every young person gets 'one shot' at education and we must make it the very best for everyone. At Sir Jonathan North the goal for our students is to gain rich and varied experiences that enable them to apply to the University or apprenticeship of their choice.

Our Vision and Values

We believe you will be impressed by our high expectations, quality of teaching, vibrant learning environment and our motivated students.

Information

In this handbook, you will also find lots of useful information and the answers to some frequently asked questions. If you have any questions that are not answered, please contact the school office on contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk and we will be happy to help!

We look forward to working in partnership with you and getting to know you and your child.

Key information



Times of the school day?

- Start of the day: 8:30am
- Morning break: 10:25-10:45am
- Lunch break: Lunch A 12:25 – 1:05 pm Lunch B 1:15 – 1:55 pm
- End of day: 2:45pm

Communication with parents

Communications are sent out through Beehive and Mailout

Celebrating successes

We love celebrating the successes of our students through various communication channels, including our X feed (@SJNCCSchool), Facebook page (@SirJonathanNorth), and our website (www.sirjonathannorth.org.uk).

Has your child achieved something special, like winning a competition, completing a fundraising goal, or volunteering in the community? Please share your stories and photos with us at contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk. We may feature them in our newsletter, on social media, or in the local press.

Holidays

Whilst we discouraging taking holiday or leave during term time, if you need to request a Leave of Absence for your child, please submit a written request to the Principal using the form available on our website. We understand that sometimes exceptional circumstances arise, and we will consider these requests carefully.

Please note that we may ask for appropriate evidence to support your request. To ensure your child is not at a disadvantage, we kindly ask that you avoid scheduling absences before or during examination periods, as this leave will not be approved.

Food and drink

We offer a wide selection of food for breakfast, break, and lunchtimes. Our range includes:

- **Breakfast:** Full English breakfast, hot croissants, pastries, toasties, and paninis.
- **Lunch and Break:** An extensive range of hot and cold food, street food and salad bar is always available.

The canteen offers a variety of drinks and snacks to purchase at breaktimes, and a daily menu with several choices at lunchtimes. Vegetarian options are always available and Halal meals are offered twice a week. Students can choose whether to sit inside to eat or take food outside. There is a designated outside space for year 7s only.

Students can purchase food and drink with their ID cards, which can be topped up on Beehive (Find out more on page 7).

We also provide several spaces around our school site for students who wish to bring in a packed lunch.

Pastoral support

Our goal is to provide a nurturing environment where students can thrive and exceed their own expectations. Parents can rest assured that their child will be supported and encouraged to become the best they can be.

Pastoral support is offered through your child's pastoral leader and the assistant pastoral leader. Students will be shown their office on their transition day.

Uniform

Students in at Sir Jonathan North wear a uniform. Our uniform can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions (either at the shop in Oadby or ordered online).

All students are to wear the following:

- Jumper or blazer- Black V-neck jumper with blue piping and the SJNGC logo Black blazer with blue piping and the SJNGC logo
- Blouse -Plain, white, fitted or tailored blouse with a collar
- Trousers -Plain, smart black full-length trousers. Either straight leg or bootleg.
- Skirt- Plain, black, pleated knee-length school skirt or Black modesty skirt to the ankle
- Tights/socks -Tights - Plain black or flesh coloured - school range Socks - Plain black or plain white ankle length
- Shoes - Plain black leather or "leather look" shoes or ankle boots

Optional:

- Plain black or white headscarf or Plain black or white hair bands, bobbles and clips.

PE/Dance Uniform:

- Either a long sleeved or short sleeved black sports top with the SJNC logo on
- Black shorts or tracksuit trousers
- White socks
- Black sports leggings (only for trampolining, aerobics, health and fitness and fitness activities)
- Sports Trainers
- If a headscarf is worn it must be elasticated without a pin



Scan to find out more information on the Uniform policy and stockist information.



Equipment Checklist

All students are expected to have the following stationery in school every day:

- Pencil case
- 2 green pens
- 2 black pens (no blue pens)
- 2 pencils
- 30 cm clear plastic ruler
- Large clear plastic pencil case
- Eraser
- Highlighter
- Protractor
- Sharpener
- Scientific calculator (we recommend a Casio FX85)

Policies

Policies are vitally important and help us to create quality standards for learning and safety, as well as for expectations and accountability. If you want to know more about the policies we have in place, please visit our website: www.sirjonathannorth.org.uk



Beehive brings together essential applications, making it easy for parents and carers to access important information and updates about their child's education.

Available in both a browser and a smartphone app, Beehive ensures seamless access. Parents/carers will receive a unique welcome email with instructions on how to access the portal, while students can log in using their school network credentials.

Here's a round-up of what can be accessed via Beehive...

NEWS

See school news shared with both students and parents. This can include anything from clubs to competitions to reminders about school closures.



ASSIGNMENTS

A full homework management system where staff can set class or group assignments and both students and parents can view details online, including due date and homework requirements.



TIMETABLES

Daily timetable information showing subject, room and location information.



EVENTS

The events module shows a planned schedule of after school events. Students can sign-up to extra-curricular activities and parents/carers will be informed of any changes to events automatically.



BEHAVIOUR

Allows staff to instantly give reward and behaviour points. Parents can view their child's attendance and see reward and behaviour points given.



PAY & STORE

Parents/carers have the ability to top-up their child's smart card with credit for use at break and/or lunchtime, and see a breakdown of spend per day. This module is also used to pay for products and trips.



CONSENT

Parents/carers can set consent for use of images in the media and marketing materials, as well as how their child's data is used in school to celebrate achievements.



MAILOUT

This system will also allow parents/carers to view letter archives. When documents are available to view in Beehive, you will receive an email notification via mailout.



Scan to visit our website and download our Parent/Carer Beehive Guide for login details and further information

Frequently asked questions

Here are our answers, to what we find, are the most frequently asked questions.

What happens if my child is ill and/or can't attend school?

Please phone the college on **0116 27 08116** and leave a message with name, tutor group and reason for absence or email contactus@sirjonathanorth.org.uk before the start of school

What happens if my child is late?

Please phone the college on **0116 270 8116** if there is a valid reason. Students with no valid reason will do a 1 hour detention after school

What subjects will they study and how is homework set?

Year 7 Curriculum - All students will study:

English	French or Spanish	RS	Music
Maths	Geography	Dance	P.E
Science	History	Drama	Creative

All lessons are 50 minutes long, however some subjects have double lessons.

Homework

To make sure it is easy to keep track of, all homework is logged on Beehive so that students and parents can support their child's learning.

Does my child have to carry their PE kit with them each day?

No, your child only needs to bring their PE kit when they have a timetabled lesson of PE.