



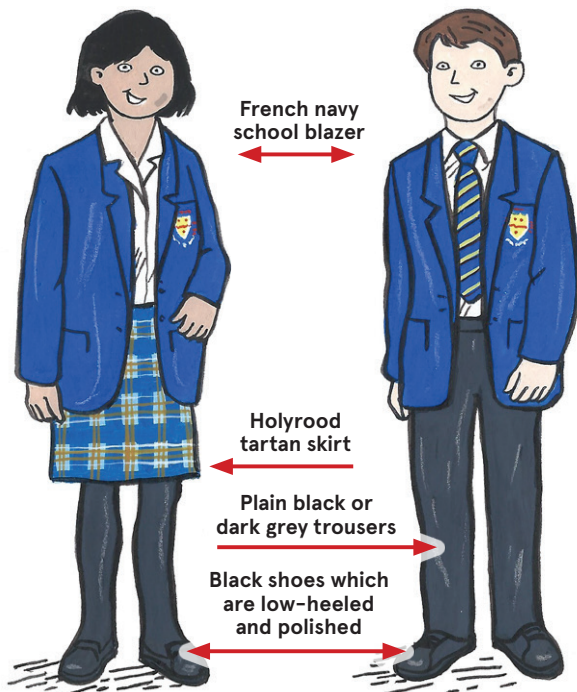
# Welcome to The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School

Your Pocket Guide



# The Saint John Henry Newman (JHN) Uniform

You must ensure you are smart at all times, and this includes to and from school. Shirts and blouses must be tucked in and shoes should be polished regularly. You are allowed to wear a single pair of plain silver or gold stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed. Mobile phones must be turned off throughout the school day.



School V-necked jumper is optional.  
Shirts and blouses must be tucked in.  
Grey trousers are also an option for girls.

# What do I need for each day at school?

- Wear the correct uniform from the first day onwards.
- Bring a pencil case and a bag to hold it in, along with your packed lunch if you need one.

## Equipment

Here is a list of what equipment you will need.

### Essential

A pencil case large enough to accommodate the equipment listed below:

- Wet ink pen – blue/black + refill cartridges/spare pen
- Red pen
- Pencil(s)
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Ruler, compass and protractor
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Highlighter
- A5 notepad
- A4 mini whiteboard
- Private reading book (fiction or non-fiction)
- Water bottle

### Desirable

- Colouring pencils
- Post-it notes
- A Sharpie and fineliner (for Art)
- Pack of tissues
- Mini hand sanitiser



## What happens in the school day?

Each day starts at 8.30 am and has five periods which are 60 minutes long. There is a 20-minute break and a half-hour lunchtime. Timings vary depending on the day of the week. We will give you a detailed daily timetable on your first day, along with a homework timetable.

We recommend that you arrive at school shortly before 8.30 am. If you do, you can visit the canteen for breakfast, go to your form room or socialise with friends outside. We encourage you to go home as promptly as possible at the end of the school day unless you are attending a club or activity. If you wish to complete some homework after school, the library is open until 4.00 pm.

Try and get into a good routine of completing homework on the day it gets set by your teacher and then packing your bag for the following day.

## What else will I find out about on my first day?

### Canteen

The canteen is open at break and lunchtime. There is a range of healthy, delicious food and drinks including snacks, takeaway food, salad bar and complete meals. There are options for all dietary needs.

### Library

The library is open from 8 am to 4 pm, including break and lunchtimes. After school, you can use the space to complete your homework. The library is full of brilliant resources and reading materials, including newspapers and magazines. We hold reading groups at lunchtimes and an annual book fair. If you need extra support, you can complete your homework in the SEN Homework Club every day except Wednesday. It runs from 3.10 to 4 pm and is led by a Learning Support Assistant.

### Clubs

We have a range of interesting clubs and we will tell you all about them when you join us!



## What if I need help?

We understand that life is not always straightforward and so we also provide lots of support, whenever the need arises. The first port of call for any concerns is your Form Tutor. You also have:

- Learning Coordinator – Miss Hunter
- KS3 Transition Lead – Mrs Shephard
- Director of Learning for the Lower School – Mr Hewitson
- School Nurse – Mrs White

**Student Services** – This is in the main block opposite the Pupil Entrance and is open from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. Here you can find lost property, get timetables printed and purchase stationery.

**Wellbeing Support & Inclusions** – You are always welcome. These are spaces to drop into for pupils during break and lunch. If you need some extra support, you can attend a drop-in session in the Day Room – ask your Form Tutor about this if you think you might benefit.

**The SHARP System (Student Help Advice Reporting Page)** – The link is on the school website and you can use it for reporting incidents and worries safely and anonymously.



# How can I be the best I can be at JHN?

We want you to live life to the full and become the person God wants you to be as you move into this exciting stage of your life. You can do this by learning some key skills and attitudes and by becoming a learning **HERO**:

- Being **HARDWORKING** – sticking at things even when it's tough.
- Being **EMPATHETIC** – understand and work with others positively.
- You need to be **RESOURCEFUL** – never to tire of questions and of exploring the world creatively.
- You need to be **ORGANISED** – plan and prioritise so that you can meet your commitments both in and out of school.

Being a JHN pupil is an exciting, challenging growing experience leading to great personal success. Enjoy it!

## The Catholic Life of Our School

The Catholic life of our school community continues to be at the core of everything that we do and is the reason why our school exists and is different to many others. We believe that every pupil at the school has a set of unique skills and talents that will help you shine and, very importantly, have a positive impact on our school and others around you. Each day will start with a prayer, and you will be expected to learn this prayer when you join us.

The Catholic Life of our School is vibrant and exciting. As a member of a tutor group linked to a patron saint, your saint will be a role model who will guide and inspire you during your time here at the Saint John Henry Newman School. You will celebrate your saint's feast day with your form group in prayer (and with a sweet treat!). Each saint group has a nominated charity and you will take part in fundraising activities throughout the year. These activities are of huge benefit to the charity but will also help you to make friends and have a lot of fun too!



# What is expected of me at JHN?

We follow our Code of Conduct, which was developed by our pupils:

1. We treat each other fairly.
2. We always take care of our school and surroundings.
3. We do not draw or write anything which could upset others.
4. We accept people's beliefs and do not discriminate because of colour, race or disabilities.
5. We do not fight or deliberately hurt people.
6. We always follow the basic classroom rights.
7. We do not upset or offend anyone with our words or our actions.
8. We respect each other.

When we are in the classroom, there are some **basic classroom rights** that everyone must go by so we can achieve the best:

1. All teachers have the right to teach.
2. All pupils have the right to learn.
3. Everybody has the right to feel and be safe.
4. Everybody has the right to dignity and personal respect.
5. Everybody has the responsibility to ensure that we can all enjoy our rights.

## What happens when I have done well?

When you have done well, you will be awarded 'Newman Points' which go towards your saint house total. The saint with the highest number at the end of the school year will have a brilliant end-of-year award.

You may also receive praise postcards (which are sent home to your family), celebration lunches and commendations.





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