



Parent/Carer Handbook

Taking you step-by-step through your child starting secondary school at The Newbridge School.



**THE NEWBRIDGE
SCHOOL**
Lionheart Educational Trust

Welcome

A very warm welcome to The Newbridge School

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

The Newbridge School 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 The Newbridge School 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 info@newbridge.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: 8:35am
- Morning break: 10:45-11:05am
- Lunch break: 12:45pm-1:20pm
- End of day: 3.05pm KS3, 3.10pm KS4

Communication with parents

Through Email, Beehive and Parent Newsletters

Celebrating successes

We love celebrating the successes of our students through various communication channels, including our X feed (@thenewbridgesch), Facebook page (newbridgeschool), Instagram - (thenewbridgesch) and our website (www.newbridge.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 info@newbridge.org.uk. We may feature them in our newsletter, on social media, or in the local press.

Holidays

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:** A variety of English breakfast items, pastries, and toast
- **Lunch and Break:** An extensive range of hot and cold food is always available.

We cater to various dietary needs, including halal, gluten-free, vegan, and dairy-free options.

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.

Year teams have their own designated office, where students can seek support and are available throughout the day to assist with any questions or concerns students may have. They are always ready to offer guidance and advice.

Each student has a dedicated Head of Year and pastoral team who work closely with students, parents, and staff to provide comprehensive support. They are always here to help.

Uniform

At The Newbridge School, students wear a uniform which encourages them to have their own sense of identity in our school. Identifying them as members of The Newbridge School community, showing pride in the institution and creating a sense of belonging. Our uniform can be purchased from Schoolwear Solutions (either at the shop in Oadby or ordered online).

- Newbridge blazer with school badge
- School tie
- White shirt with collar (long sleeved or short sleeved)
- Grey tailored trousers or grey tailored shorts
- Newbridge checked pleated skirt or a grey pleated skirt on or just above the knee
- All black shoes or trainers
- A plain black, blue, or grey jumper can be worn under the Newbridge blazer

PE Kit

- Royal blue or navy blue Training top or Crew top with Newbridge Logo
- Royal blue or navy blue shorts
- Royal blue or navy blue football socks
- Trainers for indoor and outdoor use
- Football boots - students should wear appropriate footwear for the 3G pitch.
- Optional - Navy tracksuit bottoms
- Optional - Royal, navy or black base layer tops or tights (for under training tops or shorts)
- Optional - Sports leggings - royal, navy or black
- You can find our more information about our uniform policy on our website



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.newbridge.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 call or email the school at **Attendance@** and provide details of your child's absence. A call or email is required for every day of absence.

What happens if my child is late?

If you know your child will be late due to unforeseen circumstances, then please call or email the school to explain the reasons for being late. Students who are late to school will be issued a detention and you will be notified via Beehive.

What subjects will they study and how is homework set?

Year 7 Curriculum - All students will study:

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

Homework

Year 7 Curriculum - All students will study:

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.

English	History	Creative
Maths	Geography	Performing Arts
RE	Languages	PE
Personal Development		

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.