

 OLYMPIA TRAVEL

These bus services are contracted/commercial services co-ordinated by Transport for Greater Manchester and provided by **Finches Bus Company**, **Olympia Travel** and **Tyrers Coaches**. They are college services specifically for St John Rigby College and Winstanley College Students only.

St John Rigby College have no control over these buses. Timetables and routes are set by the provider and regulated by Transport for Greater Manchester. If you have any comments, suggestions or enquiries, please contact the service providers directly, details of which are provided on our website.

On our website you can view the timetables and route descriptions for these buses - **Please see the BLUE timetables for services:**

657 Finches 663 Finches 666 Finches

960 Tyrers 961 Tyrers 961 Tyrers

951 Finches 962 Finches 963 Tyres / Olympia

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Transport for Greater Manchester OURPASS

For an administrative cost of approximately £10, students who live in the Greater Manchester area and are aged 16-18 years old are entitled to apply for an 'Ourpass' which provides free bus travel on any Greater Manchester transport provider. All students living in Greater Manchester should apply for their 'OurPass' by visiting www.ourpass.co.uk before the start of the academic year. If you find that you are not eligible for an 'Our Pass', Bus Fares or the purchase of alternative permits will apply. **Please contact the bus provider for more details.**

Using the Bus

Planning the journey It's a good idea to check which bus is best to catch. All college bus services are shown in this booklet, but you may be using a regular bus service which carries other people. Try to find out in advance where to find the nearest stop is, so that you are confident where to go on the first day. Check that the times and the route haven't changed, you don't want to be late on the first day! Plan to arrive at the stop 10 minutes before the bus is due to ensure that you don't miss it.

Waiting for the bus There may be more than one person waiting for a bus at the stop, so wait sensibly away from the road; please be mindful of other bus passengers who may be waiting for the bus also. Do not push or trip others on the pavement whilst waiting for the bus, as it could cause an accident. Make sure you have your pass and any fare ready before the bus arrives. As the bus approaches make sure it is your bus by checking the service number and destination which are clearly displayed on the front of the bus; raise your arm as a signal to the driver that you want the bus to stop.

Getting on the bus Board the bus calmly and do not push other people to get on more quickly; make sure that you allow other passengers to board the bus if they were there before you. Show your pass to the driver or pay your fare, try to have the correct change if possible. Then find a seat on the bus, use seats upstairs if necessary.

During the journey Stay seated throughout the journey, if seatbelts are fitted then they must be worn. If no seats are available and you must stand then ensure that you always hold onto handrails, that you don't stand upstairs, on the stairs or to the side of the driver. Do not distract the driver unless it is an emergency and do not cause any damage to the bus or interfere with its working.

Getting off the bus When your stop is next, ring the bell once. If it has already been rung, you do not need to ring it again. If you need to cross the road when you get off the bus, wait until the bus has moved off and you can see the road clearly in both directions or go to the nearest available crossing.

REMEMBER: When using the bus, behave sensibly and safely for all parts of the journey.

Any pupil that causes damage to buses, bus stops or shelters and/or does not meet the required standard of behaviour on the bus could:

- Have their pass withdrawn.
- Be banned from the bus.
- Be prosecuted by the police.
- Be required to pay for any damage they have caused.
- Be putting their place at college at risk

St John Rigby College & Winstanley College Services

The following services operate during the college day and only serve the colleges:

Finches service

657 – Higher Ince, Hindley, Platt Bridge, Bamfurlong, Ashton, Bryn

663 – Higher Ince, Hindley, Atherton (AM Only), Westhoughton (PM Only), Leigh, Lowton

664 – Higher Ince, Hindley, Atherton (AM Only), Westhoughton (PM Only), Leigh, Lowton

665 – Golborne, Ashton, Bryn Finches service 666 – Lowton, Golborne, Ashton, Bryn

951 – Hawkley Hall, Highfield Grange, Winstanley, Ince Bar (PM Only)

962 – Higher Ince, Scholes, Aspull, Marsh Green, Pemberton

Tyrers service

960 – Standish, Shevington

961 – Red Rock, Standish, Shevington Moor, Shevington Vale

963 (AM Only) – Westhoughton, Daisy Hill, Hindley, Ince Bar (**Olympia** will provide an additional 2nd bus am only)

FARES & PASSES

To travel on the above services, you will either be able to use a valid TFGM approved bus pass or pay on the bus for a single, return or weekly ticket. Please enquire with the bus company for more details on fares. The majority of 16–18-year-olds living in Greater Manchester will be entitled to apply for an Ourpass.

Ourpass is a membership scheme for young people between 16-18 who live in Greater Manchester, it supports both school leavers and those staying on for sixth form.

For a one-off £10 fee, members can travel on most local buses across Greater Manchester, any day of the week, for free. No hassle, no fuss, no tickets: just a card that will get them where they want to go.

To be eligible for the pass, applicants will need to be:

- a resident in Greater Manchester
- aged at least 16 and under 18 on 31 August 2021, which means that their DOB is between 01/09/2003 and 31/08/2005.

To apply, students need to go to ourpass.co.uk. They will need to have some documents ready, and a valid payment card (so that they can pay the one-off £10 administration fee).

The documents and information required are:

- an email address
- passport-style photograph
- proof of date of birth
- proof that they live in Greater Manchester
- a valid payment card

For all queries regarding the Our Pass contact help@ourpass.co.uk or call Transport for Greater Manchester's Customer Service team for help, on 0300 232 0777 (open Mon – Fri, 7am – 8pm and 8am – 7pm at weekends).

OPERATOR DETAILS

| Bus Company | Tel Number |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Arriva North West | 0344 800 4411 |
| Cumfybus | 01704 227321 |
| Diamond Bus | 01204 937535 |
| Finches | 01942 245820 |
| Hattons Travel | 01744 811818 |
| Hiltons Travel | 01925 221792 |
| Olympia Travel | 01942 522322 |
| Stagecoach | 0161 273 3377 |
| Tyrers Coaches | 01257 480979 |
| Vision Bus | 01204 468288 |
| Warrington's Own Buses | 01925 634296 |

Frequently Asked Questions

Please see the information below on popular questions relating to school bus services in Wigan.

Who co-ordinates and funds the school bus services? School bus services are co-ordinated by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM). TfGM don't run any buses, but most of the services in this booklet are provided by funding from TfGM to bus operators to provide the services shown.

How do you decide where to run the buses? Some schools provide information to TfGM to allow us to understand the areas where students live to determine where there is likely to be a demand for services, otherwise we will look at where students travelled in previous years. Buses are not cheap to run, so to ensure that we make the maximum use of the resources we have available, we will only provide buses where there are at least 25 students on a line of route. Where there are less than 25 students then the general service network can be used to get to/from school.

There is no bus for my child to get to school. How are they going to get there? Many students across Greater Manchester use the general network of services to get to/from school, basic details of these are provided within the timetable pages and full timetables for these services can be found at www.tfgm.com/public-transport/bus/

The route and timetable of my child's service has been changed from last year, why is this? As the numbers of students to schools from individual areas fluctuates, this means that routes may be revised to cater for these fluctuations. To ensure that there are enough students on the route to justify the service running, buses from areas may be combined to ensure that there are enough numbers of students for each bus to run.

Will it change again? TfGM reviews the operation and use of services throughout the year and particularly during the autumn term to determine whether any changes are necessary. Mid-year changes predominantly take place at October half-term but can take place at any point in the year. It is possible that routes may change again next year if the number of students using services are low, suitable alternative services are in place or if there has been a significant change in the location of students attending school.

My child's school bus now drops them off much earlier and picks them up later, why is this? To make maximum use of our buses, we look to use the buses to run more than one journey. This means that some students will be dropped off earlier in the morning, up to 30 minutes before the start of school, to allow the bus to run onto another school or will be picked up later in the afternoon, up to 20 minutes after the end of school, because the bus has run a journey preceding.

Why don't you just put another bus? TfGM's funding predominantly comes from a levy on the 10 districts of Greater Manchester and ultimately from the Council Tax. Like all Local Authorities we have a limited budget, and this means that we don't have the money to simply put on an extra bus. Where buses are not provided, the student numbers are low enough to be accommodated on the general service network.

Will my child get a seat on the bus? Most buses provided allow for both seated and standing passengers, this means that some students may need to stand especially on more popular services for part or all of their journey to ensure that we can provide places to the maximum number of students possible.

There was a bigger bus last year, why is it now smaller? We look to provide places for everyone in the most cost-effective manner, smaller buses cost less to run than larger buses, so we will try to provide buses which match the current demand for places. This may mean some double deck vehicles have been replaced by single deck vehicles with some students needing to stand for part or all of their journey.

Are the buses provided only for school students? All school bus services operate as local bus services. This means that they are open for everyone to use. Most of the time services are not used by anyone other than students, but it is possible.

Information on fares is shown below. If you've any other question not answered above, then please call TFGM Travel line team on **0161 244 100**

