

# St John Rigby College

## TRANSPORT OVERVIEW

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# TRAVELLING TO ST JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE

## INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

There are several ways students can travel to St John Rigby College:

- **Walk or Cycle** – depending on the distance.

If you choose to cycle to college, there is an area designated for bicycles next to the student car park. Please note this is not a secure area, therefore students using this area will be doing so at their own risk.

- **By Car/Motorbike**

Own car/motorbike - parking is available to **Y13** students on the student car park. Parking spaces are **limited**; therefore parking is on a first come, first served basis and your car details must be registered at reception. If there are no spaces when you arrive at college, you must park in a **legal, safe place** which is respectful to our neighbours and please be mindful of traffic.

Drop off / pick up - Students must be dropped off or picked up on the Student Car Park. Please note that dropping off or picking up is **not allowed** in the bus bay. It is therefore advised that at the end of the day, you arrange a time to be collected when the car park is emptier e.g. after student drivers have left the car park and the buses have left the bus bay; **10-15 minutes after 4pm where possible**.

Disability parking – There are a limited number of disability parking spaces opposite the reception. Please note that unless the parent/carer/visitor is attending college for a visit/meeting, these spaces are **only** designated for picking up/dropping off **students** with a disability.

- **Train** – Gathurst Station is just over a 10 minute walk from St John Rigby College. Please see [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) for timetables and to see if trains run from your local station to **Gathurst Station** (not Orrell Station). Information regarding rail cards/discounted 16-19 prices will also be available on the trainline website.



- **Bus** – There are 3 main ways to travel by bus:
  1. St John Rigby College Private Buses – An SJR bus pass will be required
  2. Transport for Greater Manchester Buses (Commercial/Contracted) – An 'Ourpass' or payment on the bus is required. Please see [www.ourpass.co.uk](http://www.ourpass.co.uk) for 16-18 bus passes.
  3. Public Buses – A student pass relevant to the bus company e.g. an 'Ourpass' for Greater Manchester or [Student Saver Pass](#) for Arriva buses, or payment on the bus.

The following information outlines the differences between the 3 services, so please read carefully.

Timetable information will be regularly updated on the SJR website and TFGM website respectively. Students will be informed of any changes throughout the year by text/email.

If you have any queries relating to bus services please email [transport@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:transport@sjr.ac.uk)

# St John Rigby College Private Bus Service

(Timetables are available on our website)



These buses are provided by St John Rigby College. You will need to show your Valid SJR Student ID to use these services in addition to your valid bus pass.

## BUS PASS

You will need a bus pass as cash/card payment is not permitted on the SJR Private bus services. You can register for these services at enrolment and receive a temporary bus pass. Payment for the bus pass can be made via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) following your induction and the full amount must be paid during the first half term.

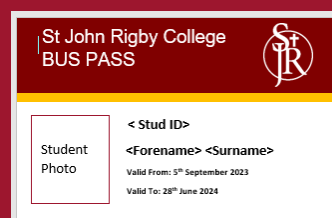
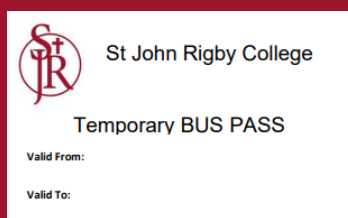
PLEASE NOTE - The 969 & 970 services are classed as services for Greater Manchester students, therefore these buses will accept the Greater Manchester Ourpass in place of an SJR bus pass, however if you are not eligible for an Ourpass you will require an SJR Bus pass to use these services. For more details about how to apply for an Ourpass please visit [www.ourpass.co.uk](http://www.ourpass.co.uk)

## HELP WITH PAYMENT

We understand that families have been hit by rising costs, therefore the SJR bus pass will remain £150 for the year 2023-2024 which includes a 50% reduction of the usual cost. This amount could be paid in full as one payment or by three monthly instalments within the first term. Also, some students may be eligible for a Bursary to help with Travel costs, to apply for the college bursary please visit '[Financial help for students](#)' on our website and apply as soon as possible.

## CATCHING THE BUS

Buses will stop at **any bus stop** on the route that the bus travels, providing the student puts out their hand to indicate the bus to stop. We advise students to arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled time and to continue to do this throughout the year. Occasionally the appearance of the bus may change at some point in the year, however the number of the bus is clearly visible either in the window or on a digital display on the front of the bus. Any changes made to times or routes throughout the year will be communicated to you via your college email or by text.



# Transport for Greater Manchester Buses



(Timetables Search for bus times | Transport for Greater Manchester )

These services are contracted services provided by Stagecoach via Transport for Greater Manchester and are for St John Rigby College and Winstanley College Students only.

Timetables and routes are set by the provider and regulated by Transport for Greater Manchester.

St John Rigby College will Liaise with the bus companies and TFGM to help provide an effective service, but does not hold responsibility for these services. If you have any comments or enquiries, we will liaise on your behalf or you can contact the service providers directly, details of which are provided on our website '[Travelling to SJR](#)'. We have provided some information regarding routes for these services, however you can get more information including timetables from [Search for bus times | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#)

## Public Transport

Other bus companies provide services from areas outside Greater Manchester to Wigan. **Arriva** have services that travel through Orrell Post, (e.g. **395** Skelmersdale, **352** St Helens, **38** Rainford, **662** Billinge) from there it is then just a 15-20-minute walk to St John Rigby College. Please visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk) for timetables/routes and [Student Saver](#) for tickets/passes.

If you live in the Wigan area or you get a bus into Wigan you can use the **DIAMOND 640 or 641** service from the town centre bus station. These services will stop outside St John Rigby College in the bus bay. Please visit [Search for bus times | Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#) for their timetables and the routes.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Transport for Greater Manchester

### OURPASS



For an administrative fee of £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 (including the SJR 969 & 970 Services). All students living in Greater Manchester should apply for their 'OurPass' by visiting [www.ourpass.co.uk](http://www.ourpass.co.uk) before the start of the academic year.

# GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS USING ALL BUS SERVICES

Students are advised to arrive at the appropriate bus stop **10 minutes before** the scheduled bus departure time. The bus may not always be the same colour but the bus number will be clearly visible either in the window or on a digital display on the front of the bus. The scheduled times on the timetables are a **guide only** as we cannot predict the flow of traffic each day.

At the end of the day, when many buses arrive at College, students need to be vigilant and **actively look** out for the correct bus to take them home. Staff will be available for the first couple of weeks to help the students get on the right bus.

PLEASE NOTE - Smoking and vaping is strictly forbidden on all buses.

Students **MUST** follow the Student Charter and code of conduct below when using the bus services.

All students should:

- be respectful to other bus users and the bus driver by following any instructions given by the driver whilst travelling to and from St John Rigby College
- refrain from smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes whilst on the bus
- not play loud music that may distract the driver or be a nuisance to other bus users
- not throw anything from the bus nor leave any litter on the bus
- ensure bags or feet are not placed on seats to prevent other users from using a seat

Failure to adhere to these standards may result in removal of your bus pass and/or the withdrawal of your right to use any of our bus services temporarily or permanently.

## HINTS & TIPS TO REMEMBER

- ❖ Get to know your bus number, if you struggle to remember, make a note on your phone.
- ❖ We advise students to get to the bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled time and to continue to do this throughout the year.
- ❖ When waiting for a bus in the mornings don't be distracted by your peers or your mobile. Your driver may not be the same every day, so they will need to know who to pick up, so please be attentive and indicate that you wish for them to stop. Occasionally the bus may change appearance, however the number of the bus is clearly visible either in the window or on a digital display on the front of the bus.
- ❖ Do not use up more than one seat each and use all seats available before choosing to stand, particularly on the double deck buses.
- ❖ At the end of the day make every effort to locate your bus. Staff will be available to help in the initial weeks of first college term.
- ❖ If you lose or forget your SJR pass, to get your bus home you will need a temporary pass from reception. If you lose your Ourpass you will need to re-order from [www.ourpass.co.uk](http://www.ourpass.co.uk) and pay fares until it arrives.
- ❖ Finally, the first few weeks may feel a little chaotic, but don't worry it will settle. If you feel anxious about anything to do with the buses please come to reception and ask for Anna Tully, or for any transport queries please email [transport@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:transport@sjr.ac.uk)

## USEFUL NUMBERS & LINKS

General enquiries – [enquiries@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@sjr.ac.uk)

SJR Transport enquiries – [Transport@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:Transport@sjr.ac.uk)

SJR Bursary enquiries - [Bursary@sjr.ac.uk](mailto:Bursary@sjr.ac.uk)

SJR Website – [www.sjr.co.uk](http://www.sjr.co.uk)

SJR Main Office – 01942 214797

TFGM Website – [www.tfgm.com](http://www.tfgm.com) and [www.Ourpass.co.uk](http://www.Ourpass.co.uk)

Stagecoach - [Contact us FAQs | Stagecoach \(stagecoachbus.com\)](#) 0161 273 3377

