



WELCOME TO JOG

It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you to your first official communication from John O'Gaunt School! In the coming weeks, you'll be hearing from us with a range of information and news, as we work with our rising Year 7 students making the transition to secondary school. We know that this is a big step for families and that it only happens once for a child, so we want to support and guide you as best we can.

John O'Gaunt is a dynamic, friendly, and successful community school, with an ambitious but caring ethos and students who have a real spark about them. Our vision for the school is simple; to be excellent in everything that we do and create an environment where every student, no matter their starting point, uniqueness, or talents, can achieve their very best.

Underpinning our vision and ethos are the values of Ambition, Care and Courage. We believe these values are particularly relevant and important for our learners, so that our students develop the strength of character that they will need to succeed in the modern world.

Ambition – We have high expectations of ourselves and those around us. We work hard and show our desire and determination to succeed at whatever we do. We never settle for less than our very best.

Care – We are kind, courteous and respectful and are never afraid to show the caring side of our personality. We care for each other, our families, our community and beyond. We celebrate and embrace uniqueness and diversity.

Courage – We are resilient and go the extra mile and do our best, especially when things are tough, or we face adversity. We participate and contribute and recognise that failure is an integral part of succeeding. We have the courage to stand up for others, no matter their background or differences to us.

Working at the heart of our local community, and alongside our parents and carers, we firmly believe that we can help create a generation of happy, confident, and successful people, who make a positive contribution to our society.

At John O'Gaunt, your child will be a part of a school that is proud to say it has a family feel without losing any of the academic rigour you would expect. Your child will have staff who believe in them, care for them and know them.

Richard Hawthorne - Principal

IMPORTANT FORM

We need all parents to complete our

STUDENT ADMISSION FORM

If you have difficulty accessing the form, please contact the school office on 01488 682400.

**Forms should be completed by
Friday 15th May 2026.**

Thank you.

A day in the life at JOG...

At John O'Gaunt your school day will start at 8.45am in your tutor group for morning registration. Tutor time is spent working through the tutor programme, having assemblies and celebrating student successes. This is also an opportunity to speak to your tutor if you have any worries about anything.

Lessons start at 9.10am and each lesson is one hour. At break time and lunch time you can go to the canteen for food, play outside and catch up with friends, or go to the Library. The school day finishes at 15.10pm. There will be opportunities to do activities after school and these will be advertised through tutor groups and on our website.

The timetable below shows what an average day might look like at John O'Gaunt.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08.45	Registration	Tutor group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group	Tutor Group
09.10	Lesson 1	Technology	History	Maths	Maths	Science
10.10	Lesson 2	French	Drama	English	French	Maths
11.10		Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.30	Lesson 3	P.E.	Art	ICT	Science	French
12.30	Lesson 4	Maths	English	PSHE	Geog	English
13.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14.10	Lesson 5	Music	Science	Music	English	Drama

KEY DATES

Additional Open Morning Tours

Wed 22nd April at 9.10am

Tues 28th April at 9.10am

Transition Newsletter 2

Week beginning Mon 20th April

Transition Day

Wed 1st July, 9am - 2.30pm

Transition Evening

Wed 1st July, 5pm - 6pm

OPEN MORNING TOURS

As outlined in your welcome letter, we are pleased to offer you and your child another opportunity to come and see the school in action.

The dates available for tours are:

- Wed 22nd April at 9.10am
- Tues 28th April at 9.10am

Please complete the online [FORM](#) to book a tour.

Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Full details of our school uniform are on our [website](#).

Our uniform supplier is [Skoolkit](#) for all logo'd items and PE kit.

The school code you require when ordering from Skoolkit is 869/4001.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening at John O'Gaunt, you can check out our social media platforms, or our website.

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Website](#)

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

If your child will need transport to school in September, it is important to apply as soon as possible.

Links to apply are on our [website](#).