



Parent/Carer Handbook

Taking you step-by-step through your child starting secondary school at Judgemeadow College.



**JUDGEMEADOW
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Lionheart Educational Trust

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Judgemeadow College

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

Judgemeadow College 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 Judgemeadow College 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 **0116 241 1920** or **office@judgemeadow.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

Doors/Gates Open: 8.00am

Morning break: 10.30 – 10.50am

Lunch: 12.30 – 1.05pm or 1.20pm–1.55pm

End of Day: 2.45pm

Communication with parents

Through Letter, newsletter and Instagram

Celebrating successes

We love celebrating the successes of our students through various communication channels, including our Instagram (@ official_judgemeadow), Facebook page (@ JudgemeadowCommunityCollege) and our website (www.judgemeadow.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 office@judgemeadow.org.uk. We may feature them in our newsletter, on social media, or in the local press.

Holidays

Whilst we discourage taking holiday or leave during term time, 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:

- **Lunch and Break:** An extensive range of hot and cold food, street food and salad bar is always available. 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. There are also outdoor picnic tables where students can dine while enjoying the view of the countryside.

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

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.

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

Students in KS3 at Judgemeadow College wear a uniform. Our uniform can be purchased from Stevensons. For any queries, please contact their customer service team at: **customerservices@stevensons.co.uk**

Students at Judgemeadow College are expected to wear the following uniform:

- *A grey blazer with school logo*
- *A school tie*
- *Black skirt or trousers, made of school uniform material, not lycra. (Skirts to be knee length or longer. Chinos and skinny trousers are not allowed, and must not have rivets)*
- *A white school shirt (tucked in at all times)*
- *A plain grey V-neck jumper for warmth in winter*
- *Black shoes or plain black trainers*
- *Any headwear worn for religious purposes should be plain black or white*



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
- 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.judgemeanow.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 our main school telephone **0116 241 1920** for attendance or email **office@judgemeanow.org.uk**

What happens if my child is late?

Please call our main school telephone **0116 241 1920** for attendance or email **office@judgemeanow.org.uk** if your child is going to be late.

What subjects will they study and how is homework set?

Year 7 Curriculum – All students will study:

English	History	Creative
Maths	Geography	Science
RE	Languages	PE
Computer Science	Music	

Homework

Homework is set on beehive – and can be found under assignments. 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.

Does my child have to carry their PE kit with them each day?

All students will do PE twice a week. They will only need to carry their PE kit on the days that they have PE. Also your child may decide to join an extra-curricular club in PE. They will need their PE kit with them for that day as well.

How do I contact my child's tutor?

Email address: – **first name.last name@judgemeanow.org.uk**