

SIR JOHN LEMAN

HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear parents, carers & students:



Welcome to Sir John Leman High School and Sixth Form.

Our school has a rich and distinguished history. For generations, thousands of young people have walked the halls of our magnificent building, each pursuing the same spirit of aspiration and excellence that continues to define our school today. As both a parent and Headteacher, I understand the hopes and aspirations that families place in education. We all want our children to be happy, confident and secure, and to enjoy the most formative years of their lives. We want them to be challenged and supported in equal measure so that they achieve their goals, discover their talents and realise their dreams.

At Sir John Leman, we are proud to be a welcoming and inclusive school with high expectations for every student. We believe that all young people deserve the very best opportunities, regardless of their starting points or circumstances. We provide a broad, ambitious and carefully planned curriculum that inspires curiosity and a love of learning, while encouraging students to work hard, show kindness, conduct themselves with integrity and contribute positively to our community. Relationships are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to ensuring that every student is known, cared for and safe. Our dedicated staff build strong and trusting relationships with young people and provide the support, challenge and encouragement they need to flourish. We are proud of the calm and purposeful atmosphere that exists throughout the school and of the positive culture that enables our students to thrive.

Success is measured by far more than examination results alone. Alongside academic excellence, we place great emphasis on personal development and character education. We want our students to develop resilience, confidence and self-belief, preparing them not only for examinations, but for life beyond school. Through our extensive programme of enrichment opportunities, leadership roles, sporting activities, the arts, trips and visits, students are encouraged to broaden their horizons and discover their passions. Our house system, a longstanding tradition at Sir John Leman, remains at the heart of our pastoral care and sense of belonging. It provides opportunities for students of all talents and abilities to contribute, compete and develop a strong sense of community. By the end of their seven-year journey with us, our young people leave not only with excellent qualifications, but with the knowledge, cultural understanding, resilience and ambition to embrace all that life has to offer.

Our recent Ofsted inspection recognised the warm, inclusive and ambitious culture that defines Sir John Leman School. Inspectors highlighted the strong relationships between staff and students, the high expectations that underpin learning and behaviour, and the extensive support that enables young people to thrive. They found a school where pupils are valued as individuals, benefit from a broad and ambitious curriculum and are known, cared for and safe. These qualities reflect our belief that every child deserves to belong, to be challenged and to succeed.

Although our prospectus contains a wealth of information about the school, our greatest ambassadors are our students. Their enthusiasm, kindness and pride in their school speak more powerfully than words ever can. I warmly invite you to visit us and experience for yourself the welcoming, caring and ambitious community that makes Sir John Leman such a special place. I look forward to welcoming you to Sir John Leman School.

Ms S Hartshorn - Headteacher

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hartshorn'.

Our History

Sir John Leman was a Suffolk man who went to London in the 1580s and made his fortune by dealing in dairy products. He became a leading citizen of London during the reigns of Queen Elizabeth I and King James I, serving as Sheriff of London and later as Lord Mayor. Upon his death in 1631, he left a bequest to educate forty four students from Beccles, alongside two from Ringsfield and two from Gillingham. Sir John Leman High School was established in 1632 at Leman House in Ballygate, a Seventeenth Century Grade 1 listed building which now houses the "Beccles Museum". The wall of Leman House still bears the motto: 'Disce aut Discede' (roughly translated as 'learn or go').

The school became the County Mixed Grammar School and moved to our present site in Ringsfield Road in 1914. The original school building still sits at the heart of the site, surrounded by additional buildings and facilities which have been constructed and developed as the school has grown. In 1971, we became a Comprehensive High School and we converted to Academy status in August 2011. In 2014, an exciting major refurbishment programme was undertaken to welcome back Year 7 and 8 students to the site, ensuring that our school continues to offer excellent facilities for many years to come. This refurbishment included the creation of our Centenary Courtyard, a fitting celebration of 100 years of school life at Ringsfield Road.

Sir John Leman High School is the founding member of the Kingfisher Schools Trust - working in unison with multiple schools across Norfolk and Suffolk with a shared ethos of **Opportunity, Community, Excellence.**

Sir John Leman High School has produced many generations of well-educated young people. A number of highly successful people have attended the school including Professor Dorothy Crowfoot-Hodgkin (Nobel Prize Winner), Sir John Mills (Actor) and Sir Stanley Rous (former FIFA President).



Our School

Sir John Leman High School is situated on a twenty acre site, in a pleasant residential area within the town of Beccles. A wide variety of specialised facilities provide a positive learning environment including:

- A well-equipped Learning Resource Centre
- Modern IT facilities
- A wide range of facilities for sport including all weather pitches
- Refurbished science laboratories and technology studios; including state of the art Food Technology areas
- Bespoke learning areas for Creative and Performing Arts

We are proud of our educational offer for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students from Years 7 to 11. We have worked hard to build our excellent reputation and we are confident that we can sustain this level of achievement in the future. We are equally proud of our Sixth Form which is an important part of the school; adding real value to our ethos, culture and opportunities and achieving excellent results.

The school serves the town of Beccles and neighbouring villages in Norfolk and Suffolk, including Reydon and the coastal town of Southwold. The majority of our students come from Primary Schools within our Partnership: Worlingham Primary School, Beccles Primary Academy, The Albert Pye Primary School, Reydon Primary School, Southwold Primary School, Barnby and North Cove Primary School, Brampton Primary School, Ringsfield Primary School, St Benet's Catholic Primary School and Gillingham St Michaels Primary Academy although many students choose to join us from outside our catchment area, as space permits.



Transition from Primary School

Most children are excited at the prospect of coming to Sir John Leman High School, but we understand that some children can find transition a little daunting. We have a dedicated full-time Year Manager for our Year 7 students who visits every one of the schools our children come from and in turn gets to know every student very well. The school also offers this to students transferring at the age of 16.

We offer Year 6 students a range of Saturday morning activity sessions which provide opportunities to find out about their new school, meet some of our staff and make friends with children from other Primary Schools. We have an annual Open Evening and several Open Mornings for Year 6 children and parents/carers. We encourage the school to be seen both 'on display' and 'at work'.

Within the school building, we have created a 'Lower School' area for Year 7 and 8 students including dedicated toilet facilities and areas for eating, socialising and playing. Our academic transition activities, most notably in English, Maths, Science and Languages ensure students are well placed to make great progress as they move to High School.

We invite all Year 6 students to join us for a number of days at the end of their final term at Primary School. During this time there is much support in place including our Year 7 'Here to Help' students. There is also extra transition for those students who have been identified by the primary schools as needing additional support around the step up to secondary school..

Working with parents/carers is very important to us here at Sir John Leman High School. This partnership is a central part of our work at the school, starting from Year 6 transition events continuing through to Sixth Form study. Every parent/carer is encouraged to get in touch with us if they need to.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is taken extremely seriously at Sir John Leman High School & Sixth Form. A rolling programme ensures that all staff receive regular and updated training in Safeguarding and Online Safety; the presence of a trained Safeguarding Team, including Year Managers, means that considered and professional judgements can be made.

The school endeavours to work with parents/carers at all times, but recognises that in some cases of Child Protection it is necessary to work directly with outside agencies. We always consider the child's safety and their best interests to be paramount. In recruiting staff we will always fulfil current legal requirements regarding Safeguarding. The current SJLHS Safeguarding Policy is available on the school website, www.sirjohnleman.co.uk

Our Curriculum

At Sir John Leman, the curriculum is central to our ethos. We provide students with a broad curriculum, focused on rich knowledge, to engage our students with a wide range of subjects. This gives them a broad and balanced experience, with courses designed to suit the individual needs of all our students. Our curriculum is the vehicle that will take our students on their educational journey of success, promoting both academic excellence and personal excellence. We encourage all learners to pursue this and to work to the best of their ability. Our motto "**Opportunity, Community, Excellence**" is at the heart of our curriculum aims.



Our Curriculum

Our Core Aims

- Our core aim is to help students gain powerful knowledge that will enable them to access university, higher education, employment or an apprenticeship.
- Through the enacted curriculum there is an expectation that students retain what they have been taught in their long term memory (schema).
- There is a strong emphasis on retrieval practice, sequencing and interleaving, with the curriculum seen as a progression model.
- Powerful knowledge gives students the cultural literacy and equips them with the skills and independence they need to become active citizens in society and further their personal aspirations and ambitions.

Supporting Students

The learning experience of our disadvantaged students and those with SEND are at the heart of our thinking on curriculum and teaching. We provide support in a variety of ways and centre our approach on:

- Quality first teaching, where all tasks and activities are carefully sequenced to allow students to build on their knowledge and understanding.
- Strategies outlined in our Universal Offer are used to ensure the curriculum is accessible to all of our students.
- Effective modelling of tasks and activities to ensure that students are able to access them and be successful.
- Students who require additional support in English and Mathematics at KS3 access Direct Instruction lessons through which they build their literacy and numeracy.
- Quizzing and other methods ensure retention of knowledge over time.
- Routine driven approaches to ensure a calm and purposeful classroom environment.



Ensuring Student Success

Looking after our students is very important to us, as are our high expectations of them. The pastoral structure at Sir John Leman High School has been designed to enable the children within our care to feel secure and safe as well as making sure they are academically aspirational. Each student is assigned to a tutor group, which is the first point of contact on a daily basis. Each Year Group has a full time Year Manager who offers all non-academic support and guidance, who will also work closely with our Careers Team and Academic Mentors.

These teams are led by the Director of KS3 and Director of KS4 respectively and they work with our Headteacher and other colleagues to track and monitor academic progress. We also have three dedicated Academic Mentors for KS3, KS4 and Sixth Form. These roles are to support students in achieving their academic potential.

There are five Houses within the school which run parallel to the form structure through which a wide range of activities run. This allows for vertical interaction of students.

Students' success is celebrated through a rewards system where they gain House Points and Golden Tickets. Events like our annual Academic Awards Evenings are a fantastic opportunity for us to celebrate academic achievements with students and parents/carers. Our St Michael's Partnership Awards Ceremony is also an opportunity to celebrate success, from Year 1 to Year 13, with our partnership schools.



Subjects on offer at the school

- **Creative Arts**

Art, Drama, Film Studies, Music, Music Technology, Media Studies, Performing Arts, Photography

- **Business, Computing and Health & Social Care**

Business, Computer Science, Creative iMedia, Digital Games Production, Economics, Health & Social Care

- **English**

English Language, English Literature

- **Humanities**

Ancient History, Geography, History, Law, Politics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology

- **Languages**

French, Latin, Spanish

- **Mathematics**

Mathematical Studies, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Statistics

- **Personal Development**

Extended Project, PSHEE and Careers, Personal Development

- **Physical Education**

PE, Sport and Physical Activity

- **Science**

Applied Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Combined Science

- **Technology**

Design & Technology, Fashion & Textiles, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Food Science & Nutrition, Product Design



Our Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is an important part of Sir John Leman. Alongside those who continue with us from Year 11, we also welcome young people joining Year 12 from a diverse range of other local schools.. Our Sixth Form caters for a wide range of students, offering both academic and vocational Level 3 courses. We offer a vast curriculum choice with students working towards over 70 qualifications; subjects on offer at Level 3 range from Biology to Business, Physics to Psychology and Music to Media Studies.

Places in our Sixth Form are awarded to those young people who have shown commitment to hard work, are on track to meet our entry criteria and who are likely to succeed in their chosen courses. Students wishing to apply to the Sixth Form will have a guidance meeting with an experienced member of the Sixth Form team to ensure that they are enrolled on to the most appropriate course of study for their interests and abilities.

The Sixth Form is a lively and vibrant place, which offers students a large number of opportunities to contribute to the whole school through extra-curricular activities and leadership. These include Recreational Sport, Music ensembles, Learning Support, the annual RAG Week and the Sixth Form Council. The environment in the Sixth Form is one of challenge; students are encouraged to strive to reach their full potential. In safe and supportive surroundings, students are helped to develop, not just academically, but also emotionally and socially by dedicated Sixth Form staff. Furthermore, our specialist Sixth Form facilities include a coffee shop and Sixth Form study area.

With our Sixth Form being an integral part of the school, we believe Sir John Leman High School is unique in being able to offer the benefits to students of working in a school, with the chance to work more independently. Every year we successfully support students with progression to a wide range of destinations including Oxbridge, Russell Group Universities, other higher education institutions, apprenticeships and the world of work.

Mrs Steph Silvers - Director Of Sixth Form



Student Leadership

Many students are proud to take an additional responsibility within the school. In these various roles they can represent the student bodies and give views and advice to the school's Leadership Team. Additionally, they take on roles to support the day to day work of the school; showing prospective parents/carers around, talking to interview candidates etc. These Leadership roles include:

School Council

Students are invited to apply for a position on the School Council. School Councillors have the opportunity to get involved in activities that are at the heart of school life. At regular meetings, School Council members are called upon to discuss issues raised by senior staff who are keen to get a student perspective to help in their decision making. Students also get a chance to put forward and develop their own ideas about aspects of school life. School Council members help plan and run activities supporting whole school campaigns like Make your Mark, Earth Day and Fairtrade Fortnight. Some School Councillors extend their role and represent the school at Waveney Youth Council and participate in the yearly Youth Takeover Day.

House Captains

House Captains (2 per tutor group, nominated by their tutor group) encourage fellow tutees to get involved in House activities including house matches and charity days. They work alongside their House Champions to help organise the House's contribution to charity days like Children in Need and Comic Relief, and their very own charity day in the summer term.

Here 2 Help Students and Student Ambassadors

Here 2 Help students play a particularly important role in our successful transition programme from Primary to Secondary School, providing support to new starters throughout transition days and the first year of High School. Student Ambassadors are chosen to represent the school and support at various events. These students act as role models to their peers and feel able to share their knowledge and experience of Sir John Leman High School with visitors.

Digital Leaders

A student led Online Safety leadership programme designed to empower youth voice and become part of our safeguarding provision. Digital Leaders plan and deliver community events and act as role models and mentors whilst, promoting safer online behaviours and increasing Online Safety knowledge for all.



Student Leadership

Sports Leaders

In Year 10, students are given the opportunity to apply to become a Sports Leader, where they will assist with Primary School Tournaments, help with keeping times and scores etc. During PE lessons in Year 11, all students then get the chance to undertake the Sports Leader Award. The award requires students to design a sporting session, including a warm up, a main skill session and refereeing a competitive match/tournament. The course is designed to increase communication, confidence when leading a group, understanding of fair play and respect, patience, resilience and empathy. Students who pass the assessment will be awarded with a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

Arts Leaders

This is aimed at students who are passionate about participating in Creative Arts both in and outside of school. This can include Art, Dance, Drama, Film Studies, Media Studies, Music and Photography and those who are interested in designing and constructing their own creative projects. Arts Leaders also support a range of school events and can also volunteer in community based projects.

Prefects

Reflecting their increasing responsibility as role models within the school, a team of up to 35 Prefects are recruited in the Summer Term from our Year 10 cohort, in preparation for Year 11. Taking on a portfolio of leadership roles, one of their first tasks is to welcome and support our new students, acting as a friendly and experienced link to ease the transition to Sir John Leman High School. Throughout the year, Prefects undertake regular daily and weekly duties alongside an increasing role in the 'visibility' of the student body with visitors to the School - acting as tour guides, meeting and greeting representatives of the local community and participating in a number of events. Recognising their important role, Prefects are afforded certain privileges with a distinct tie and badge, access to our coffee shop, the Atrium, and free gym membership to the Venue. Many of those recruited reflect the values of the school and continue to our Sixth Form.

Head Students

Student Leadership

Sixth Form Council

Before Easter our Year 12 students are invited to apply for positions on the Sixth Form Council. The roles available on the Council include the most senior roles of Director of Sixth Form Council and Deputy Director, with other important roles focusing on Sports, Mental Health and Equalities, Environment, Marketing, Events, Finance, Teaching and Learning and RAG. These students take responsibility for their own areas around school such as the Common Room, Study Room and Sixth Form outside spaces, amongst others. They create and lead their visions in their areas of responsibility across the Sixth Form.

Outside the Classroom

Taking part in activities outside the classroom is encouraged and valued by the school, as extra-curricular/enrichment opportunities help students to become more well-rounded individuals with improved confidence and self-esteem.

There is a wide range of opportunities to choose from including Music, IT, Drama, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and a huge range of Sporting opportunities.



**Further details regarding
all aspects of the school
can be found at:**

www.sirjohnleman.co.uk

**where an application form
can also be downloaded.**





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Our Guiding Values and Vision for Kingfisher Schools Trust

Opportunity, Community, Excellence"

Spirit of **Opportunity**

We are ambitious for every child in our trust schools and we are dedicated to success for all.

The decisions we make as a trust and the way we work will be built upon what is right for the young people in our care.

Strength of **Community**

Each school will be a distinctive community that builds confidence in young people.

Pupils will grow as individuals, work together, and develop an understanding of the world around them.

Commitment to **Excellence**

Every child will thrive in a strong school.

Expert teachers, supported by strong leaders, bring to life a curriculum that gives pupils the knowledge and skills to succeed.

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