Jordanhill School

Welcome

"This is a school where the children come first."
Good Schools Guide

Thank you for your interest in Jordanhill School.

Jordanhill is renowned not just for its academic excellence, but for its thriving programmes in sport, outdoor education, music, art and drama.

Jordanhill is a local comprehensive school. No fees are paid and there is no selection on any grounds other than residency. Our success is founded on placing our pupils and staff at the heart of everything we do.

We offer a wonderful learning environment, excellent resources and a commitment to help every child achieve to the very best of their abilities.

As a school we reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the City of Glasgow. As an equal opportunities employer we welcome staff of all nationalities and backgrounds.

I hope this profile offers some insight into the life of the school.

John Anderson
Rector

The School

Jordanhill School is situated in the West End of Glasgow. It is a combined Primary and Secondary School with a total school roll of approximately 1050, aged from 5 to 18. Primary has 66 pupils per year P1 to P7; Secondary 99 pupils per year S1 to S4 and 195 in S5/S6.

Teaching facilities and resources are excellent. The building housing Modern Languages, mathematics, Social Subjects and Art was completed in 2008, while the adjacent practical buildings housing Science, Health and Food Technology and Design & Technology have all been upgraded. The Primary and remaining Secondary departments are located in the 'B' listed north building which has been extensively modernised and upgraded. This includes major refurbishments of the main entrance and school hall (2011-2013), the Learning Zone (2016), Conference Room (2018), Sixth Year Study facilities (2018) and Primary Technology & Arts room (2019).

Sports facilities on campus comprise a full size synthetic hockey pitch and multi-user games area both resurfaced in 2018, two rugby pitches, two 7-a-side grass football pitches, two gyms and a fitness suite (refurbished 2018). The school's games hall is situated on Anniesland Road, a few minutes walk away. Very extensive sports and outdoor education programmes are offered throughout the school.

Ambitious plans for future developments are set out in the Development section of our web site.

"Outstanding. Better resourced than many schools in the independent sector - and it's free. A beacon."

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Striving Higher

"Consistently innovative and creative lessons which help children and young people to develop an outstanding range of knowledge, skills and attributes."

Inspection 2013

Learning and Teaching

Jordanhill has the highest levels of attainment and the highest percentage of pupils progressing to Higher Education amongst state schools in Scotland. Typically, 85-90% of leavers progress to University from school. Key to this is the quality of teaching and pupil support.

All teachers are expected to be conversant with current thinking in their subject areas and to have the skills necessary to handle curriculum innovation successfully and sensitively. Posts at Jordanhill School are demanding, but they also offer considerable opportunities for the enthusiastic and committed to achieve a high level of job satisfaction through the degree of professional control and involvement possible in our distinctive situation.

All teaching areas have interactive whiteboards. In addition to specialist IT suites, all pupils in secondary have their own laptop with all teaching & learning materials located on our Office 365 site. In Primary, pupils have access to tablets and chromebooks. Our investment in Office 365 enables learners to access learning materials in school and at home. The school prides itself on the training, support and personal development opportunities provided to staff.

There are 71 full time equivalent teachers in the school of whom 18 work solely in Primary. Several Secondary departments also teach in Primary, particularly in the upper stages.

The school holds a wide range of awards including the **Rights Respecting School Gold Award**, the **Sportscotland Gold School Sports Award** and the prestigious **ICT Mark**.

The Swire Chinese Language Centre and a Confucius Classroom opened in August 2016. The Centre offers teaching in Chinese language and culture to pupils from P5 to S6 within Jordanhill School and also provides access to these programmes to pupils from neighbouring schools.

"We remain true to our founding principles of progressive enlightened and effective methodology set within an orderly framework."

Rector

"Across the school, children and young people learn and achieve very well through a varied and exciting range of lessons and activities. They are very well motivated by learning which is rich in opportunities to develop important knowledge and skills."

Inspection 2013

"An atmosphere of respect for diversity and difference has been engendered through rights education."

RRS Assessors 2018

"***One of the most exciting spaces we have seen - bright 15 classroom block, north facing Art department and huge atrium. Fantastic development."***

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The Community

Almost all of the School's pupils live within the catchment area and there is a very substantial waiting list for places.

The school consults parents on key issues and holds an annual parents' conference. Regular independent surveys of parent perceptions are commissioned and these rate 'Parental Engagement' as a major strength. The School also enjoys close links with neighbouring schools, both local authority and independent, and the wider educational community.

While parental support and goodwill is strong, so too is their legitimate expectation regarding the quality of the School's provision. Academic standards and standards of pupil behaviour are very high and there is a widespread determination that these should be maintained.

"Children and young people achieve exceptionally well in a very wide range of activities. They develop a broad range of important skills, attributes and accomplishments through participation in an extensive range of musical, sporting and cultural opportunities."

Inspection 2013

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Green Flag
Award Holder
Since 2009

Admissions

The school has its own unique admissions procedures. The Admissions Regulations and Guide can be viewed on the web site. Jordanhill is not a local authority school and the regulations regarding admissions and placing requests do not apply.

Jordanhill School Company

The School was founded in 1920 as part of the teacher training facility at Jordanhill College and was managed by the College until 1 April 1988. From this date the School has been managed by a Company, limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Companies Act 1985, which bears the name Jordanhill School. The School is also a registered charity (SCO 04463).

The School is funded directly by a grant from the Scottish Government, under the provisions of the Jordanhill School Grant Regulations 1988. Jordanhill is the only mainstream Grant Aided school in Scotland. We are not a local authority and do not have the powers of such. Neither are we bound by the same legislation as local authorities.

The School develops its own policy in accord with those elements of legislation and Government guidance which are applicable to it. You will find a wide range of policy statements in the Parents area of our web site.

The Company's affairs are administered by a Board of Managers. This consists of seven elected parent members, three staff members, co-opted members and ex officio the Rector. Both the Board and the senior management team are accountable to the '**members**' of the company – parents and staff. This level of parental involvement through the Board and AGM is unique in Scotland.

The Board firmly believes that the active scrutiny of the school by parents is essential to the health of the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend our parent conferences and the AGM and to offer feedback through our surveys and other channels of communication.

The structure of the Company and of the Board requires a co-operative style of management and there is an expectation that promoted staff in particular will maintain an informed interest in the activities of the Company and will be willing to become involved with the Board where appropriate.

Further information

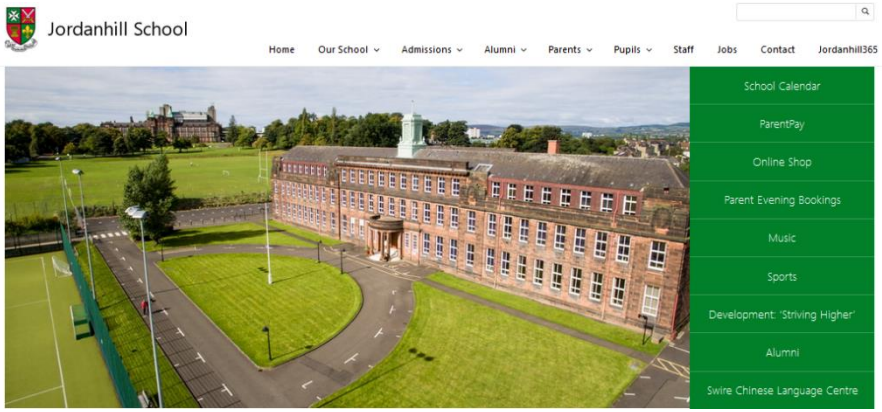
We provide accurate and up-to-date information about the school for prospective and current parents through the web site.

This profile offers an insight into some key features of the school and those characteristics that make it unique. The documents opposite complement the profile. Together they provide the full range of information found in a traditional printed school prospectus or handbook.

You can access these documents at http://www.jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk/school/prospectus

Parents, pupils and alumni will find a wealth of targeted information in their respective areas of the web site.

The school improvement area of our site provides access to the School Improvement Plan, the Annual Report and information about how we assess the quality of provision.



Further data about the school can be viewed in the Primary and Secondary sections of the Schools Information Dashboard.

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Prospectus

School Profile

People at Jordanhill

- School aims
- Parents as Partners
- Leadership team
- Support for Pupils
- Library
- Sport & Outdoor Education
- Music and Drama

Primary

- Induction
- Curriculum
- Assessment & Reporting
- Homework

Secondary

- Induction
- Curriculum
- Assessment & Reporting
- Homework

A few things you need to know

- School day
- Uniform
- Attendance
- School meals
- Medical provision
- Financial support