

This Week

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From the Principal:

We extend our good wishes to Year 11 students as they prepare for the main block of GCSE examinations which begin next week. This is an ideal time to check again that someone at home is clear about the dates and times of all exams. Year 11 have been given advice about effective revision and the importance of healthy eating, exercise, relaxation and getting plenty of sleep to ensure they are learning effectively. We hope students feel well prepared and are confident that there will be some very good results!

Alison Merrills

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

It seems hard to believe that there are no more 'get ups' before the main block of exams begin and then only two more weeks to half term after which Exam Preparation timetable starts.

This is the way it works:

Once the exams begin (Monday 13 May) Year 11 students **continue to attend school full-time in College Dress**. If they have an exam in the morning they go directly to the back of the Sports Hall for 8.45am. For afternoon exams they need to be there by 1.45pm.

If students are in a lesson where they have completed their exams, they use this time to do quiet revision, so it is important they come equipped with the necessary revision materials.

After Half Term, Year 11 students only need to come into College to:

- attend the lessons in any subjects where they still have an exam
- sit their exams (be on time!)

Students will need to sign in at Main Reception if they are attending lessons or go straight to the examination room where they will be registered. **See Exam Preparation Timetable in 'GCSE Examinations Information Booklet 2013'**.

Please note that students must only go to the rooms allocated on the Exam Preparation Timetable, not to the Learning Mentors (unless they have a previously arranged appointment) or to other lessons.

Students are expected to follow the College Dress Code when in College for revision lessons and whilst taking exams. More information is available in the **'GCSE Examinations Information Booklet 2013'** which all students received this week. This is also available on our website.

There will be no more assemblies or tutor times after half term. Once students have completed their last exam, the only other time they will need to come into College will be on Thursday 22, August for 'Results Day' (at 11 am).

We hope all revision is going well – this is now the last push before exams start. Be sure to attend all additional revision sessions you can, use revision guides, recommended websites and, above all, ask NOW if there is anything you are unsure about so you are well prepared!

I look forward to reviewing all Year 11 successes in our last assembly on Monday 20 May - and there have been so many successes – I am very proud of you all.

Mrs Wyatt, Assistant Principal

Thought for the Week

'You don't always get what you wish for; you get what you work for.'

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2012-2013 are available on the College

website: www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

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|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 15 May | Sounds of Summer Music Showcase 6 pm |
| 17 May | Year 11 Prom 7 – 10.30 pm |
| 23 May | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| 24 May | College Closes for Half Term |
| 13 June | Summer Arts Festival |
| 20 June | Year 8 Parents' Evening |

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

REMINDER: On 15 May we will be holding our music showcase, 'Sounds of Summer.' It will take place at 6pm in the Main Hall. Tickets will cost £3 (including a soft drink) and parents, students and staff will be very welcome! Come along and enjoy!

Ms Paris, Expressive Arts Team

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

| | Year to date | | w/e 03/05/2013 | |
|---------|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Year 7 | 7.7 | 96.9 | 7.3 | 98.1 |
| | 7.1 | 96.8 | 7.7 | 97.6 |
| | 7.6 | 96 | 7.8 | 96.0 |
| Year 8 | 8.2 | 96.7 | 8.9 | 100 |
| | 8.5 | 96.6 | 8.7 | 98.6 |
| | 8.3 | 96.2 | 8.8 | 98.4 |
| Year 9 | 9.5 | 95.7 | 9.1 | 98.9 |
| | 9.6 | 95.5 | 9.4, 9.6 | 96.5 |
| | 9.9 | 95.4 | 9.9 | 95.6 |
| Year 10 | 10.6 | 96.3 | 10.1, 10.4 + 10.9 | 100 |
| | 10.4, 10.5 + 10.9 | 95.4 | 10.5 | 99.6 |
| | 10.1 & 10.2 | 95.0 | 10.3 | 99.3 |
| Year 11 | 11.3 | 97.2 | 11.3 | 99.5 |
| | 11.1 | 96.3 | 11.11 | 98.9 |
| | 11.5 | 95.8 | 11.2 | 97.7 |

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK

Only two more lists!

We're nearly at the end of the list of words that ten year olds in primary school are expected to spell correctly. Hopefully, your daughter is able to spell them all. Afterwards, we will look at some of the strategies for learning spellings that you could use to support her if there are any words she struggles with.

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|---------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| identity | language | muscle | occur |
| interrupt | mischievous | occupy | physical |
| immediate(ly) | leisure | necessary | opportunity |
| individual | lightning | neighbour | parliament |
| interfere | marvellous | nuisance | persuade |

Mrs Cowling, Lead Teacher Literacy

ENGLISH MASTERCLASS

Year 10 students Nabeela Caratela, Martha Lambert, Vibha Shaji and Ria Patel were selected by their English teachers to attend a Gifted and Talented English Masterclass 'Language Change in Action' at St Paul's Catholic School.

Students commented, 'We enjoyed learning about the linguistic aspects of the English Language and how foreign languages have influenced the English dictionary'. They also stated, 'We found it particularly interesting to see how hard Samuel Johnson had worked towards putting together a revolutionary dictionary.'

The students were grateful for the opportunity that they received and are currently in the process of planning a session to share what they have learned with other Gifted and Talented students.

Ms Matthew, Teaching and Learning Team

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Education Umbrella are running a competition, asking students to write a short story of no more than 1000 words on the theme 'In The Future'. The submissions will be judged by acclaimed author Gillian Cross, with the winner receiving a signed copy of her new work, 'After Tomorrow' and a classroom visit by the author. The top three entries will receive a selection of her works for their school library and a £20 voucher to be redeemed at Education Umbrella.

Further information on the competition and judge can be found at www.educationumbrella.com/inthefuture.html.

Mrs Vyas, Librarian

GREAT TEACHER BAKE OFF

On Friday 26 April, seven teachers at the college battled it out in the kitchen to bake the most creative and tasty cookies.

Mr Mander, Mr Sube, Mr Hartley, Mr Guthrie, Mr Waite, Mr Redman and James Reeder, IT Technician, used their amazing culinary skills to make the cookies which were judged by our prestigious taste panel Mrs Ford, Mrs Cheetham and Evie Shepherd.

After a few tense moments the winner was announced as Mr Guthrie who won with his white chocolate and lemon cookies.

Mrs Cheetham said "It was very close. All of the cookies were amazing especially Mr Hartley's blue lagoon and banana cookies and Mr Mander's red men cookies which won on aesthetic merit. Mr Redman and Mr Sube won for the tidiest kitchens so well done to them too. Mr Waite, Mr Redman and James Reeder all had certificates for their cookies which tasted delicious."

The event will be screened in the dining hall before half term.

Well done to all who gave up their time for this rewarding and fun event. £100.40 was raised for the Laura Crane Trust and the Year 11 Prom.

Ms Eldredge, DT Team

BOOK OF THE WEEK

For teen readers;

The Road is an amazing book, by Cormac McCarthy, a bestselling author. Nameless throughout, the main characters, The Boy and The Man, are exposed to cold and lack of hydration, after an apocalyptic disaster has struck America.

As a team, they both head south to survive the cold weather, as the climate is warmer there. Unfortunately, the further south they go, the more bad luck they receive. The boy gets sick; the man gets an arrow to the leg; they nearly starve; they fight cannibals. It really is an amazing action book.

It is an extremely sad and moving story and the book is honestly very hard to put down. It is brutal yet beautiful, a phenomenal story of humanity at the worst of its time. This is a book that I honestly think everybody should read; it really is incredible.

Literacy Leaders

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

| | Title | Duration | Date | Day/Time |
|---------|--|----------|-----------|------------|
| Edexcel | Unit 1: Religious Studies | 1h 30m | 13-May-13 | Monday am |
| Edexcel | Unit 3: Religious Studies | 1h 30m | 13-May-13 | Monday am |
| OCR | French: Listening (Foundation) | 35m | 13-May-13 | Monday pm |
| OCR | French: Reading (Foundation) | 35m | 13-May-13 | Monday pm |
| OCR | French: Listening (Higher) | 45m | 13-May-13 | Monday pm |
| OCR | French: Reading (Higher) | 45m | 13-May-13 | Monday pm |
| AQA | Biology Unit 2 | 1h | 14-May-13 | Tuesday am |
| AQA | Biology Unit 3 | 1h | 14-May-13 | Tuesday am |
| OCR | P.E. and Sport: Developing Knowledge in P.E. | 1h | 14-May-13 | Tuesday pm |
| Edexcel | Unit 8: Religious Studies | 1h 30m | 17-May-13 | Friday am |
| AQA | Sociology Unit 1 | 1h 30m | 17-May-13 | Friday pm |
| OCR | Spanish: Listening (Foundation) | 0h 35m | 17-May-13 | Friday pm |
| OCR | Spanish: Listening (Higher) | 0h 45m | 17-May-13 | Friday pm |
| OCR | Spanish: Reading (Higher) | 0h 45m | 17-May-13 | Friday pm |

Students taking GCSE exams should go to the room indicated on their 'Statement of Entry' promptly at 8.45 am for morning exams and at 1.45 pm for afternoon exams.

Mrs Broughton, Exams Team

SIR JONATHAN NORTH REVISION SESSIONS WEEK COMMENCING 13/05/2013

| | Subject | Lunchtime | After school 3.00-4.00pm |
|------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| MONDAY | PE | Study Support in W1 | |
| | RS | Personal Study in M2 | |
| | SCIENCE | | Chemistry in L4 with CMY |
| | ADDITIONAL SCIENCE | | Higher Biology in L5 with NMA |
| TUESDAY | PE | | Study Support in W1 |
| WEDNESDAY | DT | DT Coursework session | |
| THURSDAY | GEOGRAPHY | C / D Borderline and EM target group | |
| | HISTORY | (Unit 2A) The Transformation of British Society c1815-c1851, Mr Hartley in M5 (11Hi2 and 11Hi4) | The Coming of the Railways: First Railways, Constructions and Impacts |
| | | (Unit 2A) The Transformation of British Society c1815-c1851, Mrs Moreton in M5 (11Hi1 and 11Hi3) | |
| | RS | Study Support in M2 | |
| | SOCIOLOGY | Study Support in M1 | |