

This Week

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From the Principal:

We are always extremely proud of our work in the arts and this past week has been no exception. There has been the opening of the ROOTS art exhibition, which is coordinated by Sir Jonathan North Community College, and the Summer Arts Festival. ROOTS took place at the University of Leicester on the evening of Wednesday 19 June. The opening event was hosted by Sir Jonathan North students, with performances by the student choir, 'The Harmonies,' and by our Gifted and Talented Dance students. There was some fantastic work on display from artists who currently attend city primary and secondary schools.

On Thursday 13 June, parents, friends and staff enjoyed an amazing show of dance and drama at our Summer Arts Festival with some superb performances by students across Years 7 – 11.

Alison Merrills

YOUNG ENTERPRISE REGIONAL FINAL

On Tuesday 18 June our Young Enterprise Company, Ignite, attended the East Midlands Young Enterprise Regional Innovation Awards. They had won their area and county finals to get this far. Members of Ignite submitted a company report, were interviewed by the judges and presented to an audience of 200 people. They also produced a fifteen second advert for their company and were representing Leicestershire after winning the award for the best advert at the county final.

The girls performed their best presentation to date and won an award for the most environmentally friendly company at the awards evening. Unfortunately they did not win the overall prize. This went to a company from Southfield School in Kettering.

The Young Enterprise journey for Ignite is almost over. They will liquidate their company next week. They have done very well to make it through the area and county finals before winning awards at regional level. They should be proud of their achievements.

The team has learned a great deal about business along the way and I am sure they will help and support the next Young Enterprise group.



Simon Pope, Humanities Team

Thought for the Week

'Never let a problem to be solved become more important than the person to be loved.'

Barbara Johnson

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2012-2013 are available on the College website: www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

9 July Sports Day
11 July Whole College Trip to Drayton Manor Park
12 July College closes for Summer

ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 14/6/2013	%
Year 7	7.7	97.1	7.5	98.0
	7.1	96.5	7.3	97.8
	7.5	96.1	7.7	97.3
Year 8	8.2 + 8.5	96.7	8.5	100
	8.8	96.3	8.8	98.8
	8.7	96.0	8.6	98.4
Year 9	9.4	95.7	9.5	96.7
	9.6	95.6	9.4	96.6
	9.5	95.5	9.5	96.7
Year 10	10.6	96.5	10.6	99.6
	10.5	95.3	10.9	96.9
	10.2	95.4	10.2	96.3
Overall College attendance		95.0		95.0

PARENT FORUM

We invite parents and carers to a meeting of the Parent Forum at 5 pm on Wednesday 26 June. The meeting will last for an hour and will take place in the Macaulay Lounge. The item for discussion will be 'Reporting'.

If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Alison Merrills (scarter@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or contact the College (0116 2708116) and leave a message.

Alison Merrills

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK

I hope you had fun with last week's websites. Here are some more for your daughter - or you - to try! :

www.slimekids.com

Free, interactive spelling and word games

www.bbc.co.uk/hardspell

Spelling game based on the BBC Hard Spell competition

www.eastoftheweb.com/games

Free online interactive word games and stories

www.twinkl.com

Literacy resources for primary schools. Useful for less able/EAL learners

www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/reading-games-2

Short activities to develop reading and spelling skills

Mrs Cowling, Lead Teacher Literacy

WORK EXPERIENCE 2013

Congratulations to Year 10 students who went on work experience in May. Feedback from employers has now been received in all aspects of work including behaviour, handling responsibility, initiative, punctuality and quality of work. Over 90% of our students have scored 8 or more out of 10.



Zahaira Kazime, 10.7



Gurpinder Nahal, 10.7



Karla O'Rourke, 10.6

Parents and carers have also given us their comments and many reported that they are "really proud and happy", and that their daughter "loved every minute of work experience" and that work experience had "definitely improved her self-confidence". Others wrote comments such as this one: "This experience has made her more aware of the adult world and realise what she has to do to achieve her dreams".

Mrs Mason, Administrative Assistant, IAG

GIFTED AND TALENTED

It has been a fantastic year for Gifted and Talented pupils at Sir Jonathan North Community College. As well as the superb work done in lessons to stretch and inspire students, we have also been able to provide students with opportunities outside of school.

A few of the fantastic opportunities they have had are:

For Year 11 a weekly breakfast club where they have received support and guidance.
Year 10 have had the opportunity to participate in schools run by De Montfort University during the Easter and Summer holidays.
Year 9 students were able to participate in Literacy Leaders throughout the year.
Year 8 have also had the opportunity to learn about University life.

Forty-two of our Year 7 Gifted students were taken to ThinkTank in Birmingham.

It has been a busy year and these are just some of the opportunities our Gifted and Talented students have been offered. We look forward to being able to enrich their time here at Sir Jonathan North.

**Ms Guzy,
Lead Teacher, Gifted and Talented**

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND GIFTED YEAR 8 VISIT TO LEICESTER UNIVERSITY

In May, 30 Year 8 students visited Leicester University to learn more about university life and the courses available there.

Our first activity was to match common university expenditures to prices. This gave us insight into the cost of the essential things students may need.

We then had the opportunity to interview some university students about their courses and life at university. After this, we were given a tour of the campus and saw many magnificent buildings, one of which was the library, home to thousands of books. We also had a chance to see the largest lecture hall in the university. Finally, we were given the task of creating a presentation about something the university offers. These ranged from study support to student societies.

An amazing visit!

**Kshama Patel (8.2),
Robyn May (8.4) and Lily Hill (8.9)**

YEAR 7 GIFTED AND TALENTED TRIP TO THINKTANK

On Thursday 13 June, forty-two students from Year 7 visited the ThinkTank Science Museum in Birmingham. Whilst there, we explored the interactive section where we learnt lots of new scientific facts as well as having a fun time.

In addition, we took a trip to the science garden. This was jam-packed with interactive equipment e.g. a human hamster wheel and machines to generate electricity. We also viewed a giant screening of 'Mummies, Secrets of the Pharaohs'. This was a fascinating science and history documentary revealing how the Ancient Egyptians preserved their dead.

Our favourite part of the day however, was the forensics workshop in which we used science to solve a crime.

Evie Spooner and Bethan Asher (7.9)

BSF PHOTO DIARY AND BLOG

With building work well underway at Sir Jonathan North, we thought it would be an idea to share our progress with you through a regularly updated website and blog. As well as a blog and photo diary, we are also capturing the building work through a series of time lapse animations. In addition to capturing the terrific amount of work involved in a building project, it is interesting to see how the camera captures the day unfolding in terms of time and light.

Our students are also working with the building contractors 'Miller' on various projects including a David Hockney style 'Joiner' digital art project, a Maths project based on measurement and calculations and a very exciting 'Time-Team' style dig starting very shortly. To view the website please visit www.sjnccbsf.com and we would be pleased to hear what you think by emailing us at sncc@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk.

Mr Herickx, Digital Arts Manager

YEAR 10 & 11 GCSE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE SUMMER 2013

	Title	Duration	Date	Day/Time
Edexcel	Health and Social Care Unit 4	1h 15m	25-Jun-13	Tuesday am

Students taking GCSE exams should go to the room indicated on their 'Statement of Entry' promptly at 8.45 a.m.

Exam Team