

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

Last Friday, Sir Jonathan North Community College hosted the competition for the 'Student Chef of the Year'. There were eight teams taking part in the event from schools across the city, including two teams from Sir Jonathan North.

It was very encouraging to see young people so enthusiastic about food and developing such good culinary skills. Although our students were not overall winners, they received a prize for the best main course with their Syrian chicken curry dish.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the contribution they have made in helping their daughters this year in so many ways – your continued support is valued by staff.

We look forward to welcoming students for the new term on Thursday 29 August.

Alison Merrills

## Thought for the Week

'I'd rather come last in a race and run a personal best than win a race and run badly.'

(Anon)

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2012-2013 are available on the College website: [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)

9 July	Sports Day
11 July	Whole College Trip to Drayton Manor Park
12 July	College closes for summer
29 August	College opens for the Autumn Term

## LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK

### And, finally, what do good readers do?

- They use existing knowledge to make sense of new information. *As they read, they relate the situation to their own life experiences.*
- They ask questions about the text before, during and after reading.
- They draw inference from the text. *They read between the lines to come up with their understanding of the meaning.*
- They monitor their comprehension. *If they don't understand, they stop and reread.*
- They use "fix-up" strategies when meaning breaks down. *This also means rereading, but it also implies looking up words; asking good questions; reading aloud if necessary and not giving up!*
- They determine what is important.
- They put together information to create new thinking.
- They visualize what is happening.

*"You cannot open a book without learning something."*  
— Confucius

Have a great summer!

Mrs Cowling, Lead Teacher Literacy

## FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 8 who took time to complete questionnaires during this term's Parents' Consultation Evenings. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve our practice.

### Year 8 Parents' Evening 20 June 2013

- 97% of parents feel their daughter is making good progress.
- 97% of parents said that teachers expect their daughter to work hard and do her best.
- 90% of parents said that Home Learning Projects have helped their daughter to improve her independent learning skills.
- 94% of parents felt comfortable about approaching the College with questions or a problem or complaint.

### What can we do to improve?

Review the timing of Home Learning projects and the setting of other homework.

### Year 7 Parents' Evening 23 May 2013

- 96% of parents feel their daughter has made a successful transition from primary school.
- 96% of parents feel their daughter is learning well at College so far.
- 88% of parents feel well informed about what happens at College.
- 70% of parents said that their daughter had taken advantage of the extra-curricular activities offered.

### What can we do to improve?

Encourage all students to take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities on offer and advertise these more widely.

### Questionnaire for all Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who recently completed and returned our questionnaire about the quality of education at the College. Your responses are currently being collated and findings will be presented at the start of the new term.

Alison Merrills

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

*Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 9 July at the latest*

Daughter's Name:..... Tutor Group:.....

\*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1.00pm on Friday 12 July. I give / do not give\* permission for my daughter to leave at this time. My daughter will / will not\* require a packed lunch.

Signed:.....Parent/Carer

## SPEAKING COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Elsie Flynn (10.2), who won the Speaking Competition on Friday 28 June at Hamilton Community College. Organiser, Sera Shortland, a teacher at Hamilton, said: "The contest aims to give students a platform to talk about current affairs and political events." Elsie, who won a trophy and an expenses-paid trip to London, including a tour of the House of Commons, argued that GCSEs should be kept the way they are.

**Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal**

## START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The College will be open for staff only on Tuesday 27 August and Wednesday 28 August.

Term begins on **Thursday 29 August**.

**Year 7 should arrive at 8.30am. Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 should arrive at the college for 11.00am.**

## ADULT LEARNING CLASSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2013



From September 2013, Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service Team are planning to run twilight classes for adults on Tuesdays and Wednesdays straight after school between 3.30 pm and 6.00 pm. This is an ideal opportunity for you to relax, unwind and join a class to learn and enjoy. Some classes to try:

- **Holiday Spanish** – enough to get by
- **Perfect cupcakes** – bake and ice dainty, professional treats
- **Superfood cookery** – boost the immune system with fabulous food
- **Strum a song** – an easy start to playing the guitar

Course Code	Course	Day	Start Date	Time
<b>Arts&amp;Crafts</b>				
094213SN1	Sewing for Pleasure	Tue	24.09.13	18.30-20.30
094214SN2	Sewing for Pleasure	Tue	14.01.14	18.30-20.30
091206SN1	Drawing & Painting Get started	Tue	24.09.13	19.00-21.00
091305SN3	Drawing & Painting Get started	Tue	14.01.14	19.00-21.00
<b>Computing</b>				
067000SN1	Photoshop Beginners	Tue	24.09.13	19.00-21.00
<b>Music&amp;Dance</b>				
095100SN1/ 09503SN1	Guitar for Beginners/Improvers	Tue	24.09.13	18.30/20.45 Including crossover
095001SN1	Adult Ballet	Tue	24.09.13	18.30-20.00
<b>Sport&amp;Fitness</b>				
080007SN2	Yoga	Wed	TBC	18.30-20.00

Would you be interested in any of the above?

If so, please email Sue Smalley: [sue.smalley@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:sue.smalley@leicester.gov.uk).

If you have any further suggestions for courses that may interest you please email: [manjeet.tara@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:manjeet.tara@leicester.gov.uk)

You can enrol on the 3 and 10 September from 8.30 am to 12.00 pm and on the 4 September from 5.00 pm and 8.00 pm or call (0116) 3737244.

Please visit the website [www.leicesterlearns.ac.uk](http://www.leicesterlearns.ac.uk) for the latest information available. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service Team**

## THE BIG DIG!

Seven students from Year 7 were given the opportunity to participate in an archaeological dig in which their inference skills were put to the test. The dig site had been prepared on the school site in liaison with Millers, our BSF building contractors. Construction work is underway and this gave us the ideal opportunity to bring learning out of the classroom and to make links with the construction industry.

The students were given a strict health and safety briefing and provided with protective clothing. Chris Thompson, Project Manager for the new school build, and the Millers team were on site to ensure the safety of our students. Equipped with trowels, evidence bags and lots of enthusiasm the girls began their task.

Cheyenne Burnett was the first to discover a small fragment of what appeared to be human bone. On further excavation it became clear the fragment formed part of an iliac crest (hip bone). At this point, the dig was stopped and the acting skills of the Millers team put to the test. A member of the team portrayed a police inspector with the girls giving an excellent account of their findings which gradually, with careful excavation, revealed itself to be a partial human skeleton.



Initially, students believed they had found the skeleton of Richard III but quickly realised this could not be possible and suggested it could be the remains of one of the 'Princes in the Tower'.

What do you think? Further forensic investigation is required. Watch this space!

Students' comments included: 'It was a fun lesson!' 'We need more evidence!' 'Can we do it again?'

We would like to thank the Millers team for their support and acting skills!

The students participating were: Cheyenne Burnett, Roshae Russell, Rawand Aldali, Candice Hunt, Iwanjah Lynch and Demi – Leigh Morley.

Stop press! University of Leicester - Richard III Outreach team have heard about our discovery and want us to get in contact with them.

**Mrs Maguire and Mrs Ball, Learning Development**

## ARTS NEWS

### ROOTS 2013... Laying Foundations for Creative Growth

Once again, Sir Jonathan North was very proud to coordinate the annual Roots exhibition at the University of Leicester from 19 – 24 June 2013. The exhibition showcased students' artwork from 18 Leicester City Schools ranging from Infant Schools to Sixth Form Colleges.

After a welcome speech from Ms Jean Baxter; Head of School and College Services at The University of Leicester, the Co-Director of Embrace Arts, Michaela Butter MBE, officially opened Roots 2013.

Artists from each Key Stage were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes. These were presented by Michaela Butter and June Graveson, advisor for the National Association of Decorative and Fine Artists. Approximately 550 artists and their families visited the exhibition to appreciate the artwork and the performances before the award ceremony began. As guests arrived, they were treated to a vocal performance from The Harmonies, a student led choir from Sir Jonathan North Community College. Sir Jonathan North GCSE Dance students performed a series of captivating dances in contemporary and street styles and were well received by the audience. The evening closed with an emotive and fresh performance by Bethany Stone on vocals and Ruby Kelman on guitar and vocals singing a selection of cover songs.

Sir Jonathan North would like to thank the judges who had the extremely difficult challenge of selecting award winners at Roots 2013. They were: Claire Tidmarsh and James Kelly from Embrace Arts; Charlotte Van Wesseldine, a couture lingerie designer; Lloyd Hughes, a successful Fine Artist and Austin Orwin, a ceramicist and sculptor.



Congratulations to all the artists who had their work selected for exhibition at Roots 2013 and to our Key Stage prize winners, who were:

Key Stage 1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	Mason O'Neil, Granby Primary School
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Georgia Hardy, Avenue Primary School
Key Stage 2	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	Anissa Majid, Overdale Junior School
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Anika Goddard, Overdale Junior School
Key Stage 3	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	Nakul Patel, Judgemeadow Community College
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Irashema Ryan, Samworth Academy
Key Stage 4	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	Alby Ridgewell, The Lancaster School
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Ariba Khalifa, Moat Community College
Sixth Form	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Prize</b>	Erin Sanders, Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Prize</b>	Theo Brogan, Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College

The Overall Prize went to Lydia Boulton from Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College for her couture corset work.

A special mention was given to Becky Healey from Sir Jonathan North Community College for her mixed media acrylic painting.

Thank you to the Roots core team who made this event such a success!

**Gemma Wright, Community Arts Manager**

## STUDENT CHEF OF THE YEAR 2013

On Friday 28 June 2013 Sir Jonathan North Community College hosted this competition for the fourth year running.

We had a wonderful day competing with eight other teams from schools across the city and won the 'Main Meal' category with Dhuha Al Shekhly, 9.1, and Patricia Murindagomo, 10.1. The meal was Syrian chicken curry served with coloured rice, homemade pitta bread and a raita dip. Well done to Madeleine Gray-Ffrench, 9.5, and Elisa Rustemi, 9.5, for their oriental delights. Both our teams did exceptionally well and everybody had fun being creative in the kitchen.



Ms Eldredge, Design Technology Team

## WELCOME TO YEAR 6!

Here at Sir Jonathan North, we pride ourselves in trying to ensure that our students enjoy starting their new school and do our best to make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as we can.

We have had a very busy time recently preparing for the Year 6s to join us next year and have been meeting them all in their primary schools. When we visited each primary school, we spoke to the students about what to expect and answered any worries or concerns that they had.

On Tuesday 2 July, almost 240 Year 6 students attended Transfer Day. They had an amazing day and although there were lots of very nervous students in the morning, we had lots of smiling faces throughout the day!

The students met their tutors and took part in some exciting lessons: cooking, textiles, science and drama were the favourites – and many took the opportunity to sample our wonderful lunches which were delicious! Students left here full of information and enthusiasm about their new school.

We also welcomed parents in the evening and Year 7 tutors met parents for the first time.

Transfer Day has been a really positive and exciting experience. We really look forward to welcoming the girls officially as our new Year 7s in August!

Mrs Ram, Year 6/7 Transfer Co-ordinator

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 05/07/2013	%
Year 7	7.7	97.0	7.8	98.1
	7.8	96.3	7.6	97.9
	7.1	96.2	7.3	97.4
Year 8	8.5	96.8	8.6	99.2
	8.2	96.6	8.1	97.5
	8.8	96.3	8.3	96.8
Year 9	9.4	95.7	9.4	99.2
	9.5	95.6	9.1	97.0
	9.6	95.5	9.5	95.9
Year 10	10.6	96.5	10.2	98.9
	10.2	95.5	10.6	97.5
	10.5	95.2	10.5	95.8
<b>Overall College attendance</b>		<b>95.0</b>		<b>94.0</b>

## SPORTS DAY UPDATE

Sports Day is on Tuesday 9 July at Saffron Lane Sports Stadium from 8.20 - 1.15 pm.

Years 7-10 are participating for their tutor group in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events.

Please ensure your daughter has the correct kit and plenty to drink.

Ms Lowther, Curriculum Team Leader PE

## YEAR 8 SKIPATHON

Over one week from 26 June – 3 July, Year 8 took part in a sponsored Skipathon. Proceeds were collected for the British Heart Foundation and so far £156.86 has been raised.



Thank you to everyone involved.

Miss Green, PE Team

## NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS

On the last two days of term, students will be able to wear non-uniform (Thursday 11 and Friday 12 July).

If your daughter is going to Drayton Manor Park on Thursday, please ensure she wears appropriate clothing to suit the weather on that day.

If your daughter is in College participating in the exciting alternative programme, please ensure she wears clothing suitable for being active.

All voluntary contributions for the charities that the College supports will be collected in the tutor group on Friday.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal