

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

We were very pleased to meet several hundred parents with their Year 6 daughters at Open Evening last night. Over two hundred Sir Jonathan North student volunteers were on hand to help staff to make this evening a great success. If you, or someone you know, intend to apply for a place at the College for September 2014, the date for returning completed forms to the Local Authority is 31 October 2013.

Last year, the College was again oversubscribed. We are aware that the admissions process can be stressful for parents and children and we will be working very closely with primary schools and with parents to anticipate the problems that may arise. We aim to make the transfer a positive experience for Year 6 children that helps them to make a confident start to their secondary education.

Alison Merrills

## Thought for the Week

'I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.'

Nelson Mandela

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2013-2014 are available on the College website [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)

23 September	Year 8 Visit to Carsington Reservoir
26 September	Year 11 Transition Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
7 October	Year 7 Transition Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
18 October	College Closes for Half Term

## YEAR 9 START CHALLENGE REGIONAL FINAL

On Tuesday 17 September five of our students, Isabella Von Haeften, Victoria Schofield, Casey Wearity, Rebecca Cundill and Emma Andrews, attended the Year 9 Start Challenge Regional Final at Loughborough University. The event was jointly run by Young Enterprise and the Federation of Small Businesses.

In preparation for the event the girls qualified for the regional final after they had successfully designed and pitched their product to the judges in the area final. They created a business called 'Buzz'. They designed animal-based furniture, such as a bee and a ladybird beanbag, a log bed and a butterfly shaped wardrobe. Last term they produced some marketing materials, a design for a website and a prototype of the bee beanbag.

The students were competing against schools from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. They had to present their product and their marketing techniques for the business. The students did a fantastic presentation and spent the lunch break talking with local business people about their product.

The results were announced and Buzz was awarded the title of Year 9 Start Challenge Regional Winners. They each received a trophy for reaching the regional final, a trophy for winning the final and a £50 Amazon gift voucher.

Picture courtesy of Louise Kelham Photography



Mr Pope, Lead Teacher Young Enterprise

## ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 20/09/2013	%
Year 7	7.4	99.5	7.4	98.8
	7.5	99.2	7.3	98.3
	7.1	98.8	7.5	98.1
Year 8	8.4	99.2	8.4	100
	8.8	99.0	8.8	99.2
	8.5	98.9	8.7	98.5
Year 9	9.5	98.4	9.2	98.6
	9.3	98.2	9.3	97.8
	9.6	97.2	9.5	97.7
Year 10	10.3	99.4	10.2 + 10.3 + 10.7	99.2
	10.1	99.2	10.1	98.9
	10.9	98.4	10.4	98
Year 11	11.1	99.3	11.1	100
	11.6	99.0	11.6	98.2
	11.7	97.7	11.2	97.8
Overall College attendance		97.0		97.0

## SUCCESS IN A ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

Last year a number of Year 11 Triple Science students entered a national chemistry competition. The brief for the competition was:

"Draw a cartoon that illustrates an electrochemical principle.

Using your imagination, construct a cartoon or illustration that demonstrates an electrochemical principle. Creativity is important here. Think different!"

The results of this national competition have just been announced and I am very pleased to report the following results:

First Prize: **Jing Yang**

Joint Third Prize: **Leah Ambus, Natasha Davies, Preena Balaria, Varuni Harris and Alpha John**

The prizes ranged from £100 to £60. Congratulations to all of the above students who have now left SJNCC to study for their A levels.

Ms Mynott, Science Team

## KEY STAGE 3 CELEBRATION – JULY 2013

At the end of the Summer Term, the current Year 10 students had a special assembly to reflect and celebrate their successes and experiences in Key Stage 3.

Prizes were awarded for achievement as well as to those who had shown the most improvement and effort in all subject areas. Miss Rhodes and Mrs Wyatt presented these awards, emphasising to students that many subject areas had a very difficult time choosing just one student for each category.

Miss Rhodes presented awards voted for by the year group. These were fun and designed to recognise the many contributions students make outside of curriculum time. The audience also enjoyed a short speech by Marie Weston and Elisa Rustemi, who spoke about the high points and fun events in Key Stage 3. Miss Rhodes then presented the Special Awards for the Year Group.

The event was also a chance to thank key teachers for all the support they had shown the year group over the past three years. Year 10 tutors who, in most cases, have guided their tutor groups from the start of their secondary school career, received special thanks. Student mentors, who volunteer their time to help the Year 7s settle at Sir Jonathan North, were also thanked and awarded certificates. Miss Rhodes looked back on the past three years with a slide show of photographs of students participating in some of the exciting activities we offer at Sir Jonathan North. Students were very amused to be reminded of what they looked like in Year 7 – so many changes!

Following a fantastic foundation in Key Stage 3, students returned after a reflective summer, with hopes of what they might achieve at Key Stage 4. What better way to begin Year 10, than with the visiting inspirational and motivational speakers? In2ition! Students had a fantastic opportunity to be inspired and learn about new ways to learn, as well as perfecting their juggling skills.

What a wonderful start to a successful time in Key Stage 4.

And the prize winners were...

### Special Awards

Achievement in the Arts: **Bethanne Raja**

Contribution to College Sport: **Ellen Hearn**

Outstanding Achievement outside of College:  
**Dhuha Al-Shekhly and Lucy Bramley.**

### Fun Awards

Most likely to rule the world: **Aamena Umar**

Most helpful: **Leah Jackson**

Most friendly: **Eva Morrison**

Most outrageous: **Sa'Diyya Kapadia**

Most fashionable: **Orlan Sharman-Dunn**

Most intellectual: **Kara Travadi**

Most creative: **Lydi Chambers**

Most talented: **Megan Slater**

Most athletic: **Rianna Kidd**

Most generous: **Harleen Kaur**

### Subject Awards

	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Most Improved</b>	<b>Effort</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Saffron Kidd</b>	<b>Dhuha Al-Shekhly</b>	<b>Shelby Beasley</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Holly Shiels</b>	<b>Beth Archer</b>	<b>Shanaya Thompson</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Kate Metcalfe</b>	<b>Aleksandra Kloda</b>	<b>Shannon Harty</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>Phoebe Wilcox</b>	<b>Gaggan Jabbal</b>	<b>Marie Weston</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Aamena Umar</b>	<b>Atia Sheikh</b>	<b>Phoebe Wilcox</b>
<b>Religious Studies</b>	<b>Megan Slater</b>	<b>Pippa Chappell</b>	<b>Sophie Youmans</b>
<b>Art</b>	<b>Gizem Acar</b>	<b>Taneh Biddle-Powell</b>	<b>Saskia Colvin</b>
<b>Drama</b>	<b>Megan Slater</b>	<b>Patience Ngoma</b>	<b>Indya Sudra</b>
<b>Dance</b>	<b>Lucy Bramley</b>	<b>Katie Thandi</b>	<b>Josie Stephens</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Mugisa Musinguzi</b>	<b>Isabelle Bradley</b>	<b>Molly Betham</b>
<b>Languages</b>	<b>Tia Sutton</b>	<b>Aamena Umar</b>	<b>Hafsah Takey</b>
<b>Textiles</b>	<b>Alisha Vaghela</b>	<b>Sakina Ali</b>	<b>Humairaa Kamthewala</b>
<b>Food Tech</b>	<b>Dhuha Al-Shekhly</b>	<b>Leah Jackson</b>	<b>Charlotte Pepperill-Clarke</b>
<b>Resistant Materials</b>	<b>Khadija Patel</b>	<b>Briony Hughes</b>	<b>Lucy Bramley</b>
<b>Graphics</b>	<b>Elisa Rustemi</b>	<b>Rianna Kidd</b>	<b>Tenisha Robbins</b>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Poppy Briggs</b>	<b>Erin Kelly</b>	<b>Dhuha Al-Shekhly</b>
<b>ICT</b>	<b>Kate Metcalfe</b>	<b>Lucie Sands</b>	<b>Dhruvisha Supeda</b>

Miss Rhodes, Year Team Leader