

This Week

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From the Principal:

The College's Governing Body is responsible for a wide range of matters including ensuring that our students receive a high quality education.

The College currently has a vacancy for three Parent Governors. Parent Governors are elected by parents of registered children at the College, and play an important role as members of the Governing Body, including ensuring that the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

Further information about your eligibility to serve as a Parent Governor and about the role of a Governor is attached to the letter your daughter will have brought home on Wednesday of this week.

The closing date for receipt of nominations is the close of the College day on Friday 4 October.

Alison Merrills

Thought for the Week

'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King, Jr.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2013-2014 are available on the College website www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

1 October	College Closed to Students – Industrial Action
7 October	Year 7 Transition Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
18 October	College Closes for Half Term
28 October	College Opens
7 November	Certificate Evening
14 November	HPV Injections
21 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO CARSINGTON RESERVOIR

On Monday 23 September ninety eight geography students visited Carsington reservoir in the Peak District. They walked across the dam of the reservoir, visited the wildlife centre and made field sketches from Stones Island. Students also enjoyed an interactive exhibition, although some of the students didn't appreciate the smell in the section about toilets! We were very impressed by the behaviour and enthusiasm of our students.

Comments from students who participated:

'I had a lot of fun at Carsington because we did a variety of things. I especially enjoyed going to the Visitor Centre. Next year I advise people to go.'

Ruth Lindsey 8.3

'I really enjoyed Carsington because we got to have a go at all the interactive activities in the centre. I had a nice time on the walk because you could see all the views.'

Maruziva 8.4

Miss White, Humanities Team

NUMERACY CORNER

Welcome to the new Numeracy Corner. Each month we will be trying to help you and your daughter unravel the mysteries of modern maths. If you think 'chunking' only relates to KitKats and 'partitioning' is an option for increasing your downstairs living space, this is the place for you.

We hope that you and your daughter will find useful tips and methods for navigating your way through a whole variety of number problems.

Confidence in numeracy is a life skill and we want to help you help your daughter to succeed in this area.

Measurement Metric/Imperial Conversions

In real life we still use a combination of Imperial (old fashioned) and Metric (modern) units of measure. This is reflected in GCSE examinations where students are expected to know the following rough conversions.

Weight

1 kilogram is approximately 2.2 pound (lb)

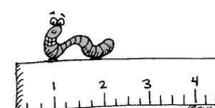


Length

1 inch is approximately 2.5 centimetres

1 foot is approximately 30 centimetres

5 miles are approximately 8 Kilometres



Capacity

1 litre is approximately 1 ¾ pints

1 gallon is approximately 4.5 litres



Mr Williams, Curriculum Team Leader Mathematics

ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 20/09/2013	%
Year 7	7.8	99.2	7.9	98.9
	7.1	97.3	7.8	98.2
	7.3	97.1	7.6	93.8
Year 8	8.4	98.9	8.4	98.3
	8.5	98.5	8.1 + 8.5	97.7
	8.1	97.7	8.8	97.3
Year 9	9.3	98.2	9.3	98.3
	9.5 + 9.7	97.4	9.8	97.3
	9.8	96.5	9.7	96.4
Year 10	10.5	98.5	10.5	99.3
	10.3	98.3	10.4	96.0
	10.9	97.2	10.3	95.8
Year 11	11.6	98.9	11.6	98.9
	11.1	97.9	11.7	98.0
	11.7	97.8	11.8	95.4
Overall College attendance		96.4		94.6

A POSITIVE START TO THE YEAR!

Congratulations to all year groups. You have made the most fantastic start to the school year.

Year 7 You have settled well and we are delighted to welcome you to Sir Jonathan North Community College.

Year 8 You are setting an excellent example to our new students. Keep it up!

Year 9 We are noticing your increased maturity as you move up the school. Make the most of Year 9!

Year 10 You had a great start with the Intuition event and are approaching your new Key Stage 4 timetable with focus and enthusiasm. Well done!

Year 11 We are impressed so far by your hard work and determination to succeed. Well done!

How can you make sure that the year continues positively?

- Join in the additional opportunities – trips and visits, breakfast, lunchtime and end of day activities. Keep an eye on the website and student bulletin.
- Make sure you know where you can get help and support with work or other issues.
- Know what you are achieving and know what you need to do to improve.
- Take advantage of the additional support during the lesson from your teacher or another member of staff.
- Join in the exciting lessons with different ways of learning and teaching.

..and, of course, enjoy the rest of the term.

We want you to be:

- ✓ successful learners who enjoy learning, make progress and achieve
- ✓ confident individuals who are able to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives
- ✓ responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

We are very proud of you!

