

This Week

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From the Principal:

Using their college planner helps students to organise themselves and gives you, as a parent, a picture of what your daughter is doing. We ask parents to look at and sign their daughter's planner each week to check she is recording and completing her homework.

The reason we think planners are important is that they help students to be organised. Many of the difficulties which students have can often be traced back to the need for better organisation.

We also know that students who achieve well and make the most of what is on offer at college are those who are very well prepared for each day, and are using their planners to keep ahead of deadlines which are set for coursework and homework.

As with many aspects of life, getting the small things right can make a huge difference and this is a way that we feel that parents can help. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Alison Merrills

Thought for the Week

'What does it mean to be happy?'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qD6wTYM9LYQ>

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

10 October 2013	Year 7 Transition Evening 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
18 October 2013	College Closes for Half Term
28 October 2013	College Re-opens
7 November 2013	Certificate Evening
14 November 2013	HPV Injections
21 November 2013	Year 11 Parents' Evening
20 December 2013	College Closes for Christmas

YEAR 7 PARENTS' TRANSITION EVENING

Parents of Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's tutor on **Thursday 10 October** from 5.30 -7.30 pm. This is a very important time for Year 7 and we would urge all parents to make an appointment.

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

The Student Council will be selling wristbands and Pudsey keyrings to raise money for Children in Need. Look out for more information in the Student Bulletin:

- Wristbands £1
- Keyrings £2



These will be available from 4 November.

The Student Council Executive

INDIVIDUAL GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Fashion and Textile Children's Trust is a registered charity that gives individual grants to children/young people for a range of items such as shoes, additional tutorial support and more. If you would like to apply, your child must be 0-18 years and the parent/carer must work (or have previously worked) in the UK fashion and textile industry. FTCT covers all industries including women's wear, men's wear, footwear, interiors and manufacturing and supermarkets which sell clothing such as Asda and Sainsbury's.

FTCT is able to pay for essential items for children/young people who are coping with sickness, disability or special needs or whose families may be in financial crisis.

If you think that your daughter could benefit from a grant from FTCT, then call FTCT's grants' co-ordinator Karen on **020 7170 4117** or e-mail grants@ftct.org.uk to see how they can help. Please note that there is no charge for this service and grants do not have to be re-paid.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

On Thursday 26 September students from Sir Jonathan North went on a training day to Welland Park Academy in Market Harborough. The training helped students to become better Anti-bullying Ambassadors. On the day we learnt more about how bullying can affect people both physically and mentally. We are now fully qualified Anti-bullying Ambassadors.
Sasha Russell 10.3, Poonam Bacra 10.3, Shelby Beasley 10.2.



Well done to all 15 students who attended the training and are now fully qualified Ambassadors. Look out for them around the college.

Mrs Mason, Student Support Manager

EVERYBODY'S READING FESTIVAL

As part of the Leicester city-wide Reading Festival this week Sir Jonathan North has been holding its very own festival, complete with marquee. All week students have been working with writer and stand-up comedian Dave Smith, and poets Jess Green and Rob Gee. The marquee has also hosted lunchtime events such as henna painting, live music and been a space for students to read newspapers and books. Students from Overdale Junior School have also visited and taken part in Mr Stink workshops – including a visit from the man himself!

The week will culminate in a showcase event on Friday evening for students to show parents what they have been up to during the week.

Student comments:

'I really enjoyed it and learnt a lot about how easy it is to be an author and a comedian. It was very entertaining.'

Iffat Rahman 7.5

'It was great fun. I learnt lots of things about writing. I would love to do it again next year.

I really enjoyed speaking to the writer as he explained a lot about how fun writing is.'

Amy Cundill 7.5



Mrs Greaves, Learning Development Team

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2013

Sir Jonathan North Digital Art Christmas Card Competition

Have your design printed on the official
College Christmas Card

Please submit all entries to Mr Herickx in D17
or via email to aherickx@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk



All students are welcome to enter this year's Christmas card completion. All entries should be given to Mr Herickx in D17 or sent to him via e-mail: aherickx@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

The closing date for entries is Tuesday 29 October 2013.



Josie Chappell with last year's winning entry.

Mr Herickx, Senior Arts ICT Technician

ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 27/09/2013	%
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