

This Week

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From the Principal:

Last night we were very pleased to meet Year 7 parents who attended Year 7 Parents' Evening. We are delighted to report that our new Year 7 students have settled well into the life of the College.

We encourage parents to contribute to decisions made about curriculum changes and policies which affect how students are taught and cared for at College. Parents can do this by completing the questionnaire at Parents' Evenings and by attending our Parent Forum which meets once a term. We want to know how we can make changes that will help the College continue to improve.

The next meeting of the Parent Forum is on Thursday 12 December 2013.

Alison Merrills

Thought for the Week

'I think therefore I am.'

Descartes

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

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

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

On Wednesday 9 October, your daughter will have brought home details about the Parent Governor Election. Please return completed ballot papers to the College by 3 pm on Friday 18 October 2013.

Alison Merrills

ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 4/10/2013	%
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

YEAR 7 TEAMBUILDING TRIP

What a wonderful few days we had last week at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre! The weather was not too unkind; the girls were excited and the tutor groups worked together really well! Students and most tutors took part in a range of activities including wall climbing, archery, abseiling and many teambuilding tasks. These helped the girls to get to know each other.

As always, the students were amazing ambassadors for our school. Staff at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre commented on how well they had all participated and worked together. We hope your daughter had a memorable experience and felt that the day helped her with her transition to Sir Jonathan North.



Mrs Ram, Acting Assistant Principal

STUDENT COUNCIL 2013-2014

On Friday 4 October, the new Student Council Executive hosted an after school training event for all student council representatives. There were sessions on team building and aims and objectives for the year were shared. The event was rounded off by a delivery of pizza for all the representatives to enjoy!

This was a very successful event that laid firm foundations for this year's Student Council to build upon.



Mrs McNeill, Lead Teacher Student Council

READING FESTIVAL

The Sir Jonathan North Reading Festival culminated in a fantastic evening of performance poetry on Friday evening. Jess Green and Rob Gee were in school all day working alongside different groups of students. Jess focused on celebrating life in Leicester, and then asked students to think of things in their own lives to celebrate. An artist was also on hand to turn their thoughts and ideas into a pastel drawing. Rob Gee, with his unique brand of humorous poetry, asked Years 8 and 9 to imagine "What if . . .?" What if we could only hop? What if books were stuck to the ends of our noses? What if there was no such thing as food? What if teachers had lives?!

In the evening, alongside performances from Jess and Rob, students presented the poems they had worked on during the day. An appreciative audience of 65 family and friends was entertained and touched by the amazing talent of 30 Year 7, 8 and 9 students. It was a unique and fabulous end to the week, during which we celebrated the power of words to inspire and entertain, as well as the immense creativity of Sir Jonathan North students.



Mrs Greaves, Learning Development Team

TYCOON IN SCHOOLS

Following our success last year, we have re-launched 'Tycoon in Schools' in College this term. Fifteen business plans were submitted asking for £100 to be invested into each business idea.

This week 12 companies pitched their ideas to a panel of judges, who decided who would receive the investment. Six companies will each receive £100 to start their own business and run it for a month.

Each company will receive their money on Monday 7 October and will have until Monday 4 November to make a profit. Students will also have to write a report of their experiences during this time.

We wish all of the companies the best of luck in running their business over the next month.

Mr Pope, Lead Teacher Young Enterprise

INFORMATION FOR KEY STAGE 4 STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Important documents relating to the regulations for students taking GCSE examinations and completing GCSE controlled assessments can now be found on the college website at <http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk/about/calendar.html> along with the Year 11 mock exam timetable. Timetables for the summer 2014 GCSE exams and GCSE Practical examinations will be added when the timetables are finalised.

Mrs Broughton, Exams Officer