

This Week

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From the Principal:

On Wednesday we received the written report of the recent two day inspection by Ofsted. The report is a very positive one indeed and we are delighted to report that Sir Jonathan North's success has been recognised by inspectors and the College has been designated as outstanding. Your daughter should be bringing home a copy of the report today so that we can share our successes and area for improvement with you. It will also be available on the College website.

Alison Merrills

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR SIR JONATHAN NORTH

Sir Jonathan North Community College has been awarded an outstanding grading by Ofsted inspectors who visited the school on 17 and 18 October 2013.

The inspectors said students achieve outstandingly well and the overall quality of teaching at the school was outstanding across all subjects.

Mrs Merrills said: 'The report is fantastic. We are very pleased with this outcome. It shows that hard work over time of staff, students, parents and governors has been recognised.'

Some examples the inspectors highlighted were: 'The behaviour of students and their attitudes to learning are exemplary. Students are exceptionally polite and courteous and feel safe in school.'

They also commented on the school's excellent promotion of students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development reporting that the school's curriculum is very well suited to the needs and aspirations of students, who also benefit from a rich programme of very well attended out of school activities.

Mrs Merrills said: 'As the report states, this is not just about achievement but about the development that every student makes to become a fulfilled member of society. I strongly believe every child has the potential to achieve well and that the quality of the whole experience they receive at school makes a difference to this.'

Year 11 student Ruby Kelman said: 'There is so much support available in our school from peer mentors when you start in year 7 through to assertive mentors in Year 11. I've always felt at home here and I will always be proud to say I am a student at Sir Jonathan North.'

Fellow student Mia Loyal said: 'I love that our school listens to students and gives the Student Council lots of responsibility which makes it not 'a school' but 'our school'.'

Our inclusive school continues to thrive and is delighted to have its successes celebrated throughout this inspection report.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Which is stronger light or darkness?'

Unknown

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

7 November 2013	Achievement Evening
14 November 2013	HPV Injections
21 November 2013	Year 11 Parents' Evening
12 December 2013	Parent Forum
20 December 2013	College closes for Christmas

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

Parent Governors play an important role in helping to ensure that the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

The following parents were successfully elected to the role of Parent Governor:

- Paul Blakey, parent of a Year 9 student
- Raj Gill-Harrison, parent of a Year 7 student and 2 Year 8 students
- Natalie Loyal, parent of a Year 8 student and Year 11 student.

Alison Merrills

EXPRESSIVE ARTS TEAM CELEBRATE

Sir Jonathan North Community College has achieved Artsmark Gold Award for the fifth time.

This is validated until July 2016, showing we are committed to demonstrating quality arts provision.

Holding Artsmark status confirms that we:

- ✓ are committed to arts and cultural provision for all through a broad and balanced curriculum
- ✓ are forward thinking and focused on ongoing development
- ✓ invest in our staff and students
- ✓ are committed to providing opportunities for the local community
- ✓ are effective in relationships with arts and cultural organisations

Thank you to all our arts partners, Governors and our students in helping us achieve this status.



Mrs Thornber and the Expressive Arts team

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 18/10/2013	%
Year 7	7.8	98.9	7.9	99.3
	7.4 + 7.9	97.3	7.8	98.2
	7.3	97.2	7.4	98.4
Year 8	8.4	98.8	8.1	99.6
	8.5	98.3	8.4 + 8.5	99.2
	8.8	98.1	8.7	98.8
Year 9	9.5	97.4	9.6	100
	9.8	97.1	9.5	98.5
	9.3	96.9	9.8	97.3
Year 10	10.3	98.7	10.3	98.8
	10.4	96.9	10.1	97.8
	10.5	96.8	10.4	97.6
Year 11	11.6	98.2	11.6	98.9
	11.7	96.9	11.9	97.6
	11.2	96.6	11.5	96.9
Overall College attendance		96.2		96.0

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

Parents of last year's Year 11 students have the opportunity to attend our annual Achievement Evening on Thursday 7 November. Students who left the College in the Summer Term of 2013, having taken their examinations, have the chance to return and receive their certificates.

We look forward to seeing our ex-students and their guests.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

REMINDER: Year 11 Parents' Evening

Parents of Year 11 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's subject teachers on Thursday 21 November from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

This is a very important time for Year 11 and we would urge all parents to attend.

ADVICE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

We are excited to welcome back Theatre Centre to Sir Jonathan North with a new show called 'Advice for the Young at Heart.' The show will take place on Monday 4 November 2013 in the Drama Studio. There will be a voluntary contribution of £5 to cover costs.

This piece has been created for a Key Stage 4 audience and covers some strong current issues. We are offering this, in the first instance, to Year 10 and 11 students to support their Drama or Performing Arts Studies but we can now also offer this to keen mature Year 9 students. Seeing a professional theatre company enriches our students' artistic perceptions.



Mrs Thornber, Curriculum Team Leader Expressive Arts

BONFIRE NIGHT SAFETY

Bonfire Night is a fun and exciting time for many people and for children in particular.

Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service recommends that people attend an organised Bonfire Night event.

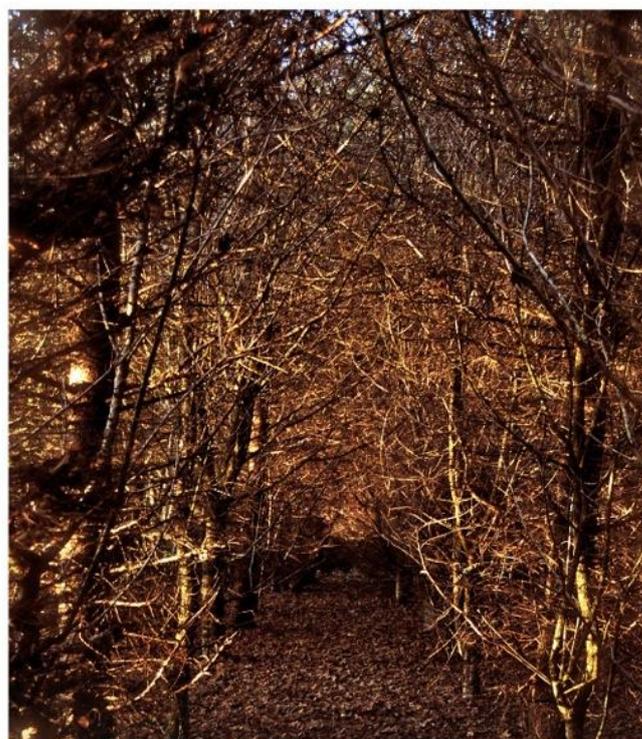
To stay safe on 5 November, follow this advice:

- Always wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never hold or throw a lit firework
- Keep pets inside
- Don't set off fireworks in the street or busy places - you could seriously hurt yourself or somebody else
- Never put fireworks in your pocket!
- Light fireworks at arm's length with a taper
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night. It's an offence to set off fireworks after midnight
- Remember that it is illegal to possess fireworks if you are under 18 years of age.

Or you could just remember one thing...

The safest way to enjoy Bonfire Night is to go to an organised event.

REMINDER AUTUMN THEMED PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Autumn Themed Photography Competition

Students are invited to submit their best photos based on the theme of Autumn.

We are looking for photographs of any aspect of the natural world which has an Autumnal theme - whether in terms of colours, weather or animal and plant life!

To enter the competition, please email your entry to Mr Herickx at aherickx@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk by the 29th November.

Mr Herickx, Senior Arts ICT Technician