

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

This week is national Anti-Bullying Week and in recognition of this a number of activities have been taking place in College.

These include:

- anti-bullying assemblies
- cake sale with all proceeds donated to childline
- Smile Day (today) where everyone is encouraged to spread a smile!

At Sir Jonathan North we have adopted the following definition of bullying:

Several Times On Purpose

We ask students to:

Start Telling Other People

This enables us to deal swiftly with any incidents of bullying. We recognise that bullying problems are not always easy to resolve but we are committed to working together with students and parents to ensure that students are happy and feel safe at college.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope....'

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

11 December 2013	Christmas Concert
12 December 2013	Parent Forum
20 December 2013	College closes for Christmas
7 January 2013	College re-opens

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 15/11/2013	%
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

## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

We would like to remind parents of the arrangements in place in the event of adverse weather conditions. Should we judge the weather conditions on site and/or in the local area to be a health and safety risk, we may be forced to close the College.

You will find information on this by:

- visiting the College website [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)
- listening to BBC Radio Leicester or by visiting its website: [www.bbc.co.uk/leicester](http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester)

In the very unlikely event that the College is forced to close before the usual time of 2.55pm, we will inform parents by text message.

Should you prefer your daughter to remain in College until 2.55 pm, a record of this will have been kept in the Main Office.

Alison Merrills

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Rameet Chana (Year 9) for having her digital illustration entry selected to feature on the College Christmas card this year. The judges had a difficult time choosing the overall winner owing to the high standard of entries. Rameet's design started with a sketch which she then scanned into the computer and edited using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop.



Mr Herickx, Digital Arts Manager

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We were very pleased to welcome Trevor Mills from Age UK into Year 9 assembly last week. He was delighted that, once again, Year 9 are raising money for our annual campaign to produce food hampers for elderly local residents who may not otherwise be able to afford to buy those Christmas treats that so many of us take for granted. Many of these people live alone and we know from letters we have received in the past that they are so grateful to the students for thinking about them.

In order to raise as much money as possible, we are asking students to be as creative as they can. They are coming up with some wonderful ideas already! There is no compulsion for students to spend their own (or your) money. However, you may be able to help by providing some home-made cakes or cookies. Perhaps your daughter's tutor group is having a raffle and would welcome a donation of a prize. Maybe they are having a second-hand book sale - a chance to clear out your bookshelf!

We hope that you agree that this is an excellent opportunity for students to spread a little festive cheer to local people in need, at the same time as developing their creative and organisational skills.

The campaign will run for another three weeks and we then have the exciting task of handing over all the hampers to Trevor to be distributed by him and his team.

Ms Allison, Team Leader Year 9

## YEAR 7 SEAL COMPETITION

'What does SEAL mean?' Create a poster, poem, rap or song to explain what SEAL means and what the ground rules are! Please hand your work into Ms Matthew in the Expressive Arts Office at break time by Friday 29 November. There will be prizes for the winning pieces of work!

Ms Matthews

## SK8 HOUSE ROLLER DISCO

Friday 8 November saw the return of the SK8 House Project. A total of 63 students (plus extra staff) turned up in the Sports Hall to take part in the fun Roller Disco which even included a Skating version of 'The Macarena'. A further 4 sessions will be taking place on the following dates:

Friday 15 November 2013

Friday 3 December 2013

Friday 6 December 2013

Friday 13 December 2013

Please come and sign up on the PE board during the week of your preferred session(s) to ensure you don't miss out.

Anyone who takes part in either one or more of the sessions MUST complete a Registration Form before the end of term and return it to the PE Team.



PE Team

## CHILDREN IN NEED 2013

On Friday 15 November Sir Jonathan North supported Children in Need by holding a non-uniform day. Our theme was "Wear Your Onesie to School" and students paid a pound to Children in Need to take part.

Several students sold delicious homemade cakes and drinks and the 9.6 Pudsey Café was full to bursting at lunchtime.

The grand total raised was **£1072.88**.



Ms McNeil, Lead Teacher Student Council

## 16+ LUNCHTIME TALKS

During October and November, we have had a very successful lunchtime talk programme with talks from local 16+ colleges. It gave our Year 10 and 11s the opportunity to hear about possible routes post 16, to speak to college staff and find out about their Open Days. We also had talks on applying for medicine and for hairdressing apprenticeships from former students, Liberty Heskeymee-Preston and Helen Wragg.

All the talks helped our students to make decisions for the future and complete their college application forms. Thank you to all of our speakers and to the students who attended these talks.

Ms Mason,  
Voc Ed and Guidance Admin Assistant

## YEAR 9 O2 THINK BIG SCHOOL

On Monday 18 November, 75 Year 9 students took part in the O2 Think Big School. This is a joint event run by O2 and Young Enterprise. The aim of the day was for students to learn how digital skills are important for the future and how to put them into practice by designing an application for a mobile phone.

The students worked on a website called Appshed to design an application to help people overcome difficulties. They had to think about the design of the application, the cost of setting it up, how it would be marketed and how it would generate an income. They then had to pitch their idea to a member of the O2 staff. The following were judged as the best two applications.

1. Breed finder – an application that allows you to take a picture of an animal which then tells you interesting facts about it.
2. My Teen Health Plan – an application that advises people on healthy eating with easy to follow recipes, exercises, a link to a shop to buy healthy foods and a diary entry to record what you eat and the exercise you do.

Student Comments:

'It was a really enjoyable experience and we learned many valuable skills that will be of great use in later life. It really inspired me to continue designing apps for mobile phones.'

**Isabella Guzy-Kirkden 9.1**

'I found it really interesting and it was original how we could physically design our app. I would definitely use it at home to continue designing apps.'

**Meha Bhindi 9.1**

'I found the day to be a good day to learn about computing, and it inspired me a lot.'

**Phoebe Raleigh 9.1**

Mr Pope, Lead Teacher Young Enterprise