

This Week

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From the Principal:

As usual, as the end of the Autumn Term approaches, College life is very busy. Year 11 students have taken their mock examinations and will be receiving their results on Thursday 19 December. At the same time, their examination entries are being finalised. It is essential that Year 11 students are clear about what they want to do when they leave College. Any students or parents who would like further guidance are strongly advised to contact Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal.

By helping students to clarify their aims for the future now, we hope that they will be able to focus on what they still need to do at Sir Jonathan North before they leave.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Generosity is giving more than you can and taking less than you need.'

Khalil Gibran

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

11 December 2013	Christmas Music Concert
12 December 2013	Parent Forum
20 December 2013	College closes for Christmas
7 January 2013	College re-opens
30 January 2013	Year 9 Parents' Evening

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 11 (past and present) who took time to complete questionnaires during this term's Parents' Evenings. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve.

Year 7 'Settling In' Parents' Evening 12 October 2013:

- 99% of parents said that their daughter has been well supported by the College in her move from year 6 to year 7
- 96% of parents said their daughter is learning well at College so far
- 95% of parents felt well informed about what happens at College
- 87% of parents felt there is enough homework set.

What can we do to improve?

Provide detailed instructions about the use of Edmodo/Sam Learning.

Year 11 Leavers' Achievement Evening 7 November 2013:

- 96% of parents felt the College supported their daughter during her time at Sir Jonathan North
- 99% felt that communication between parents and the College was good
- 96% felt that progress from Sir Jonathan North to further education or into employment was well supported
- 91% of parents felt their daughter was challenged to achieve highly in all her subjects.

Year 11 Parents' Evening 21 November 2013:

- 99% of parents felt well informed about key events in Year 11
- 96% of parents felt confident that their daughter has homework/coursework set regularly
- 94% of parents said they felt well informed about the choices and support available to their daughter after she leaves Sir Jonathan North
- 96% of parents said their daughter is well supported by the College as she approaches her GCSE exams.

What can we do to improve?

Teach students relaxation techniques to help them to maintain a healthy work/life balance.

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COLLEGE DRESS

As the weather is becoming increasingly cold, we appreciate that students will want to wear warmer waterproof clothing. We are keen to ensure students are appropriately dressed for the cold weather.

We ask you as parents to check that your daughter is dressed in a way that meets the College Dress Code.

If in doubt, please refer to our website or contact your daughter's Year Team Leader, ideally before you buy any dress code items.

Mrs Wyatt, Acting Senior Assistant Principal

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – REPLY SLIP

Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 17 December 2013 at the very latest.

*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1 pm on Friday 20 December and that I am responsible for her from that time. My daughter will / will not* require a packed lunch.

Daughter's Name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Parent/Carer.

PARENT FORUM – All welcome

The Parent Forum meets termly to discuss issues that are important to parents, students and staff. We would like to invite parents and carers to a meeting on **Thursday 12 December at 5.30 pm**. The meeting will last for an hour and take place in the Macaulay Lounge. In response to feedback from the Parent Questionnaire 2013, where some parents felt that they did not know enough about policy and procedure, this meeting will be an information session about the college's anti-bullying policy. If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Joe Robson (Jrobson@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or ring the College (0116 2708116) and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you.

Alison Merrills

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The College will close at 1 pm on Friday 20 December 2013 and re-open for students on Tuesday 7 January 2014 at 8.30 am.

College Office

Should you wish to contact the College during the Christmas holidays, the office opening hours are as follows:

Thursday 2 and Friday 3 January 9 – 2.30 pm.

The College will be closed on all other days.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT

Our Christmas Music concert takes place this year in the Main Hall on Wednesday 11 December at 6 pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and will include a soft drink. Lots of wonderful music will be performed by our very able orchestra and choirs, so come along and enjoy this seasonal feast of talent!

Ms Paris, Expressive Arts Team

GLAM UP AND GLITTER UP! Non-Uniform Day Friday 20th December



Voluntary contributions will be collected for Breast Cancer research. A glamorous and glittery end to the term.

THE HOUR OF CODE IS COMING.....

Computer Science Education Week
9-15 December 2013

Students will try an hour of code in ICT lessons for Computer Science Education Week



ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 06/12/2013	%
Year 7	7.4	96.9	7.1	98.5
	7.8	96.7	7.4	98
	7.3	96.5	7.5	97.2
Year 8	8.4	97.1	8.8	99.2
	8.8	97.0	8.7	98.1
	8.7	96.9	8.4	97.6
Year 9	9.5	96.9	9.7	98.6
	9.3	96.6	9.5	98.1
	9.2	95.8	9.3	98
Year 10	10.3	97.7	10.3	98.4
	10.1	96	10.1	97.4
	10.4	95.7	10.6	97.3
Year 11	11.6	97	11.6	97
	11.3	95.7	11.4	95.6
	11.2	95.3	11.3	94.2
Overall College attendance		95.2		95.3

BOOKTALKING SESSIONS

Last week, Bridget Hamlet visited the college on behalf of Library Services for Education to promote reading for pleasure across KS3. She was really impressed by how enthusiastic our students already are about reading and by the wide range of titles that are currently being read. It was a really worthwhile event and students left their sessions with a long list of titles to enjoy in the near future.

Miss Premchand, English Team

UNDER 12 NETBALL MATCH

On Monday our Year 7 netball team had their first match against English Martyrs. The girls were extremely nervous starting the game and at quarter time the score was 1-0 to English Martyrs. We changed the team around a little and went back on court really positively and finished the quarter winning 5-2. There was lots of really good play and teamwork by the team.

The next quarter English Martyrs came fighting back and actually won the quarter but fortunately we still had the lead - 7-5.

The last quarter was the best by far, everyone dodging, passing accurately and working well as a team. The final score was a tremendous 13-6. Player of the game was Sophie Lord, who played GD and GA, scoring some fantastic goals throughout the game. Well done, Sophie!

Team: Jessica Cartwright, Mairaed McErlean, Elise Michael, Eva Salotti, Jude Elhaddad, Sophie Lord, Tiger Rose Swithenbank-Michel, Lucia Guzy-Kirkden, Ruby Holmes, Amy Cunnington.

PE Team

SMSC @ SJNCC

What does it mean to you and me?

What images do you think of when you hear SMSC?

What words, themes, ideas come into your mind?

How could these be presented as a poster, poem, rap, story or song?

If you would like to share your understanding of SMSC, please send these to Mrs Thornber before the end of term.

NEXT WEEK'S PE FIXTURES

Date	
10.12.2013	Year 9 Basketball @ Rushey Mead U14/16 Badminton @ Babington
11.12.2013	Year 9 Basketball @ Green Towers v Mount Grace
12.12.2013	Year 7 FUTSAL @ Gateway College
13.12.2013	SK8House Session 5