

This Week

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From the Principal:

This term involves important deadlines and decisions for students in Years 9 and 11.

In Year 11, we are trying to help every student to achieve her best through good teaching and support and by providing opportunities for exam practice. The message is that to achieve their best possible grades, students need to follow this basic recipe for success:

- maintain a positive attitude
- be well organised
- attend College every day
- work hard
- make time to relax.

If you think there is anything we can do to support your daughter better at this key time, please contact the College.

Over the next few weeks, Year 9 students will be receiving information and advice about GCSE option choices for Year 10. Parents and students are invited to attend the Key Stage Four Information Evening after half term, on Thursday 6 March. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions about courses in Years 10 and 11, and to speak to staff.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Never give up on standing up for what you believe in.'

Anonymous student

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

4 February 2014	Year 9 Science Trip
6 February 2014	Year 10 Parents' Evening
28 February 2014	What's My Line?
6 March	KS4 Information Evening
13 March	HPV Injections

REMINDER: YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents of Year 10 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's subject teachers on Thursday 6 February from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

We would urge all parents to attend.

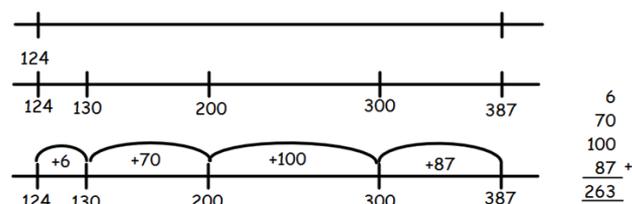
Ms Rhodes, Year 10 Team Leader

NUMERACY CORNER

Subtraction – Counting On – using a Number line

Students who find the traditional method confusing may be taught this method.

Example: $387 - 124$



Answer $387 - 124 = 263$

This can also be used to help mental maths.

Mr Williams, Curriculum Team Leader, Maths



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

LeCAP applications have all been processed and are now with the colleges. Students will soon be receiving interview dates via e-mail or in the post. These take place from February through to April.

Gateway interviews will be held at Sir Jonathan North and QE interviews will be on Tuesday 4 March at QE. We are awaiting further details and, as soon as we have any information, we will let you know.

Can I please remind parents that if their daughter has an interview during school hours, she will need to bring her interview letter to Mrs Wyatt to be signed. She must show this signed letter to the office when she is signing in or out. If your daughter's interview is early morning (e.g. 9 am), she will need to go directly to the college and she will be expected back at Sir Jonathan North by break time.

If an interview is at any other time of day, your daughter will need to leave school in enough time to arrive at her interview 15 minutes before the time stated in the letter. She will be expected to return to school afterwards, unless her interview is in the afternoon.

In preparation for interviews, all students will receive a Record of Achievement folder during the extended tutorial next week. This is for students to compile ready to take to their interview, along with an interview technique booklet. Tutors will also be doing interview practice with students, which will be really helpful!

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

EXAMS

A reminder that any student in Years 9,10 or 11 who is taking a GCSE or GCE examination at another college must see the Exams Officer to obtain her UCI (Unique Candidate Identifier) and ULN (Unique Learner Number).

All entries for these examinations must be made using the numbers that are allocated to you by the college.

Mrs Broughton, Exams Officer

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

The PE Team is now collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. They are available when you shop at Sainsbury's, either in store or online, and at the petrol station.

Please encourage friends/family to collect these, and bring them into school to post in the Collection Box. This is located in the PE Department.



The vouchers will go towards new PE equipment for students to use in lessons and at clubs.

Thank you for your support.

PE Team

ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 31/01/2014	%
Year 7	7.4	96.5	7.5	100
	7.6	96.3	7.3	96.4
	7.8	96.2	7.9	95.9
Year 8	8.7	97.1	8.3	98.1
	8.8	96.8	8.2	97.6
	8.4	96.4	8.7	96.5
Year 9	9.5	96.5	9.5	99.2
	9.2	96.1	9.6	98.5
	9.6	96	9.2	97.1
Year 10	10.3	97.7	10.6	97.7
	10.4	96.1	10.4	97.6
	10.5	95	10.5	97.3
Year 11	11.6	96.5	11.9	99.2
	11.3	95.4	11.5	97.7
	11.2	95.1	11.6	97
Overall College attendance		95.1		94.4

'CALL BACK' POETRY COMPETITION

Last term, as part of the 'Everybody's Reading' Festival, students were given the opportunity to work with local poet, Jess Green. They wrote their own poems in response to poems they read during the workshop.

Jess organised a competition across the city and winning entries have been published in a book entitled "Call Back". The following students have received their own copies of the book and others are available in the College library and on the College website if you wish to have a look at their winning poetry.



Ruby Palfreman, Aqsa Ghumra, Aakifah Osman, Ella Harding, Millie Stephens, Hanifa Mohammed and Katie Simmons (all in 8.5).

Well done girls!

Mrs Greaves,
Deputy Team Leader, Learning Development

YOUNG ENTERPRISE TRAINING EVENT

On Wednesday 22 January, Sir Jonathan North hosted the Leicestershire Young Enterprise Training Event. We were asked to host as reigning County Champions. Young Enterprise students came from 15 schools and colleges across the county to find out about the Innovation Awards, the Highcross Trade Fair and how to wind up a company at the end of the academic year.

The evening was opened by three members of Ignite, our Young Enterprise team from last year. Francesca Nicol, Mia Loyal and Ria Patel presented their speech from the Regional Finals in June 2013. The evening was a great success with many positive comments made by visiting staff and students, as well as the Young Enterprise management.

Mr Pope, Young Enterprise Team Leader

STUDY SUPPORT FOR YEAR 11 Week Beginning 3 February

DATES	03/02/2014	04/02/2014	05/02/2014	06/02/2014	07/02/2014
SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH					
PE			PE Study Support in W1 1.15pm to 1.45pm		
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Study Support Textiles in D10 Food in D1 Graphic Products in D2		
RS				RS Study Support in M2	
SOCIOLOGY				Sociology Study Support in M1	
LEISURE & TOURISM / BUSINESS STUDIES				Leisure & Tourism / Business Studies Study Support	
GEOGRAPHY				Study Support in Mobile 6 Rivers Keywords Miss White	
HISTORY				Study Support in M4 Caracas Project Ms Knowles	
				History Focus Group	
AFTER SCHOOL					
PE		PE Study Support in W1 3.00pm to 4.00pm			
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Coursework Ninjas in D2		
MUSIC				Target Students' Study Support in D7 3.00pm to 4.00pm	