

This Week

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From the Principal:

Today Year 9 took part in our annual 'What's My Line?' day. This event traditionally marks the time when students are asked to begin to think about their course of study for the next two years of education.

We wish to thank those individuals, businesses and organisations who have so generously given a morning of their time. Their names will be published next week. We are continually seeking other employers who can help and are particularly interested in involving those who represent 'non-traditional' activities for girls and those who can help us to develop careers-related work in relation to our specialist areas of visual arts, mathematics and science.

Each year we look again at the interests, aptitudes and abilities of our students when decisions are made about courses to be offered in Years 10 and 11. We know that some students will have more success in one course than another. We also know that sometimes the choice of course is made for understandable, but perhaps not necessarily the right reasons – everything from the popularity of individual teachers and the choices of friends, to misunderstanding about the opportunities or requirements for progression at 16.

We look forward to seeing Year 9 students and their parents on Thursday 7 March at our Key Stage Four Information Evening where staff will be available to discuss GCSE courses on offer.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'We believe in ordinary acts of bravery, in the courage that drives one person to stand up for another.'

Veronica Roth, *Divergent*

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

6 March	KS4 Information Evening
13 March	HPV Injections
20 March	Year 7 Conkers Trip

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 14/02/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	96.9	7.6	98.8
	7.6	96.4	7.7	97.0
	7.1 & 7.4	96.1	7.8	96.7
Year 8	8.7	97.0	8.3	98.1
	8.8	96.6	8.2	97.6
	8.4	96.4	8.7	96.5
Year 9	9.5	96.8	9.5	99.2
	9.6	96.0	9.6	98.5
	9.2	95.9	9.2	97.1
Year 10	10.3	97.4	10.6	97.7
	10.4	96.3	10.4	97.6
	10.1	95.8	10.5	97.3
Year 11	11.6	96.4	11.9	99.2
	11.2	95.3	11.5	97.7
	11.3	95.2	11.6	97.0
Overall College attendance		95.1		95.5

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

As Year 11 students begin to focus on revision, parents can help in a number of ways:

- Reward your daughter's efforts to revise
- Reduce the number of chores that she has to do when exams start
- Make sure that the whole family keeps disturbances to a minimum
- Make sure that time is built in for exercise and recreation
- Respect your daughter's growing independence
- Help her to keep things in perspective
- Have a copy of the exam timetable at home so that you can provide encouragement for each exam.



Studies show that high parental interest is linked with better exam results than for children whose parents show no interest. How will you be supporting your daughter to give her the best chance of achieving success?

Useful websites for past papers and revision

- bbc.co.uk/schools/parents
- bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitsize
- gcseguide.co.uk
- gcse.com
- gcsepod.co.uk
- aqa.org.uk
- edexcel.org.uk
- ocr.org.uk
- wjec.co.uk

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YEAR 10 VISIT TO LONDON

On Tuesday 25 February, 29 students from Year 10 travelled to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and experience the London Eye. They enjoyed the 4D cinema experience before going on the London Eye, where clear views of London were enjoyed by all. We had a guide to point out all the interesting bits of the city when we were in the pod.

Afterwards, we walked across Westminster Bridge to Portcullis House where all people enter the Houses of Parliament. We had amazing opportunities to sit and listen to debates in the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Later we met Leon from the education service who ran a workshop about voting and elections. He encouraged friendly competition as we held our own mini election. Friendly tension was resolved through the ballot box. Finally we met Jon Ashworth, MP for Leicester South, and talked to him about matters in Leicester.

A fantastic day for all!



Tilly Wheatley, 10.3

STUDENTS PERFORM AT LEICESTER DAVE COMEDY FESTIVAL

Year 10 GCSE Drama students from Sir Jonathan North performed their comedy pieces as part of the Secondary School Showcase for the Leicester Dave Comedy Festival. The event was hosted by Regent College on Thursday 13 February to a very appreciative audience. Everyone in the GCSE class had created a comedy piece for their assessment and performed to a school audience. Some groups were taken to share their work with St. Paul's and Bushloe High School. This made for a fun and sociable night for students, staff and parents.

There was a lot of comedic talent shown and lots of laughter. Students enjoyed their experience and appreciated this opportunity.

'I enjoyed my time at Regent College. I loved seeing and working in a different environment. It was also fun to socialise with students from other schools and listen to their perception of how drama makes them think and feel. Overall it was a wonderful experience.'

Marina Brissett

'When I performed at Regent College, I really enjoyed it because it was a new experience. It was brilliant and I enjoyed everyone's pieces.'

Aylish Finn



Mrs Thornber, Team Leader Expressive Arts

STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11 Week Beginning 3 March 2014

DATES	03/03/2014	04/03/2014	05/03/2014	06/03/2014	07/03/2014
SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Study Support Textiles in D10 Food in D1 Graphic Products in D2		
DRAMA	Study Support				
GEOGRAPHY				Study Support in Mobile 6 River Features Miss White Study Support in M4 Olympic Park Ms Knowles	
HISTORY				History Focus Group	
LEISURE & TOURISM / BUSINESS STUDIES				Leisure & Tourism / Business Studies Study Support	
MATHS					Higher Tier (Mr Sube) For students who have completed their ICT only
MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES		Languages revision sessions / Preparation for assessments			
PE			PE Study Support in W1 1.15pm to 1.45pm		
RS				RS Study Support in M2	
SCIENCE	11.8 – Dr Thompson	Biology revision in L12 Ms Carrington	Chemistry revision with Ms Miah Yr 10 Study Buddies with Ms Carrington	Physics revision with Mrs Ball Yr 10 Study Buddies	Chemistry higher / foundation with Ms Carrington
SOCIOLOGY				Sociology Study Support in M1	
AFTER SCHOOL					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Coursework Ninjas in D2		
DRAMA	Study Support			Study Support 3-4pm or 5.30 – 7pm	
ENGLISH			Tackling the IMPRESSIONS Q in M9 with Miss Scott- Simons		
MATHS		Higher Tier (Mr Cooling)			
		Higher Tier (Mrs Ram) Aim for a B grade (targeted students) Mr Williams Foundation Tier (Mr Evans)			
MUSIC				Target Students Study Support in D7 3.00pm to 4.00pm	
PE		PE Study Support in W1 3.00pm to 4.00pm			
SCIENCE	Biology Higher – Ms Carrington Chemistry Foundation – Ms Variava Physics Higher – Mrs Ball Physics Foundation – Mr Taunton Chemistry Higher – Ms Miah			Physics – Mrs Ball	