

This Week

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From the Principal:

For Year 11 students this week marks an important milestone: they have seven College weeks before examinations begin. This term, all Year 11 students have an appointment with me to discuss their progress. They should now have their examination dates recorded and put in place a weekly revision timetable.

For some students, the message needs to be 'Continue to work steadily but don't put yourself under pressure!' For others, it is 'Wake up! You need to focus and take your studies more seriously.'

The attitude and approach students take between now and the examinations can make the difference between one grade and the next. We believe that encouragement and extra support – as well as challenge – are the ingredients for success. Your contribution as parents cannot be over-estimated.

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

13 March HPV Injections
20 March Year 7 Conkers Trip
27 March Leicester Schools Fashion Show (Yr 10 & 11)

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

| | Year to date | % | w/e 28/02/2014 | % |
|----------------------------|--------------|------|----------------|------|
| 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 |

HEARTSAFE LAUNCH EVENT

On 28 February two Year 10 students, both wishing to pursue a career in medicine, attended the Leicestershire Heartsafe launch event at The Leicester Tigers Rugby Ground. The Leicestershire Heartsafe Schools Programme is the first of its kind in the country, aiming to teach every Year 10 student in the country emergency and resuscitation skills. The scheme was developed with the help of the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust set up in memory of Joe who died, aged 14, from sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome.

Students received training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). At the end of the event, all schools were presented with their own AED device.

Our Heartsafe student ambassadors are Nishat Iqbal 10.7 and Megha Raj 10.1.

Nishat and Megha were given the opportunity to speak to medical professionals regarding career pathways and introduced to survivors of cardiac arrests.

'The Heartsafe event gave us the incredible opportunity to discover information about different careers within the medical profession, as well as receiving certified training in CPR and AED.'

Nishat Iqbal 10.7

'The Heartsafe event was truly inspiring. We gained a lot of valuable knowledge and skills. We also had the chance to speak to some of the survivors who were saved by CPR.'

Megha Raj 10.1



Mrs Maguire, Learning Development Team

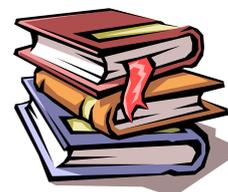
WORLD BOOK DAY – KS3 EVENT

As you may know, it is World Book Day on Thursday 6 March. To help celebrate this special event, the English Curriculum Team teachers are dressing up as characters from our favourite books.

Although World Book Day takes place on 6 March, we will be moving the day to Wednesday 12 March to enable **all KS3** students to participate in this exciting event.

The aim of the day is not just to encourage students to read as widely as possible for pleasure, but the day will also be an opportunity for your daughter to discuss her favourite characters and story plots she has enjoyed, as well as sharing what books she is reading at the moment and why.

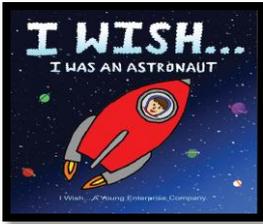
To help make this day even more special, we are inviting your daughter to dress up as her favourite character from a story too. Please note that your daughter's outfit should clearly be that of a character from a novel. This is not a non-uniform day.



Mr Waite, Curriculum Team Leader English

YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY 'I WISH...' FIRST SELLING EXPERIENCE

On Sunday 9 March the Young Enterprise company 'I Wish...' will sell to the public for the first time. They have written and produced the images in college for their own children's book called 'I Wish I Was an Astronaut'.



As part of the Young Enterprise Leicestershire Trade Fair, they will be selling in the Highcross Shopping Centre from 11am till 5 pm outside of Debenhams on the ground floor.

Their books are priced at £5 each or two for £9.

Mr Pope, Team Leader for Young Enterprise

GENDER EQUALITY

This week all students attended an assembly about gender equality. We looked at the role that women take in society and their struggles throughout history to fight for equal rights. Students found it quite surprising that many of the laws did not change until the 1970s and found some of the advertising from 1940 onwards highly amusing!

It was interesting to see the challenges that still remain in 2014 when there is still a 15 percent gap in pay between men and women in the UK. Many top careers are still male dominated – but our girls are ready for the challenge! We also looked at how men and women respect each other and how women have demanded respect from men and so we also now need to lead by example. I look forward to seeing the paths that our students take in the future.

Mrs Ram, Senior Assistant Principal

WHAT'S MY LINE?

Thank you very much to the 44 guests who attended our 'What's My Line?' careers event last week. Year 9 students found out what the guests' jobs were by asking questions and, as a consequence, discovered more about the different careers. This event was timed to encourage students to start to think about possible career paths before choosing their GCSE options.

The majority of our guests were female and included ex-students, parents and employers who offer apprenticeships. Our students found it interesting that one ex-student is a Film Producer and that we currently have a Quantity Surveyor on site.

One of our guests commented that it had raised awareness of their career. Another said that it had widened students' horizons on what careers are available.

A group from 9.2 said, 'it was very good as we got to meet people who are in jobs we wouldn't have thought of.' Students in 9.4 said, 'it was good because we were given a good idea about qualifications and different jobs.'



| Job Titles |
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| Area Food Manager |
| Aroma/Complementary Therapist |
| Assembly Engineer Apprentice |
| Assistant Quantity Surveyor |
| Associate Film Producer |
| Builder/Housing Construction Trainer |
| Building Planning Officer (Development Control) |
| Clerk Of Works, Highways Division |
| Dance Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer |
| Catering Development Manager |
| Education Welfare Officer |
| Leisure Centre Facility Manager |
| Fashion Design Lecturer |
| GP |
| Hairdressing Lecturer |
| Hospital Pharmacist |
| Intensive Care Nurse |
| Junior Doctor |
| Land/Topographical Surveyor |
| Legal Adviser, Magistrates Court |
| Midwife Practitioner |
| Credit Card New Business Manager |
| Office Manager/Site Secretary |
| University Outreach Assistant |
| Paediatric Nurse |
| Policy Official/Civil Servant |
| Radiographer |
| Relationship Director (Bank Manager) |
| Relationship Support Manager |
| Senior Lecturer, Midwifery Admissions Tutor |
| Senior Technician, Highways Management Systems |
| Senior Transportation Engineer |
| Solicitor/Head of Legal Services |
| Student and Special Constable |
| Student Recruitment Officer |
| Tractor Engineering Apprentice |
| Trade and Working Capital Manager |
| University Teacher in Electronics |
| Weapon Technician/Aircraft Engineer |
| Youth Project Leader |

Ms Mason, Information Advice and Guidance

STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11
Week Beginning 10 March 2014

| DATES | 10/03/2014 | 11/03/2014 | 12/03/2014 | 13/03/2014 | 14/03/2014 |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|
| 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 Development & Economics Miss White Study Support in M4 Migration (National) MS Knowles | |
| HISTORY | | | | History Study Support 1.10pm to 1.40pm Unit 1A | |
| 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 | | PE Coursework Deadline |
| 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 | | |
| ENGLISH | | | Tackling the Viewpoints / Attitude Q in M9 with Ms Foley English revision with Mr Waite in M10 | | |
| 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 | |