

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

It is exciting to report that the new Latimer Building is due to open to students on Tuesday 29 April 2014. The project remains on schedule. Many staff have visited the new building and the response has been very positive – they loved the space, design and colour. Members of the Student Executive have also toured the new building and were excited by the new science laboratories in particular.

The science and maths teams move into the new Latimer Building during April. In order to facilitate the move, the College has permission to close for the day on Monday 28 April. Parents were informed earlier this term. Our priority is that the whole College is ready for students when they arrive at school on Tuesday 29 April.

We are making special plans to introduce students to the new building. We plan to show students virtual tours in advance of the move and will run assemblies in new Latimer on the first day back so that all students feel comfortable in the new environment and start the new term with enthusiasm for learning.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.'

Mahatma Gandhi

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

20 March Year 7 Conkers Trip  
27 March Leicester Schools' Fashion Show (Yr 10 & 11)  
10 April Year 10 London Trip

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 07/03/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	96.9	7.7	97.8
	7.6	96.5	7.4 & 7.5	97.6
	7.1	96.3	7.1	97.4
Year 8	8.7	96.8	8.7	98.9
	8.8	96.6	8.6 & 8.8	96.7
	8.4	96.4	8.1 & 8.5	96.1
Year 9	9.5	96.8	9.5	97.1
	9.6	96.0	9.6	96.2
	9.2	95.9	9.8	96.1
Year 10	10.3	97.4	10.3	97.0
	10.4	96.3	10.4	96.1
	10.1	95.8	10.1	95.8
Year 11	11.6	96.4	11.6	96.2
	11.2	95.3	11.2	95.5
	11.3	95.2	11.9	95.4
Overall College attendance		95.1		94.9

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11



Year 11 interviews are coming in thick and fast now. Most students will have had at least one interview and I expect many will soon be receiving offers of places.

Please note, the written offer of a place at college is dependent upon achieving the predicted grades on the LeCAP form and continued excellent attendance and punctuality.

This is a very busy time for controlled coursework deadlines and preparation for the Expressive Art exams, beginning in two weeks' time. We appreciate students are feeling the pressure of deadlines and exam preparation. It is important that they have their time carefully planned, so they feel able to cover the work and revision required, but also that they include regular breaks and exercise. Please encourage your daughters to make the most of the revision sessions on offer in college (see timetable) and to speak to their Assertive Mentor or teacher if they feel they would benefit from additional help or guidance.

Good luck to everyone still to be interviewed! We look forward to hearing how well you have all done.

Shirley Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

## YEAR 9 TRIP – GLOBE THEATRE

The trip to the Globe Theatre was an unforgettable experience. One of the highlights was watching actors rehearse the Merchant of Venice (which 9A1 and 9B1 are studying) in the Globe. We also participated in a workshop where we learnt about the theatre and acting, as well as practising a scene from Romeo and Juliet.



Isabella Guzy- Kirkden and Balpreet Bains, 9.1

## SHAKESPEARE TRIP – YEAR 8

Due to the weather, our trip to Stratford initially appeared far from the perfect day out we had all hoped for. Fortunately for us, rain or not, the day was educational and, most importantly, fun for all!

We visited the RSC Theatre and Shakespeare's Birthplace, learning so many interesting things about the poet and writer extraordinaire that was William Shakespeare.

Francesca Santy, 8.1



## SEAL RESILIENCE TASKS YEARS 7-9

This half term, Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been planning and designing resilience tasks/activities during SEAL time. The overall aim of their activities is to improve skills such as communication, questioning, listening and organisation, as well as skills to help them stay positive whilst learning!

The creativity and originality of all year groups have been outstanding, with groups planning tasks such as treasure hunts, obstacle courses and murder mysteries. Some students have also gone that extra mile and created resources and bought their own prizes for the winners of their tasks.

Over the next couple of weeks, students in Years 8 and 9 will be delivering their best tasks to their sister tutor groups to pass on their skills in resilience to other students. I look forward to seeing all the amazing work and ideas!

**Ms Matthew, Team Leader for SEAL**

## SPORT RELIEF – FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Next Friday is Sport Relief, and we at Sir Jonathan North intend to raise money to help vulnerable people in both the UK and the world's poorest countries. At the heart of the campaign is the 'Sport Relief Mile'. WE ARE GOING TO GIVE IT A GO!

Students are reminded of the following information:

**Lesson 1: All of Year 7 will be taking part in the Mile**

**Lesson 2: All of Year 8 will be taking part in the Mile**

**Lesson 3: All of Year 9 will be taking part in the Mile**

**Lesson 4: Year 11, if you are in PE for this lesson,**

**please ensure you bring your trainers: you will be doing the Mile too!**



You need to come straight to the Sports Hall and change into clothing appropriate for physical activity. You **MUST** wear trainers. **NO JEANS!** Please wear as much **RED CLOTHING** as possible. The Mile will take place on the field.

We will have some collection buckets so if you have any spare change, please help us raise as much as we can for Sport Relief whilst taking part in the Mile with your friends.

Thanks to all staff and students involved.

**Miss Green, PE Team**

## VISIT TO WARWICK CASTLE

On Thursday 27 February, 103 students from Year 7 visited Warwick Castle to enhance their understanding of the castle's defences and of life in the Middle Ages. The students had an opportunity to see a variety of things such as the Kingmakers's Exhibition, State Rooms and the birds of prey. They also climbed the highest tower of the castle and most managed to walk through all the rooms of the haunted dungeons.

The trip was a huge success.

*'The Warwick Castle trip was amazing, especially the scary dungeons!'*

**Naailah Bheda (7.1)**

*'I enjoyed going into the dungeons at Warwick Castle because it was interesting, even though I was scared! I also enjoyed walking around the Great Hall and seeing all the wax people!'*

**Humairaa Patel (7.1)**

**Mrs Moreton, Humanities Team**

## MATHS CHALLENGE

On Tuesday 4 March, we took part in the UKMT United Kingdom Maths Challenge at Grace Dieu Manor School in Coalville.

Over the course of the day, we took part in a variety of activities which developed our abilities in problem solving, thinking logically, working as part of a team and, of course, maths. The day was split into 4 rounds: a group challenge, a cross-number, shuttle run and a relay race.

At the end of the day we found out we had come 16<sup>th</sup>. We were pleased not to be last because it was very challenging!

We really enjoyed the day and want to thank Miss Mistry for taking us.

**By Charlotte Rainton, Mia Loyal,  
Victoria Schofield and Tasmina Rashid**

## CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 5 March, talented Dance students in Years 9 and 10 attended a workshop after school in the Dance Studio. The two hour workshop was provided by the CAT scheme (Centre for Advanced Training) and focused on contemporary technique and improvisation. The session was delivered by one of their resident dance artists, Mel Knott, and the class was accompanied by a live musician. The students worked very hard and rose to every challenge they were given.

*'We enjoyed the workshop very much especially the live musician. It has helped us in our GCSE Dance course to reach our full potential.'* **Tia Sutton and Lauren Hollingsworth**

*'Taking part in the CAT workshop was a great way to enhance our ability, expand our skills base and learn all about an exciting scheme.'* **Josie Stephens and Megan Slater**

For more information about the CAT scheme and their audition dates see the following website:

<http://www.dance4.co.uk/young-people/project/cat-centre-advanced-training/young-people/opportunity/centre-advanced-training-free-open-taster-event>

**Mrs Glynn, Expressive Arts Team**

**STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11**  
**Week Beginning 17 March 2014**

DATES	17/03/2014	18/03/2014	19/03/2014	20/03/2014	21/03/2014
SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCH</b>					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Study Support Textiles in D10 Food in D1 Graphic Products in D2		
HISTORY			11Hi3 complete Coursework Part B in their lesson	History Study Support 1.10pm to 1.40pm Unit 1A	11Hi3: The transformation of British Society c1815-c1851 3.00pm to 3.45pm with Mr Hartley in M5
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	
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
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Coursework Ninjas in D2		
ENGLISH			Writer's Craft – the How does the writer Q in M9 with Ms Cowling		
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	