

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

We are pleased to report that 222 students achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term and 128 have 100% attendance so far this academic year. The whole college attendance figure to date is 95.1%.

It is well known that students who have good attendance at school feel happier, find it easier to make and keep friends, achieve more and have better prospects of employment and further education and training. What is less well known is that for every 17 days of school missed each year, a student will see her GCSE results drop by a grade! This could have a lasting effect on her future prospects.

As parents you can help to encourage good attendance by taking a positive interest in your daughter's work, by working together with the College if attendance is a concern and by ensuring that you arrange any appointments (e.g. dental check-ups, visits to the GP) outside College hours.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'A child is born with the potential ability to learn Chinese or Swahili, play a kazoo, climb a tree, make a strudel or a birdhouse.'

Anonymous

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

27 March Leicester Schools' Fashion Show (Yr 10 & 11)  
10 April Year 10 London Trip  
14-25 April Break up for Easter

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 14/03/2014	%
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		94.1



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

Assertive mentor meetings are now drawing to a close after the final Year 11 track. Students should now be following their revision plan alongside attending as many of the revision sessions as they can – see next week's timetable.

Students have many opportunities and resources at their fingertips to support their revision. They need to get their revision notes completed and use some of the revision techniques they found out about during the In2ition event or from their subject teachers. Whatever works for them.

If anyone feels she is struggling, whether it is on a particular topic or just working out what to prioritise when, she should speak to teachers, tutors, assertive mentors, learning mentors or me. Don't 'suffer in silence' or 'down tools'. We are here to help.

We also are delighted to be able to tell you that we have recently engaged additional help in maths from some of our ex-students attending QE. They are all studying A level maths and will be offering their support to over 50 students.

Expressive Arts preparation will need to be the main focus for most students next week as the Expressive Arts exams begin on Monday 31 March. Good luck to everyone.

Assembly on Monday (24 April) will be a presentation from the National Citizenship Service about a fantastic opportunity available in the summer break – don't miss it!

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

## TRIP TO CURVE THEATRE TO SEE HAIRSPRAY

On Wednesday 19 March, the Expressive Arts team took 45 students from Years 7-9 to see the hit musical Hairspray at Curve Theatre in Leicester.



The set, props, live band, as well as the fantastic singing, acting and dancing, combined to create a show stopping performance. One of the highlights was seeing two ex-students performing as backing dancers in the production.

A great night was had by all and by the end of the show they literally had us out of our seats dancing!

Mrs Glynn, Expressive Arts Team

## NETBALL REPORT

On Thursday 20 March, our Year 8 and 9 teams played a netball match against Rushey Mead. The Year 8s won successfully by 18-5. At the end of the first half, the score was 11-2 to Sir Jonathan North. Their defending and shooting were really good. The defenders made a lot of interceptions and marked the ball well, not giving Rushey Mead a chance. They played very well as a team. It was a successful win for Sir Jonathan North Community College.

Here is the Year 8 team:

Katie Wilson, Charlotte Rainton, Lois Taylor, Katie Simmons, Evie Loyal, Anna Copping, Neve Considine, Josie Chappell, Phoebe Parkes, Jess Gulliver, Grace Jowsey, Devina Fergus .

The Year 9 team also did a great job and they won 5-2. At the end of the first half, their score was 3-1. They, too, defended very and tried their best. They marked their opponents effectively and their shooting was skilful. Their teamwork was amazing. All of the girls were fantastic!

The Year 9 team was:

Tafadzwa Chadenga, Kim Wadyewata, Mugabi Musinguzi, Simran Bhatti, Lizzie Stapleton (plus some students from Year 8)

Well done, Sir Jonathan North Community College!

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## YOUNG ENTERPRISE COMPANY EXCEL AT TRADE FAIRS

The Young Enterprise company, 'I Wish...', has attended two Young Enterprise Trade Fairs recently. They attended the Leicestershire Trade Fair in The Highcross Shopping Centre on Sunday 9 March, selling 20 books to the public. They then attended the Young Enterprise National Trade Fair at Stratford upon Avon on Saturday 15 March selling 10 books.

Both trade fairs are not just selling events but also there is also a competition for the Best Trade Stand. Unfortunately they did not win any prizes in the Leicestershire Trade Fair but were 'Highly Commended' at the National Trade Fair winning £50 in prize money. This is only the second time that one of our companies has won a prize at the National Trade Fair and shows what a tremendous effort all of the team have put into their product and trade stand.



We wish them luck at the Leicestershire Area Final on Wednesday 2 April at Loughborough University.

**Mr Pope, Young Enterprise Team Leader**

## SEAL REPRESENTATIVES

Next week Year 7 and 8 students will be nominating 2 students in their Tutor Group to be **SEAL Representatives** for their form.

**Representatives will be responsible for:**

- attending SEAL meetings
- planning and delivering SEAL sessions to the class
- helping your form tutor to deliver SEAL
- encouraging and motivating others
- organising resources and feeding back to Miss Matthew
- giving out prizes
- taking photos and recording work
- making sure that all students are improving their social and emotional skills every week!



Each representative will receive a book and a SEAL badge. At the end of the year, they will receive a **certificate and prize** as a reward for all of their hard work! 😊

**Who will you give your vote to?**

**Ms Matthew, Teacher responsible for SEAL**

## SIR JONATHAN NORTH SCHOOL SONG

We need your help!

As part of preparations for the move into our new buildings, we have all been busy de-cluttering cupboards and drawers around the building. Amongst all the detritus we made an amazing discovery – the school song! Nobody even knew that we had one. However, there it was, extolling the virtues of the city fathers in creating Sir Jonathan North Community College and enjoining us all to “reach to our star, our guiding star”.

Here is the full text:

*City fathers, in their wisdom,  
Planned our school and gardens gay,  
And that we are Leicester children  
Cinquefoils on our badge display.  
Then the leader of that council  
Gave our school his honoured name  
On our badge a star reminds us  
Of his service and his fame.*

*As a ship, on boundless oceans  
Sets its course on journeys far,  
So may we, in life's endeavours  
Fix our gaze on a heavn'ly star.  
Looking upwards, striving always  
In our work and in our play,  
Finding guidance, steadfast courage  
As we travel on life's way.*

*Reach to the star, to the highest away,  
Whether in work or whether in play.  
Reach to the star, to the highest away,  
Reach to our star, our guiding star.*

Now, here is the problem. No one knows the tune it was sung to, hence this appeal. Do you know anyone who can help us – perhaps an old girl of the college? We would love to be able to match words to music and, who knows, maybe even revive this old tradition! If you do know, Mrs Merrills would be delighted to hear from you.

**Mrs Cowling, Lead Teacher for Literacy**

## STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11

### Week Beginning 24 March 2014

DATES	24/03/2014	25/03/2014	26/03/2014	27/03/2014	28/03/2014
SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCH</b>					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Study Support Textiles in D10 Food in D1 Graphic Products in D2		
GEOGRAPHY				Study Support in Mobile 6 Caracas Project & Toyota Miss White Study Support in M4 Migration (International) Ms Knowles	
HISTORY				History Study Support 1.10pm to 1.40pm Unit 3A	
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	
<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	