

This Week

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From the Principal:

The opening of the new Latimer Building is drawing ever closer and the college landscape is changing daily as ground works to the exterior of the building begin to take place.

Both students and staff are very excited about using the new facilities at the start of the Summer Term. As you can imagine, there is currently much work going on behind the scenes as teaching and support staff liaise with Miller Construction to move into this amazing new facility.

We are pleased to announce that the Assistant Mayor, Councillor Vi Dempster, will be visiting our new accommodation on 15 May 2014.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Charity is no substitute for justice withheld.'

St Augustine

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

8 April Parent Forum, 5.30 pm
 10 April Year 10 London Trip
 14-25 April Break up for Easter
 29 April School Re-opens at 11 am

VOTE FOR INSPIRATIONAL QUOTATIONS

As part of our preparations for the Maths and Science team move into the new building over Easter, we have been looking at some inspirational quotations to put on display. Students will get the opportunity to vote for their favourite quotations in tutor time but we would like to involve parents and carers too.

Please vote for your favourite Maths and Science quotations by emailing the number/letter to sjncc@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk by 1pm on Wednesday 2 April 2014.

Science

- 'Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.' **Albert Einstein**
- 'Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.' **Carl Sagan**
- 'Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.' **Marie Curie**
- 'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning.' **Albert Einstein**

Maths

- 'Mathematics is a great motivator for all humans... because its career starts with 'zero' but it never ends (infinity).' **R Vignesh**
- 'Mathematics is like true love – a simple idea but can get complicated...' **Ricky Gakhar**
- 'Go down deep enough into anything and you will find mathematics.' **Dean Schlichter**

Dr Thompson, Assistant Principal

EXPRESSIVE ARTS PRACTICAL EXAMS

The GCSE Expressive Arts practical exams take place from Monday 31 March to Monday 7 April inclusive. All students in Year 11 taking Drama, Dance, Art and Music will have exams during this time and were given a timetable in January. The timetable can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter and on the college website.

Mrs Broughton, Exams Team

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 21/03/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	96.7	7.5	99.2
	7.5 & 7.6	96.3	7.4	98.4
	7.7	96.2	7.7	97.7
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		95.0		94.9

PARENT FORUM – ALL WELCOME

The Parent Forum meets termly to discuss issues that are important to parents, students and staff. We would like to invite parents and carers to a meeting on Tuesday 8 April at 5.30 pm.

The meeting will last for an hour and take place in the Macaulay Lounge. This meeting will be an information session about the potential dangers of shisha pens.

If you are able to join us, please send an email for the attention of Sarah Carter (scarter@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) or telephone the College and leave a message.

We look forward to seeing you.

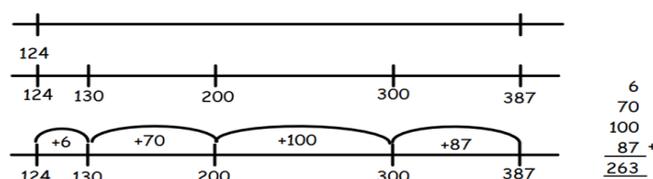
Alison Merrills

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

STUDENT COUNCIL CHARITY REVIEW

As you are aware, over the past year, as a school we have been raising money for various charities. As a group, our students are very keen to raise substantial sums of money for charity. So, just to give you a mid-year review, we are informing you of the money raised so far...

On Friday 15 November we paid 50p to dress in non-uniform. Also, Student Council Representatives helped to sell Children in Need wristbands during registration. Along with this, 9.6 sold cakes, cookies and various other sweet treats at their Pudsey Café. Altogether we raised **£1100 for Children in Need**.

Also, leading up to Valentine's Day, the Student Council sold roses to give to friends for £2 each. We raised **£100**. The money was chosen to be donated to **Target Ovarian Cancer**.

Last Christmas, in tutor groups, students raised money together and then bought a present to give to a child with cancer who was in hospital for Christmas. The Laura Crane Trust received these presents and along with this, some students sold cakes and raised a further £150.

Throughout the past year, we have also had a number of non-school uniform days. From these events, we have raised **£1500**. The money raised has been split equally between our chosen charities **Girls Fund, RSPCA and Make A Wish**, each receiving £500.

On behalf of the Student Council, we would like to thank you for your outstanding cooperation throughout the past year to raise **£2750** for various charities. With your support we hope to raise even more in the years to come. Well done!

The Student Council Executive

SIR JONATHAN NORTH SCHOOL SONG CAN YOU HELP?

Last week we printed the full text of the Sir Jonathan North school song which was discovered as we have been preparing for the move into our new accommodation.

If you know a former student who can help us match the words to music, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Alison Merrills

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS!

On Wednesday 19 March, three Year 7 students competed in the regional final of the Foreign Language Spelling Bee at Corby Business Academy. This is a competition especially for Year 7 learners of a foreign language. The regional final involves them being able to spell as many words as possible in French from a list of one hundred and fifty words within sixty seconds.

Well over fifty schools were involved but the competitors from Sir Jonathan North were incredible. They beat off strong competition from students from all over the East Midlands to take TWO of the four places available for the national final which will take place in Cambridge at the Anglia Ruskin University, in July.

All three of our students had worked extremely hard in preparation for the event and put in phenomenal performances. Congratulations to Anika Goddard, who won first place, and to Neha Datta, who came third. Special mention to Aasiya Mahomed, who also performed extremely well.

Well done girls! We are very proud of all of you.

'There were three language categories: French, German and Spanish. All three of us were competing in French and, because so many other students were also doing French, we were divided into two groups. The eight best students overall went through to the next round to determine who would be attending the final at Cambridge.'

Anika Goddard, 7.1

'It was a fantastic experience and I am really proud to be part of it.'

Neha Datta, 7.8

'Even though I didn't get through, I am really glad I took part because I've learned so many new words and become really good at spelling in French.'

Aasiya Mahomed, 7.3



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

Students have been working hard over the last few weeks preparing for the Expressive Arts exams which begin on Monday. We are pleased to see how many students have come to additional sessions to ensure their preparation is thorough – we wish you all the very best.

In addition to this, there have been mock exams in science which will help students to focus on the specific areas each individual needs to conquer to ensure the best possible science result.

Intensive, targeted revision sessions are well underway (see calendar attached). Please plan your time efficiently to be sure you don't miss out or overload yourself.

Though it is a busy and stressful time, hold onto the thought of the pleasure you will have when you proudly open your results in August and there are only 19 more get ups before the main body of exams and Prom is on the 20 June! Make sure you get some rest over the weekend.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

Mrs Fisher, Modern Foreign Languages Team

JOURNALISM CLUB

Do you want to see more articles written by Year 8 and 9 students in This Week?

We hope to write short articles about different topics, including movies, events, books and interviews. For more information, or to contribute, come to M11 on Monday and Friday lunchtimes.

The first Journalism Club pieces are

THE HUNGER GAMES

Uprising. Rebellions. Danger. Secrets. Death. Everyone has been waiting for the sequel of The Hunger Games. Finally, it has come out on DVD, following a highly rated cinema debut. After winning the Hunger Games once, Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark are forced to go through the fear of surviving the Games once again. The residents of the districts come together to strike against The Hunger Games. But the question that everyone's been wondering about is: which side will Katniss and Peeta join?

Soon they discover that the winners of the previous Hunger Games have to fight for survival in the Quarter Quell. It is a matter of life and death! Katniss must fight, as the only female winner from her district, but which of her closest (and only) friends will she be competing against: Peeta or Haymitch?

The courageous Katniss, from the previous Hunger Games, seems to have changed. Finding out that she will be forced to re-live Games, she is haunted by memories of the devastating first event. Along her way, she discovers some of the secrets of the political world that supports the games. With romance in the air and danger lurking around, this time there can only be one winner, champion and survivor... Don't miss The Hunger Games Catching Fire!

By **Karanbir Sahdra, Amanpreet Kaur and Aini Aden**

Miss Scott-Simons and the Journalism Club

WARNER BROTHERS STUDIO TOUR REVIEW

From Hagrid's motorcycle to an 18 foot wide Aragog, everything in the Warner Bros studio tour, London- the making of Harry Potter, is as wonderful and up close as it is on the big screen.

The Harry Potter film series may have ended but did you really think that the Warner Bros were about to let their billion dollar boy fade away? No!

The latest money spinner is the Harry Potter studio tour, offering all you "Pott Heads" known to "Muggles" (non magical folk) as fans, an exclusive behind the scenes look at how the epic films were made. There's no doubting that you won't be pleased because it's the real deal. The original film sets, the original props, the original costumes. All on display at the fabulous studio tour.

Once you have entered the tour, you won't be able to exit it, as the tour only goes one way. The first part is a guided tour, but you can purchase a digital guide to take around with you if you would prefer.

As you make your way around the tour, you will be able to:

- take a wand duelling class
- visit the Ministry of Magic
- get your picture taken on a broom or the flying car
- taste Butter Beer, walk down Diagon Alley and a lot more!

As the tour comes to an end, you will arrive at the studio gift shop, where you can purchase anything from wands to chocolate frogs. So, if you're planning on going there, just be prepared to have an amazing experience.

By **Lily Gilbert and Maddy Nyombi**

GCSE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DATES 2014 MONDAY 31 MARCH to MONDAY 7 APRIL (INCLUSIVE)

All Year 11 students are required to attend College during this period when they will follow their normal timetable except when they are attending a practical exam.

DATE	TIMING	SUBJECT
MONDAY, 31ST MARCH	ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY ALLOCATED TIME ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 2 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 2 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 2 MS. MUIR ART OPTION 2 MR. REDMAN MUSIC OPTION 2 MS. PARIS BTEC PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE) OPTION 2 MS. MATTHEWS
TUESDAY, 1ST APRIL	ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 1 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 1 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 1 MS. MUIR
WEDNESDAY, 2ND APRIL	ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY ALLOCATED TIME ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 2 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 2 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 2 MS. MUIR ART OPTION 2 MR. REDMAN MUSIC OPTION 2 MS. PARIS BTEC PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE) OPTION 2 MRS. GLYNN
THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL	ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 1 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 1 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 1 MS. MUIR
FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL	ALLOCATED TIME ALL DAY ALL DAY ALL DAY ALLOCATED TIME ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 2 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 2 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 2 MS. MUIR ART OPTION 2 MR. REDMAN MUSIC OPTION 2 MS. PARIS BTEC PERFORMING ARTS (DANCE) OPTION 2 MRS. GLYNN
MONDAY, 7TH APRIL	ALLOCATED TIME ALL DAY ALL DAY	DRAMA OPTION 1 MRS. THORNBER ART OPTION 1 MS. RHODES ART OPTION 1 MS. MUIR



National Science and Engineering Week at Sir Jonathan North



National Science and Engineering week (NSEW) was celebrated in a number of ways last week with about 200 students taking part in extra curricular Science activities.

On Friday 14th March, 28 Y8 Gifted and Talented students went to a Chemistry lecture at De Montfort Hall. The title of the lecture was "**The Modern Alchemist**".

The lecturer, Dr Peter Wothers from Cambridge University, started off by setting fire to some (seemingly) normal cottonwool. He then went on to explain the atomic structure of some of the elements, followed by more fire and experiments. To end the whole thing, he set fire to a huge balloon of hydrogen. A great and informative outing.

Chloe Wardle 8.1

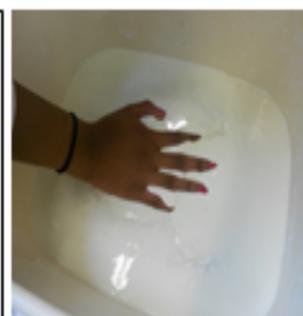
On Wednesday 18 March **Zoolab** gave Year 7 and Year 8 students an experience of touching and learning about a number of different animals: a millipede, giant African snail, rat, corn snake and a beetle. The students were told about the animals' adaptations and habitats.



National Demo day took place on Thursday 19 March the iodine clock was demonstrated during chemistry lessons. This meant that Sir Jonathan North got onto the British Demo Day map. Please visit www.britishecienceassociation.org/national-science-engineering-week to find the map. Students loved the demo, with comments like 'it's magic' and 'it is like Harry Potter!'



During lunchtime on Thursday 19 March, eight **science sessions** took place. Students had the chance to make and eat cinder toffee, paint with red cabbage indicator and walk on and feel corn flour/water mixture. All students received a NSEW certificate for attending.



In conjunction with the LRC, students were asked to take part in a **3D poster competition** about 'Something that has made a difference to the world in their lifetime and why?' Prizes include a NSEW T-shirt and bag, astronaut ice cream, balloons and pencils. All entrants will receive a prize, and winners will be announced on 31 March.

Finally, two Year 10 students have been selected to attend national **science residential courses** – Madeline Gray-French will be attending a science master class at Cambridge University in April and Dhuha Al-Shekhly will be going to a Salter's Chemistry Camp in the University of Sussex in June. Congratulations to both students.

STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11 Week Beginning 31 March 2014

DATES	31/03/2014	01/04/2014	02/04/2014	03/04/2014	04/04/2014
SUBJECT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Study Support Textiles in D10 Food in D1 Graphic Products in D2		
GEOGRAPHY				Study Support in Mobile 6 Globalisation and industrial impact on the environment Miss White Study Support in M4 River features 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	
AFTER SCHOOL					
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Coursework Ninjas in D2		
ENGLISH			Tackling the Comparison Q in M9 with Ms Guzy		
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	