

This Week

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From the Principal:

As the summer term begins we welcome back all students.

It has been a very exciting start to the term with the opening of our new Latimer building, housing our new dining facilities, maths and science suites. Feedback from students has been very positive indeed with many comments about colour, space and light. Students are particularly pleased with their new covered outside seating area.

For Year 11 students, it is their final term at Sir Jonathan North. In lessons they will be given advice and support about the examinations they will sit. We want to emphasise to students that this final part of the year is a time when close contact with their teachers is very important. It is also an ideal time to check again that someone at home is clear about the dates and times of all the exams.

Year 11 students have been given advice about effective revision and the importance of healthy eating, exercise, relaxation and getting plenty of sleep to make sure they are learning effectively. We hope that students feel well prepared and we are confident that there will be some very good results!

Alison Merrills

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

It seems hard to believe that there are only four more 'get ups' until the main block of exams begins and then just 2 more weeks to Half Term, after which Exam Preparation time begins.

On **Tuesday 6 May** (after the Monday Bank Holiday break) there will be a **Year 11 assembly where final exam instructions** will be given including explaining to students how Exam Preparation time works. Be there!

For parents/carers, this is the way **Exam Preparation time** works

- **Once the exams begin** (Monday 12 May), Year 11 students **continue to attend school full-time in College Dress**.
- If they have an **exam in the morning**, they go directly to behind the Sports Hall for 8.45 am. For **afternoon exams** they need to be there by 1.45 pm.
- If they are in a **lesson where they have completed their exams**, they use this time to do quiet revision, so it is important they come equipped with the necessary revision materials.
- **After Half Term**, Year 11 students only need to come into College to:
 1. attend the lessons in any subjects where they still have an exam
 2. sit their exams. (Be on time!)
- Students will need to **sign in at new Visitor Reception** (*next to cycle shelters/new Latimer building*) if they are attending lessons or go straight to the examination room where they will be registered. See *Exam Preparation Timetable in 'GCSE Examinations Information Booklet'*. This is also available on the college website.
- Please note that students must only go to the rooms allocated on the Exam Preparation Timetable, not to D15, the Learning Mentors (unless they have a previously arranged appointment) or to other lessons.
- Students are expected to follow the College Dress Code when in College for revision lessons and whilst taking exams.

All the additional revision sessions are available to all. Please encourage all students to attend – we had a poor response this week – maybe getting out of holiday mode?

As there is only one week to go before the exams start, I strongly advise parents/students to focus on exam preparation and attend all study support sessions offered.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
6 May	Year 10 Work Experience (2 weeks)
14 May	Summer Music Concert
15 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 25/04/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	96.5	7.5	99.2
	7.4	96.4	7.4	98.4
	7.5 & 7.7	96.3	7.7	97.8
Year 8	8.8	97.0	8.8	99.3
	8.6 & 8.7	96.9	8.6	98.9
	8.3	95.5	8.2	97.2
Year 9	9.5	97.3	9.5	98.9
	9.6	96.2	9.6	96.2
	9.2 & 9.8	95.5	9.2	95.7
Year 10	10.3	97.1	10.4	97.9
	10.4	96.5	10.7	96.2
	10.1	95.5	10.3	95.8
Year 11	11.6	96.1	11.5	99.2
	11.9	95.7	11.6	97.0
	11.2	95.5	11.9	96.0
Overall College attendance		95.0		94.1

LUNCHTIME MENU UPDATE

It has been necessary for City Catering to remove halal meat from the present lunchtime menus.

This has been replaced with a vegetarian option. For additional information please see attached letter.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

A LOVELY END TO LAST TERM

This is an outstanding College with an excellent reputation. That reputation comes largely from our students. It is always a pleasure at the end of each term to reward those students who have done well throughout the term.

At the end of last term we did just this and almost 900 students attended our reward events. To be eligible for their reward, students needed to have demonstrated good attendance, punctuality and behaviour throughout the term. Their reward last term was an Easter egg each – which went down incredibly well!

Thank you to those students for all the contributions you have made to the life of the College last term, whether it was in lessons, in fund-raising, in sport, music or drama, or helping visitors. You are the people who make the College successful!

We have already started planning our end of year reward – which is our annual trip to Drayton Manor, and we are looking forward to seeing even more students eligible for this at the end of the Summer Term.

Year Team Leaders

READATHON 2014

Just before Easter, Year 7 students took part in the Readathon, a sponsored reading marathon to raise money for various charities which help very sick children. **So far about 60 students have raised nearly £900.**

Where the money goes

The money raised is divided between three charities: CLIC Sargent which provides support to children and young people with cancer; the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity which helps children and young people who are seriously ill and disabled and Readwell, a charity which provides books and funding for storytellers in children's hospitals.

Many students still need to return their sponsor money. Please return it to your English teacher with your sponsor card, in an envelope with your name and the name of your English teacher on it so we can get your special certificate to you.

Thank you on behalf of the English Team.

Mrs Morris, English Team

EASTER TREAT - LONDON THEATRE TRIP

35 Year 10 students and 4 staff had an end of term Easter treat to London. The sun shone throughout the stay making the visits to Covent Garden exceptional. The varied street performances caused excitement and delight. 'Billy Elliot' was dynamic and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' was extremely clever, with the staging really making the Magical world inside the factory.

We stayed at the Thistle Barbican, which was excellent, and staff and students really appreciated the quality of the rooms and the many choices at breakfast.

The Street Dance workshops at Pineapple studios were amazing, led by very talented people.



Student comments:

'The shows were amazing and realistic. I enjoyed learning a variety of dance styles at Pineapple Studios. Overall, it was a wonderful experience and money well spent.' **Marina Brissett**

'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was amazing; the colours, lights, props used were all so detailed and bright. Loved every minute.' **Olivia Bennett**

'Just felt like dancing when I saw Billy Elliot' **Emma Herbert**

Mrs Thornber, Team Leader Expressive Arts

ACCENTURE ADVENTURE

On Friday 11 April, Year 8 girls had the opportunity to go to a large Management Consulting firm, Accenture, for a day of app building with women from the technology industry.

"After a long bus ride to London, we arrived in the very plush offices of Accenture on Fenchurch Street in Central London (next door to the building that melts cars!). After collecting our ID badges, we had drinks and pastries and started by building an app with help from User Experience consultants, Rita and Emily.

Before lunch we were given a brief for a website that we were going to use to build an app and we brainstormed ideas for what should feature in an information app about flooding.



After lunch, we went straight to the top secret room where they have lots of amazing technology, including the largest touch screen in Europe (but being secret, we can't tell you about it). After our tour, we finished building our information apps about floods and flood health and safety. After this, we presented to the lady who is third in charge of Accenture in the UK, our teachers and User Experience consultants. They announced Evie Spooner, 8.9 and Chloe Wardle, 8.1 as the winners. We all received Accenture goodie bags before returning home.

It was a great day where we got to experience what life is like in the technology industry."

Leah Fittock and Eleutheria Brissett, Year 8

STUDENTS' CORNER: NEWS AND ARTICLES

SOUNDS OF ASIA

The Sounds of Asia had a great turnout and it seemed to raise a lot of money for the Year 11 prom. But what was so good about it? Well, as you walked in you could choose a place to sit. It wasn't packed so it was easily accessible.

Drinks and food started to sell at 1:30. This ranged from onion bhajis to samosas, pizza, soft drinks and more! During the event you could have some henna/mehndi done whilst you watched and listened to Mr Thurlow and Mr McLean singing, and to dhol drum performances.

The atmosphere was relaxed and the hall was buzzing. The food was delicious and the event well organised. The best moments were when Mr Thurlow and Mr McLean sang and Mr Thurlow was very loud! It was a great experience and one to remember.

Lily Gilbert and Maddy Nyombi (8.5)
Journalism Club

STUDY SUPPORT AND IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 11

Week Beginning 5 May 2014

DATES	05/05/2014	06/05/2014	07/05/2014	08/05/2014	09/05/2014
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 Population pyramids and dependency ratios Miss White Study Support in M4 Coastal Features Ms Knowles	
HISTORY				History Study Support 1.10pm to 1.40pm Unit 2A	
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			
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					
DANCE				Target Students aim to improve grades with Ms Matthew and Mrs Glynn	
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY			Coursework Ninjas in D2		
ENGLISH			Informal letter writing 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	All Years Tennis - Tennis Centre	GCSE Revision - L2	All Years Athletics	All Years Rounders	All Years Athletics
SCIENCE	Biology Higher – Ms Carrington Chemistry Foundation – Ms Variava Physics Higher – Mrs Ball Physics Foundation – Mr Taunton Chemistry Higher – Ms Miah			Physics – Mrs Ball	