

This Week

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From the Principal:

On Friday 20 June 2014, Sir Jonathan North held its third Year 11 Prom. The theme of the evening was 'Alice in Wonderland' and students paraded their glamorous outfits on the red carpet before entering the College atrium and dining room that had been totally transformed into a sophisticated evening venue.

Students enjoyed a meal before applauding the students who had been awarded a variety of "Oscars" for comedy and the teachers who had prepared a dance performance. Everyone enjoyed the very special atmosphere and all agreed that it was a night to remember!

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the contribution they have made in helping their daughters this year in so many ways – your continued support is valued by staff.

We look forward to welcoming all students for the new term on Friday 29 August at 8.30 am.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"What you do, the way you think, makes you beautiful."

Scott Westerfeld from Uglies

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

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| 4 July | Sports Day |
| 10 July | Whole College Trip to Drayton Manor Park |
| 11 July | College closes for Summer |
| 29 August | College opens for Autumn Term |

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

| | Year to date | % | w/e 20/06/2014 | % |
|----------------------------|--------------|------|----------------|------|
| Year 7 | 7.4 | 96.6 | 7.6 | 98.8 |
| | 7.6 & 7.8 | 96.5 | 7.4 | 97.6 |
| | 7.5 & 7.7 | 96.4 | 7.3 | 97.3 |
| Year 8 | 8.8 | 96.9 | 8.3 | 98.1 |
| | 8.7 | 96.8 | 8.2 | 96.8 |
| | 8.6 | 96.7 | 8.7 | 96.3 |
| Year 9 | 9.5 | 97.2 | 9.6 | 96.5 |
| | 9.6 | 96.0 | 9.5 | 95.9 |
| | 9.7 | 95.7 | 9.7 | 95.4 |
| Year 10 | 10.3 | 97.1 | 10.3 | 98.8 |
| | 10.4 | 96.7 | 10.1 | 97.4 |
| | 10.1 | 95.8 | 10.3 | 97.3 |
| Overall College attendance | | 93.8 | | 79.0 |

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 8 who took time to complete questionnaires during this term's Parents' Consultation Evenings. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve our practice.

Year 8 Parents' Evening 19 June 2014

- 98% of parents feel their daughter is making good progress
- 98% of parents said that teachers expect their daughter to work hard and to do her best
- 93% of parents said that their daughter has homework set regularly
- 94% of parents felt teachers encourage my daughter to become mature and independent.

What can we do to improve?

To ensure that as far as possible homework is set according to the homework timetable.

Year 7 Parents' Evening 15 May 2014

- 97% of parents feel their daughter has made a successful transition from primary school
- 98% of parents feel their daughter is learning well at College so far
- 88% of parents feel well informed about what happens at College
- 77% of parents said the amount of homework set is about right.

What can we do to improve?

To encourage all students to take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities on offer.

Alison Merrills

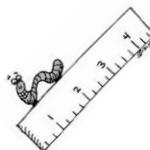
NUMERACY CORNER

Measurement Metric/Imperial Conversions

In real life we still use a combination of Imperial (old fashioned) and Metric (modern) units of measure. This is reflected in the GCSE exams where students are expected to know the following rough conversions.

Weight

1 kilogram is approximately 2.2 pound (lb)



Length

1 inch is approximately 2.5 centimetres

1 foot is approximately 30 centimetres

5 miles are approximately 8 Kilometres

Capacity

1 litre is approximately 1 ¾ pints

1 gallon is approximately 4.5 litres



Mr Williams, Team Leader Maths

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 8 July at the latest

Daughter's Name:..... Tutor Group:.....

*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1.00pm on Friday 11 July. I give / do not give* permission for my daughter to leave at this time. My daughter will / will not* require a packed lunch.

Signed:.....Parent/Carer



INCLUSION QUALITY MARK FLAGSHIP SCHOOL



In March 2013, Sir Jonathan North Community College was the first school in Leicester to achieve the prestigious Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship award. This is awarded to a school which demonstrates excellence in provision for all children regardless of individual need, ability or disability and the commitment to continuous improvement in this area.

Following a review on 22 May 2014, the assessor, Ms Selina Westwood, found that the College's policies, procedures and staff continued to meet the high standards demanded for flagship school status.

The IQM scheme recognises inclusive excellence where the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of every student is upheld. The assessor wrote:

'Sir Jonathan North Community College radiates a high commitment and reflective capacity to continue to develop its inclusive practice. The impact of the strong leadership demonstrated by the Principal, her senior team and the governors results in school-wide actions to provide a socially cohesive learning environment for all associated with the College. The underpinning ethos and centrality of inclusion for driving the success of every individual student extends to its supportive work with primary and post-16 partners. Parents welcome the approach. Governors are fully supportive.

The broad group of staff responsible for driving the inclusion agenda are effective, self-critical and open to new approaches. Together they provide a sustainable base for research and development. They welcome opportunities to disseminate and share in others' good practice. There is a quiet passion to keep on improving by involving and taking others on the journey and valuing everyone's contribution.

Throughout the visit it was clear there was a widespread pride in being a part of Sir Jonathan North Community College. Students valued the role they played in the growth and development of excellence. Diversity and difference are genuinely valued and celebrated. "We are a real community; the way we work and talk together across the year groups.... we value that". "You learn so much here from the cultural side of life". "Our school provides so many different opportunities such as our current Young Enterprise success and the chance to be the next "Mr Men series" by designing and selling our "I Wish" book to inspire children's career aspirations". "There is so much support here; staff give up their time and it's a welcoming support whether you are in Y7 and settling in or trying to get the best grades possible in Y10/11".

Sir Jonathan North Community College works supportively with a range of other educational partners and to share its best practice. It remains open to reviewing its own inclusive practice and makes changes to benefit the school and its community.'

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAYS

On the last two days of term, students will be able to wear non-uniform (Thursday 10 and Friday 11 July).

If your daughter is going to Drayton Manor Park on Thursday, please ensure she wears appropriate clothing to suit the weather on that day.

If your daughter is in College participating in the exciting alternative programme, please ensure she wears clothing suitable for being active.

All voluntary contributions for the charities that the College supports will be collected in the tutor group on Friday.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

MOVING TOGETHER ARTS AWARD DANCE SHOWCASE

On Wednesday 18 June, students in Year 7-11 (*Molly Cleere, Hannah Fossard- Jones, Pippa Chappell, Ava Jowsey, Jaime Sweeney, Alicia Smith, Rosa Burston, Bethan John, Megan John, Jordan Smith, Anastacia Moroz and Josie Stephens*) performed in the **Moving Together Arts Award Dance Showcase** at the Phoenix. Nine students have now successfully achieved the Silver Arts Award, worth a GCSE Grade A-C and three students have achieved a Gold Award which is equivalent to half an A- Level!

The girls were selected for this unique opportunity to engage with the Arts Award to develop their dance knowledge and understanding through both practical and theory workshops. They were given the opportunity to work with professional dancers and had lessons at De Montfort University. The programme gave them the experience of different styles of dance and they had the chance to go the theatre to watch a variety of shows.

Molly Cleere said, 'For the past 9 months me and the Silver Group have been doing our Silver Arts Award. We have tried very hard and being able to perform our dances in the show was fantastic. We had so much fun!

Ms Matthew and the Expressive Arts Team

YEAR 9 TRIP TO ACCENTURE

Last Friday, a group of year 9's went to London to visit Accenture to do a STEM workshop for the day. The goal was to show that science, technology, engineering and maths is a good career path for girls too. Our task for the day was to program a simple banking application for the women of Cambodia using Python.

We worked in teams of four to create our banking app, which was both difficult and interesting. We had the help of the members of Accenture and even a Google Software Engineer, Cate Huston, to show us how to add simple things to the app such as a username, a pin number and a bank balance. At the end of the day, the teams had to present their app to the judges, who would then decide which team had done the best job.

In the end, team Salted Bullets won. Overall, the day was very fun and taught us a lot about coding.

Evie Forey and Grace Wilson, 9.7

START OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The College will be open for **staff only** on Tuesday 26 August, Wednesday 27 August and Thursday 28 August.

Term begins on **Friday 29 August**.

All students should arrive at the College for 8.30am.