

This Week

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From the Principal:

We were very pleased to meet several hundred parents with their Year 6 daughters at Open Evening last night. Over one hundred and fifty Sir Jonathan North student volunteers were on hand to help staff to make this evening a great success. If you, or someone you know, intend to apply for a place at the College for September 2015, the date for returning completed forms to the Local Authority is 31 October 2014.

Last year, the College was again oversubscribed. We are aware that the admissions process can be stressful for parents and children and we will be working very closely with primary schools and with parents to anticipate the problems that may arise. We aim to make the transfer a positive experience for Year 6 children that helps them to make a confident start to their secondary education.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Is happiness a truth?
Does this song make you feel happy? Why?'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6Sxv-sUYtM>

'Happy' by Pharrell Williams

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2014-2015 are available on the College website: www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

24 September Year 8 Geography Trip
25 September Year 11 Transition Parents' Evening
29 September Year 7 Teambuilding Trip
09 October Year 7 Transition Tutor Evening

GIFTED AND TALENTED

BRONZE ARTS AWARD WORKSHOP

On Tuesday this week, Year 8 Bronze Arts Award students participated in their first workshop, which was on writing dialogue. We were given tips on how to write good dialogue - such as not needing to replace 'said' all the time and using an adverb only when we absolutely need to! Then we went on to writing a dialogue between a brother and sister arguing. There were some very funny results! Everyone really enjoyed it and we are looking forward to our next workshop.

Molly Pates, 8.6

'HEIR OF FIRE' FAN TRAILER COMPETITION

Fans of the 'Throne Of Glass' series by Sarah J Maas will know that the third book in the series, 'Heir of Fire', was recently published. Prior to its publication, her publisher ran a worldwide competition inviting fans to submit videos, pictures, or photos inspired by the series. Of these, 30 were chosen to make up a fan trailer, receive signed copies of the book and have his or her name in the fourth book.

We are very pleased to announce that one of our students, Isabella Guzy-Kirkden, was one of those selected for her amazing picture of the heroine assassin of the novels, Celaena.

If you would like to view the trailer go to the following link:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWyz4PI5CLE>

Mrs Guzy, Lead Teacher for Gifted and Talented

HPV VACCINE

The Flu Immunisation Team will be at Sir Jonathan North on Friday 10 October to deliver the vaccine to all Year 7 and 8 students. A letter has been sent requesting your consent. Please return your fully completed consent form to school by 22 September. Further information can be obtained from:

www.leicspart.nhs.uk

or from the Child Flu Immunisation Team direct on:
0300 300 0007

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 12/09/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	99.1	7.8	98.8
	7.5	98.5	7.5	98.0
	7.4	97.7	7.4	97.8
Year 8	8.5	98.9	8.8	98.7
	8.1	98.4	8.5	97.6
	8.4	98.2	8.4	97.2
Year 9	9.6	97.6	9.6	98.1
	9.8	97.3	9.8	97.8
	9.5	97.2	9.2	97.3
Year 10	10.3	98.2	10.3 & 10.7	98.8
	10.7	97.2	10.4	97.1
	10.4	96.8	10.5, 10.6 & 10.8	94.6
Year 11	11.5	99.1	11.3	99.3
	11.4	98.7	11.5 & 11.7	98.8
	11.7	98.5	11.2	98.5
Overall College attendance		95.6		95.4

FABAD and TAH

This week in FABAD (Friends Against Bullying And Discrimination) we have started to set new roles for each member of the club.

We have decided to link Together Against Homophobia and FABAD together because both are to do with bullying.

We will be writing in the weekly newsletter to let everyone know what we have been doing.

We are taking on new members. Come to the Student Support Mobile or D15 for a pass from Mrs Mason. The club is on every Tuesday lunchtime in the Student Support Mobile.

Shanice Russell-Blatchford 9.9

TRIPS AND VISITS

At Sir Jonathan North, we are very proud of all the trips and visits offered to students and believe strongly that they are an important part of College life. We offered numerous opportunities last year and we are excited to be running even more this academic year!

After consulting with the Parent Forum, we decided it would be useful for us to inform you of the main provisional trips that are provisionally planned for this year (see below). We may add extra ones if opportunities arise. Full trip details will be communicated to students and parents nearer to the trip date and, obviously, trips are only provisional at this time.

We look forward to having another successful year with these fantastic opportunities and really hope that your daughter enjoys the range on offer.

Date	Event Details – Day Trips	Year Group
24 September 2014	Carsington Reservoir Trip	8
29, 30 September, 1 October 2014	Outdoor Pursuits Teambuilding Trip	7
16 October 2014	Think Tank Birmingham	7
17 October 2014	GCSE Fieldwork Trip	10
29 October 2014	GCSE Fieldwork Trip	10
13/20 Nov' 2014	Poole's Cavern Geography Trip	9
26 November 2014	Black Country Museum	8
5 December 2014	Clothes Show Live	10/11
20 January 2015	Year 9 Science Trip	9
28 January 2015	Business Studies Loughborough University Visit	10
11/12 February 2015	Comedy Festival	10
2 March 2015	Science Trip	11
10 March 2015	Bosworth Battlefield Visit	7
11 March 2015	Shakespeare Stratford Visit	8
11 March 2015	Science – Big Bang at NEC	10
13 March 2015	Science - Science and Engineering Week	TBC
17 March 2015	Conkers - Geography	7
22 April 2015	Shakespeare Globe Visit	9
19 May 2015	Cadbury's World	7
10 June 2015	Fruit Picking - Whetstone	10
25 June 2015	De Montfort University Art and Design Degree Show	10
9 July 2015	Drayton Manor Reward Trip	7, 8, 9, 10

Date	Event Details – Residentials
13 February 2015	Kingswood (Year 11)
26 March 2015	Expressive Arts London Trip (Year 10)
20 May 2015	Paris Trip (Year 9)
29 June 2015	Normandy/Paris Trip (Year 8)



Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal and Educational Visits Co-ordinator

YEAR 10 DUKE OF EDINBURGH QUALIFYING EXPEDITION

After a year of training, the day had finally arrived. Fresh from starting in Year 10, 38 girls ventured forth upon their qualifying expedition. There was no more time for practising, no more questions. The assessors had arrived and were waiting for the teams to begin. Despite the pressure, the weather was good, the girls were excited and the campsite was the nicest yet. Dotted around the North West Leicestershire countryside were our staff team members, waiting for the teams to pass them by. We could not be prouder of every single one of the girls, who not only passed but very much impressed the assessors.

Well done to all the girls. We hope you enjoyed the experience and the campfire, singing and my hats and a huge thank you to Hitesh Patel, Anna Leonard-Williams, Chris Burston, Paul Blakey and Nicola Cramphorn for helping with lifts. Finally, a huge thank you to the staff: Mr Cooling, Ms Stone, Ms Maguire, Ms Parker, Ms Carrington and Mr Redman, who came out, camped and kept the girls motivated to victory and beyond. I look forward to starting the Bronze groups with the new Year 9s and maybe we'll even get a Silver award group up and running. Let the adventure continue!

**Tejash Patel,
Duke of Edinburgh Award Team Leader**

