

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

Using their college planner helps students to organise themselves and gives you, as a parent, a picture of what your daughter is doing. We ask parents to look at and sign their daughter's planner each week to check she is recording and completing her homework.

The reason we think planners are important is that they help students to be organised. Many of the difficulties which students have can often be traced back to the need for better organisation. We also know that students who achieve well and make the most of what is on offer at college are those who are very well prepared for each day, and are using their planners to keep ahead of deadlines which are set for coursework and homework.

As with many aspects of life, getting the small things right can make a huge difference and this is a way that we feel that parents can help. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain.

Maya Angelou

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2014-2015 are available on the College website: [www.sincc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sincc.leicester.sch.uk)

9 October	Year 7 Transition Parents' Evening
10 October	Year 7 and 8 Flu Immunisation
16 October	Year 7 Visit to Birmingham Think Tank
17 October	College closes for Half Term

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Your daughter will have brought home details about the Parent Governor Election today. Please return completed nominations to the College by 3 pm on Wednesday 15 October 2014.

Alison Merrills

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS IN COLLEGE TIME

We ask parents to support their daughter with her attendance by making any medical appointments out of College hours when possible. We understand that this can be unavoidable and, if this is the case, please send your daughter with a note requesting absence.

As you can appreciate, with 1200 students it is not always possible to get telephone messages to students and to collect them from lessons for last minute appointments. This is why we ask for advance notice.

As always, your support is much appreciated.

Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal

## YEAR 7 PARENTS' TRANSITION EVENING

Parents of Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's tutor on:

**Thursday 9 October from 5.30 - 7.30 pm**

This is a very important time for Year 7 and we would strongly advise all parents to make an appointment.

Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal

## YEAR 7 TEAMBUILDING

What an exciting week we have had! Earlier this week, almost the whole of Year 7 attended our annual teambuilding visit to the Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre (LOPC), along with me, their tutors and support staff. The visit is designed to support students with their transition, to help them make new friends and build a new team and tutor group. Being with their tutor for the whole day also allows them to get to know her/him better – with the added bonus of having lots of fun! The activities they took part in were: team building, wall climbing and archery – and what a brave and talented Year 7 we have!

The sun shone throughout. We all had an absolutely fabulous time. This visit is always one of the most popular days of the year – and the feedback from the LOPC was that the students were a credit to our College and a joy to work with, which of course they always are.



Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal

## COMPETITIONS

### 1. Black History Month

Black History Month runs from 1 – 31 October and is all about celebrating the history of African and Caribbean communities.

This year's theme is 'Black Nobel prize winners in literature'. There is a display in the LRC for you to research, learn, read and understand about Black History.

### 2. National Poetry Day

It was also 'National Poetry Day' on Thursday 2nd October. The theme this year is 'Remember'.

The LRC is running a competition to write a shape poem using the word 'Remember'.

Come and have a look at the display in the LRC for shape poem ideas and to pick up a competition form.

**Closing date for both competitions is: Friday 31 October 2014**

Mrs Vyas, Learning Resource Centre

## YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO CARSINGTON WATER

On Wednesday 24 September the Geography team organised the annual visit to Carsington Water in Derbyshire. Taking 98 students, we walked across the dam of the reservoir and drew field sketches from Stones Island. Students also visited the wildlife centre in order to understand the ecology of the area.

An excellent exhibition at the visitor centre gave students an insight into the importance of water and how the reservoir is managed. We were very impressed by both the behaviour and enthusiasm of the students on the day.

Student feedback:

*'I had a great time finding out about Carsington reservoir. It was an amazing experience for the people who had never seen a reservoir before. Plus the chips at lunch were very tasty!'*

**Nadia Badshah, 8.8**

*'I had a great time at Carsington. It was really beautiful and I learnt more about water and nature.'*

**Zahra Curwa, 8.6**

*'I thought it was a very interesting trip. I learnt new things about reservoirs and found out new facts as well. It was a very educational trip.'*

**Courtney Leeson, 8.7**



Miss White, Geography Team

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS

A reminder that 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.

If you have not returned your completed consent form, please do so as soon as possible. Further information can be obtained from:

www.leicspart.nhs.uk  
or from the Child Flu Immunisation Team direct on:  
0300 300 0007

## ADULT LEARNING CLASSES

There are still places on Adult Learning courses.

To enrol or for information about any of the classes, please call Leicester Adult Skills and Learning Service:

on **0116 3737244**  
or visit our website: [www.lasals.co.uk](http://www.lasals.co.uk).

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 26/09/2014	%
<b>Year 7</b>	7.2	99.6	7.1, 7.2, 7.3 & 7.5	100.0
	7.3	99.2	7.8	98.4
	7.8	99.0	7.6	98.3
<b>Year 8</b>	8.8	98.2	8.5	98.5
	8.1 & 8.9	97.9	8.9	98.3
	8.4 & 8.5	97.8	8.8	97.9
<b>Year 9</b>	9.8	97.4	9.4	98.9
	9.5	97.0	9.7	98.1
	9.6	96.6	9.8	97.0
<b>Year 10</b>	10.4	97.1	10.4	98.8
	10.7	96.5	10.8	95.0
	10.1	96.2	10.7	93.1
<b>Year 11</b>	11.3	98.7	11.5	97.7
	11.5	98.6	11.3	97.4
	11.7	98.2	11.7	97.2
<b>Overall College attendance</b>		96.0		95.1