

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

Last week we were delighted to host a School Council Training day for students from local primary schools. Members of the Sir Jonathan North Student Executive ran one of the workshops for the students.

Feedback from both students and teachers was excellent and we have been asked to host the event again next year – well done!

This week I have met with the Student Council Executive to discuss their plans for the year. They include organising a multi-cultural week and a review of the end of year reward trips. They will soon be announcing the theme for 'Children in Need' fundraising activities.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever'

Gandhi

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

27 October	College re-opens
30 October	Year 7 Gifted Evening
6 November	Certificate Evening
13 November	Year 11 Parents' Evening
20 November	Year 9 Poole's Cavern Visit

## ATTENDANCE

### Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 10/10/2014	%
Year 7	7.2 & 7.3	99.0	7.3 & 7.9	99.5
	7.8	98.6	7.8	98.8
	7.5	98.5	7.5	96.4
Year 8	8.8	98.0	8.5	98.5
	8.1	97.8	8.9	96.8
	8.5	97.4	8.8	96.7
Year 9	9.6	97.0	9.6	99.2
	9.8	96.8	9.7	97.4
	9.5	96.3	9.2	95.8
Year 10	10.5	97.2	10.6	97.3
	10.6	96.7	10.5	95.3
	10.4	96.2	10.2	94.3
Year 11	11.5	98.0	11.9	97.7
	11.3	97.7	11.6	97.2
	11.8	96.8	11.5	95.8
Overall College attendance		96.0		94.5

## SMOKING DAMAGES YOUR HEALTH

This week we have been talking to students in Years 10 and 11 about the dangers of smoking and reminding them that smoking is prohibited to young people under the age of 16 years old. This is in the interests of their own health and the health of others who may encounter smoking around them.

Any incidents of smoking on site or in the local area around college are taken seriously. Consequences include close supervision during social times, an after-school health promotion seminar, and, in some cases, may result in an exclusion.

We welcome the support of parents in reinforcing this message.

Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal

## PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL TRAINING EVENT

On 3 and 6 October, Sir Jonathan North hosted a training event for local primary school Student Council members.

Over the course of the morning, the students attended three different workshops in order to gain a better understanding of how to run a successful Student Council. Ourselves and a group of Year 9 Student Council representatives ran one of these workshops.

In this session the students learnt how to create advertisements for their Student Council using the app 'Comic Life.' It was a very positive and enjoyable morning and the students learnt a lot of new skills and tips which they could take back to their schools. We look forward to running this again next year.

The Student Council Executive

## YEAR 8 AND 9 SEAL REPRESENTATIVES

At the end of the Summer Term last year, Year 8 and 9 students voted for two representatives from their form groups to lead SEAL (Social Emotional Aspects of Learning) sessions with them twice a week during registration time. The SEAL representatives are responsible for attending meetings and training with Miss Matthew, planning activities and sessions, organising resources and inspiring their form groups to develop social and emotional skills in a fun way!

After half term the Year 8 representatives will be delivering the 'Friendship' topic and Year 9 students will be creating 'Respect' music videos, incorporating various art forms including: creative song writing, singing, art, dance and drama.

Well done to all SEAL representatives, thank you for all your hard work and for continuing to be organised, motivated and inspiring!

Year 7 Students will be starting SEAL activities with their tutors after half term.

Miss Matthew, Lead Teacher SEAL

## BOOKBUZZ READING INITIATIVE



Your daughter has recently taken part in an exciting reading initiative, which culminated in all Year 7 students receiving a FREE book of their choice from a shortlist provided by Bookbuzz. The Bookbuzz programme is run by the charity, Booktrust – a reading programme that supports schools to encourage wider reading, independent choice whilst also developing a whole school culture of 'reading for pleasure'. We do hope your daughter enjoys her new book.

English Team, Learning Resources Centre and WiT

## UNIQUE LEARNER NUMBER

Students in Years 9 were given an envelope this week which contains their Unique Learner Number. This letter should be kept in a safe place at home.

This number is used to record the results of all qualifications taken by your daughter and it is a requirement that we make all students aware of what personal data is held by the 'Skills Funding Agency', a government body, and their right to 'opt out' of sharing their personal information.

There are two documents on the college website on the 'About the College' tab under 'Exam information'. These are the 'SFA Privacy Notices students and learners' and the 'SFA Personal Learning Records', which contain useful information for learners and parents.

Mrs. Broughton, Exams Officer

## Christmas Card Competition

Have your design on our school Christmas card



Design in any Media:  
Digital, Drawing, Photograph, Painting

All entries to be returned to MR Herickx in D17  
by the 29th October

## FABAD & TAH WEEKLY

In the last two weeks of Friends Against Bullying And Discrimination (FABAD) and Together Against Homophobia (TAH), we have been planning for our upcoming assembly about cyberbullying. We are making a film about cyberbullying. Our assembly will be held in November.

We are always looking for new members to spread the word of saying NO to bullying so come along to FABAD and TAH on Tuesday lunchtimes in the Student Support Mobile.

Shanice Russell-Blatchford 9.9



## Autumn Photography Competition

Students are invited to submit their best photos based on the theme of autumn.

We are looking for photographs of any aspect of the natural world, the people or the city which have an autumnal theme taken in Leicestershire

To enter please email your entry to Mr Herickx at [aherickx@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:aherickx@sjncc.leicester.sch.uk) by the 5th December 2014

## THE SKILLS SHOW ON THE ROAD

The Skills Show on the Road will be visiting Humberstone Gate West in Leicester City centre next Tuesday 21 October.

They will be in a National Express Coach and will be showcasing a small selection of the interactive activities which will be at the main Skills Show which will be on 13-15 November at the NEC.

Students can have a go at work-based skills, have access to careers advice and apprenticeship information and meet local employers and educators. They can also go on stage and perform through spoken word, beat boxing or song, their own composition based on the title 'My Self, My Future'. Students can either pre-register or turn up on the day to take one of the open mic. slots (see [www.theskillsshow.com/roadshow](http://www.theskillsshow.com/roadshow)).

Mrs Mason, Information, Advice and Guidance Officer