

This Week

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From the Principal:

Our Annual Achievement Evening took place last night and we were delighted to welcome Becky White, Managing Director of 'onesixeight:fitness', as our guest speaker. Students who left the College in the Summer Term of 2014, having taken their GCSE examinations, returned to receive their certificates. It is an event that acknowledges the hard work that has been carried out by the students and staff and the support that has been provided by parents and carers.

Special prizes were awarded which include:

- outstanding achievement and effort
- the Sakinah Awards for Service to the Community and Leadership
- the Emma Phillips Award for a student who has achieved under difficult circumstances
- the Princess Diana Memorial Award for making a contribution to the community
- Chair of Governors' Award.

Three of our gifted and talented students, Mia Fisher Howe, Francesca Nicol and Vibha Shaji gave speeches about their time at Sir Jonathan North. The event was very well attended by students and their parents or carers.

Details of award winners will be provided next week.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'There is nothing more unequal than the equal treatment of unequal people.'

Thomas Jefferson

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

13 November Year 11 Parents' Evening
20 November Year 9 Poole's Cavern Visit
26 November Year 8 Black Country Living Museum Visit
5 December Year 10 Clothes Show Visit

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 31/10/2014	%
Year 7	7.8	98.7	7.8	100.0
	7.2 & 7.3	98.6	7.1	99.2
	7.5	98.5	7.2	99.1
Year 8	8.1	97.3	8.4	100.0
	8.5	97.1	8.9	97.2
	8.7 & 8.8	96.8	8.6	96.8
Year 9	9.6	97.1	9.5	96.2
	9.8	96.8	9.4	95.9
	9.5	96.3	9.8	95.6
Year 10	10.6	96.6	10.9	96.3
	10.4	96.1	10.2	95.0
	10.5	96.0	10.5	94.3
Year 11	11.5	97.7	11.2	99.2
	11.2	97.0	11.9	98.8
	11.3	96.8	11.6	97.6
Overall College attendance		95.4		95.4

ACCESS TO THE COLLEGE SITE

Please be aware as part of the construction of our new entrance road, entrance to the College site is much narrower than usual. This will be the case for the next 2-3 weeks. A member of the construction staff will be directing traffic at the top of the drive at the start and end of the day. Please follow any instructions given.

Vehicles must not enter the site at peak times.

Thank you for your support.

Alison Merrills

CHILDREN IN NEED 2014

Children In Need will be on **Friday 14 November** this year. We will be having a non-uniform day in order to raise money for this fantastic charity. We are asking students to make a £1 donation. The theme this year is 'Be A Hero' so we are asking you to get creative and come dressed as your hero. This could be a superhero or someone you think is a hero. Lots of the teachers will be dressed up too! You can come in regular non-uniform but we would love to see as many heroes as possible!

The Student Council Executive

BLOOD BROTHERS DRAMA WORKSHOP

After a successful trip to watch Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers', 9A1 were fortunate enough to take part in a drama workshop led by the West End star Tori Hargreaves, who plays Donna Marie in the production. Tori brought the play to life for the students and taught them various dramatic techniques as they discussed a particular group scene from the play in depth. Tori also answered student questions about her career as a West End actress. The class enjoyed this experience and felt that the drama activities enhanced their understanding of the text.

Mrs Taylor, English Team

GIFTED AND TALENTED YEAR 7 EVENING

The Year 7 Gifted and Talented evening was an opportunity for Year 7 students identified as gifted, along with their parents, to meet and learn more about what it means to be gifted at Sir Jonathan North Community College.

Ms Guzy (Lead Teacher, Gifted and Talented)

"In the Gifted and talented evening, I experienced being a true detective. We had to solve the mystery of the 'stolen iPads'. We had to conduct different experiments. My favourite experiment was 'exploding test tubes'. To do this experiment, we had to place a levelled spatula of white powder into test tubes and then add a spatula of citric acid. After that, we added approximately 3cm³ of water. We quickly put a bung on top and waited for the explosion! Going to the evening helped me to develop my collaborative skills and I am looking forward to another event as exciting as this one."

Aaminah Koya, 7.1

EXAM TIMETABLE NOVEMBER 2014

The mock GCSE examinations for Year 11 students take place from Monday 17 to Friday 21 November.

The mock exams are an important part of the preparation for the GCSE exams that students will take in the summer. Students should arrive outside their exam room at the 'arrival time' shown on the mock exam timetable, in College dress, with all the equipment they need.

The normal college timetable will continue throughout the mock exam period and all students are expected to attend lessons if they are not taking an exam.

If your daughter normally goes home at lunch-time and has a mock exam in the afternoon, we would encourage her to bring a packed lunch to college. If she chooses to go home, she must return to college by 1.40 p.m. and if she has a Health & Social Care exam on Friday afternoon, she will need to return by 1.30 p.m.

Every effort will be made to finish the afternoon exams by 2.55 p.m. but this is dependent on students arriving at the exam rooms by 1.40 p.m. If your daughter is normally collected by mini-bus, please be aware that there could be a problem if the exam is late starting and alternative transport arrangements may need to be made.

A copy of the mock exam timetable is available on the College website.

Important documents relating to the regulations for students completing GCSE coursework and sitting GCSE examinations, as well as the exam timetables, can be found on the College website at:

<http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk/about/calendar.html>

REVISION TIPS FOR STUDENTS

Exams can be very stressful and it's always worth noting that students who deal with them successfully are usually well prepared.

Here are a couple of helpful tips on how to prepare for the upcoming exams:

- Practice makes perfect, so the more chances you get to tackle exam-style questions, the better prepared you will be for the real thing.
- Also, the advice you get from your teachers is very important. They know better than anyone what topics are likely to turn up in an exam as well as how to answer exam questions. Read through the targets they have given you in your classwork books; if you are unsure of anything, then you can always ask them for advice.
- Make sure you join our Facebook page. It's called: **SJNCC Raising Year 11 Attainment**. I'll be putting some links to revision websites on there over the next few days.

Mr Sheldrake, Assistant Principal



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 by the 5th December 2014

Exam	Duration	Date	Arrival Time
Maths 1F	1h 15m	17-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Maths 1H	1h 30m	17-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Art & Design option 1	2h	17-Nov-14	11.00 a.m.
Drama option 1	2h	17-Nov-14	11.00 a.m.
Music	2h	17-Nov-14	11.00 a.m.
Child Development	1h 30m	17-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
Business Studies	1h	17-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
P.E.	1h	17-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
Physics	1h	17-Nov-14	1.40 p.m.
English F	1h	18-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
English H	1h	18-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Food	2h	18-Nov-14	10.55 a.m.
Textiles	2h	18-Nov-14	10.55 a.m.
Chemistry	1h	18-Nov-14	1.40 p.m.
P.E.	1h	18-Nov-14	1.40 p.m.
History	1h	19-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Geography F	1h	19-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Geography H	1h	19-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Sociology	1h 30m	19-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
L&T	1h	19-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
Science ISA	50m	19-Nov-14	1.40 p.m.
Biology	1h	19-Nov-14	1.40 p.m.
Maths 2F	1h 45m	20-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Maths 2H	2h	20-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
French Listening F	45m	20-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
French Listening H	55m	20-Nov-14	12.00 a.m.
Spanish Listening H	55m	20-Nov-14	1.50 p.m.
Art & Design option 2	2h	21-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
Dance	1h	21-Nov-14	8.30 a.m.
R.S.	1h 30m	21-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
Computing	1h 30m	21-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
Cam Nat ICT	1h	21-Nov-14	11.05 a.m.
H&SC	1h 15m	21-Nov-14	1.30 p.m.