

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

As we approach the last week of term, students and staff are looking forward to Christmas and a well-earned holiday. The Student Council is organising a non-school uniform day, 'Glamour and Glitter', on Friday in aid of Rainbows Children's Hospice.

I would like to thank parents for their support during the term and to remind them that lessons continue until 1pm on Friday 19 December. The College re-opens for students on Tuesday 6 January 2015 at the usual time.

We would like to extend our good wishes to everyone celebrating a festival over the next few weeks.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Happy Hanukkah – may the lights of Hanukkah usher in a better world for all humankind'

Author Unknown

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

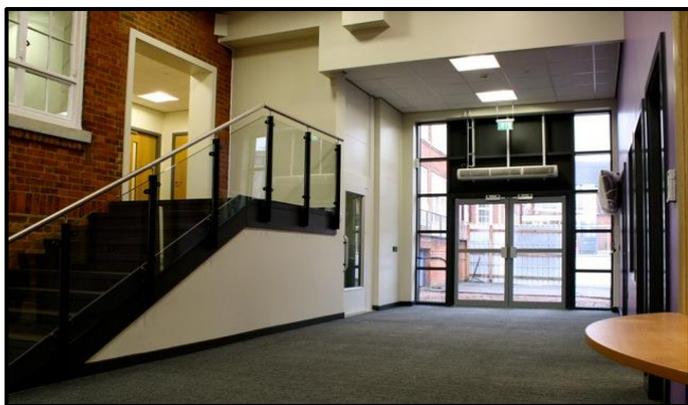
16 December Whole College Christmas Lunch  
19 December College closes for Christmas

## ATTENDANCE Who did well last week?

|                            | Year to date | %    | w/e 05/12/2014 | %     |
|----------------------------|--------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Year 7                     | 7.3 & 7.8    | 98.5 | 7.8            | 100.0 |
|                            | 7.2          | 98.4 | 7.2 & 7.6      | 99.2  |
|                            | 7.5          | 97.8 | 7.3            | 99.1  |
| Year 8                     | 8.1          | 97.4 | 8.1            | 99.3  |
|                            | 8.9          | 96.6 | 8.2            | 95.6  |
|                            | 8.5          | 96.5 | 8.5            | 95.4  |
| Year 9                     | 9.6          | 97.1 | 9.3            | 98.5  |
|                            | 9.8          | 97.0 | 9.2            | 98.4  |
|                            | 9.2          | 96.0 | 9.8            | 98.1  |
| Year 10                    | 10.6         | 96.3 | 10.5           | 98.8  |
|                            | 10.5         | 96.2 | 10.7           | 95.8  |
|                            | 10.7         | 95.1 | 10.6           | 95.4  |
| Year 11                    | 11.5         | 97.4 | 11.7           | 100.0 |
|                            | 11.2         | 97.3 | 11.2 & 11.3    | 98.5  |
|                            | 11.3         | 97.2 | 11.8           | 98.4  |
| Overall College attendance |              | 95.6 |                | 95.6  |

## OPENING OF NEW RECEPTION AND ENTRANCE

We are pleased to inform you that our new reception and entrance will open to students and visitors to the College on Tuesday 6 January 2015. The new reception area combines old and new with the design making use of exposed brickwork of the original school building; it is spacious, light, airy and offers visitors a warm welcome to Sir Jonathan North Community College.



To the front, the wide pathway offers students safe access to the Latimer and De Montfort buildings as well as access to the Wycliffe and Macaulay buildings via reception.

The next phases of construction work at the College are already underway; foundations are being laid for the new gymnasium and preparation work has begun on the re-building of the exterior face of the Macaulay building now that the dining room and science classrooms have been demolished.

Weather permitting, all works should be complete by 30 April 2015.

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## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The College will close at 1 pm on Friday 19 December 2014 and re-open for students on Tuesday 6 January 2015 at 8.30 am.

### College Office

Should you wish to contact the College during the Christmas holidays, the office opening hours are as follows:  
Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 December, 9 – 2.30 pm.  
The College will be closed on all other days.

## ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

We would like to remind parents of the arrangements in place in the event of adverse weather conditions. Should we judge the weather conditions on site and/or in the local area to be a health and safety risk, we may be forced to close the College.

You will find information on this by:

- visiting the College website [www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)
- listening to BBC Radio Leicester or by visiting its website: [www.bbc.co.uk/leicester](http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester)

In the very unlikely event that the College is forced to close before the usual time of 2.55 pm, we will inform parents by text message.

Should you prefer your daughter to remain in College until 2.55 pm, a record of this will have been kept in the Main Office.

## END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – REPLY SLIP

Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 16 December 2014 at the very latest.

\*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1 pm on Friday 19 December and that I am responsible for her from that time. My daughter will / will not\* require a packed lunch.

Daughter's Name: ..... Tutor Group: ..... Signed: ..... Parent/Carer.



# Expressive Arts Christmas Showcase



The Expressive Arts Team would like to say thank you very much to everyone who helped make the Christmas Showcase such an amazing event. We had approximately 120 students involved in music, dance and drama. Students performed in orchestra, choir, ensemble groups, and as soloist musicians. Students from Years 7 to 11 performed in pieces of dance to a packed audience.

## THANK YOU TO:

Sumaiya Baten  
Ruby Lewin-Clarke  
Grace Ndigirwa  
Amy Cundill  
Annum Rao  
Matylda Kowalik  
Maria Baxter  
Laiba Rahat  
Courtney Leeson  
Busra Deveci  
Shannon Hamill  
Emma Herbert  
Indya Sudra  
Grace Lovegrove  
Mia Smith  
Beatrice Lawson  
Millie Windram  
Alenya Hurst-Macaulay  
Farha Hamza  
Afiyah Richards  
Zainab Adam  
Lucy Livingstone  
Ria Tailor  
Aaliyah Mughai  
Beth Willis  
Vijay Prasanth  
Naomi Clarke-Myers  
Annie McChrystal  
Bethan Asher  
Sia Ravat  
Izzy Evans  
Anya Daya  
Holly Jenkinson  
Jasmine Stokes  
Lena Rawle  
Sophie Spicer-Hall  
Ginny Weston  
Amber Burston  
Elisha Lievesley  
Anna Davies  
Mae Griffiths

Shannon Craig  
Grace Ballentyne  
Riman Kaur  
Sahara Nijjar  
Katie Thandi  
Ruby Holmes  
Elise Michael  
Maryam Gandevia  
Maariyah Khalifa  
Jessica Ram  
India Feruglio  
Kaya Heaton  
Zainab Khan  
Evie Forey  
Imogen Webbe  
Chantelle Lount  
Tafadzwa Chadenga  
Ysabel Drewett  
Taneh Biddle Powell  
Marina Brissett  
Hollie Pugh  
Shadeyh Thomas Porter  
Rebecca Vernon  
Naimah Asmal  
Maimuna Siraj  
Inosence Thompson-Isaac  
Mitzi Brownjohn  
Shalaya Richards  
Helen Leonard-Williams  
Mae O'Callaghan  
Sian Vadher  
Francesca Santy  
Chante Bell  
Anna Foulds  
Chloe Radcliff  
Kia Beazer  
Holly Scone  
Ella Thompson  
Megan Whitmore  
Laiba Rahat

Sabrah Siraj  
Victoria Schofield  
Mairead McErlean  
Rebecca Cundill  
Jasmine Maslen  
Josie Thornton  
Molly Pates  
Sarah Copping  
Evie Fort  
Anjani Supeda  
Amy Orwin  
Kiran Kaur  
Isla Plumtree  
Phoebe wilcox  
Isobelle Monk  
Lily Gregory  
Francesca Vizziello  
Ruth Adeleke  
Saffiya Styles  
Nikki Basra  
Leila Danjoux Ferry  
Hermione Turner  
Evie Small  
Megan John  
Colette Challenger-Charles  
Eva Morrison  
Sasha Russell  
Rianna Kidd  
Jaime Sweeney  
Nicole Maruziva  
Josie Stephens  
Kymi Biringh-betts  
Lottie Malcolm  
Evie Spooner  
Daisy Moore  
Ruth Lindsey  
Charnvir Kaur  
Delsh Mangwiro

Mrs Thornber, Expressive Arts Team



The English team was thrilled to invite Alex McGowen and Bridget Hamlet from the Library Services for Education last week to talk to our students about some amazing new books. The girls who attended the sessions were really engaged when listening to the reviews and many borrowed a book as a result.

It was lovely to hear this from Bridget after the event: "It was our pleasure to visit; your students are always so well-behaved and the enthusiasm from Meena and the English Department makes the sessions even more effective."

**Ms Premchand, English Team**

### **YEAR 8 INTERNET SAFETY AND CYBER BULLYING TOUR**

On Monday 8 December, Year 8 had the exciting opportunity to attend a special Online Safety and Cyber Bullying themed school tour.

This was hosted by Georgie Chapple, a British/German singer, songwriter and composer. Georgie has already supported Connor Maynard and The Wanted and has just released her debut EP, "You are You," after touring some major venues all around the UK. We were one of the 40 schools Georgie will visit during December.

Georgie performed for the pupils and also delivered an Online Safety and Cyber Bullying message, supporting the DARE programmes developed by Life Skills Education C.I.C.



**Miss Rhodes, Year 8 Team Leader**

Year 8 had the opportunity to watch a performance from Georgie Chapple. She sang two cover songs: Taylor Swift, 'Trouble' and One Republic, 'Love and Die'. She also sang 3 of her own songs, 'Destroy the Evidence' and two others. She was sending out a message about e-Safety and her own experiences of it.

At the end we were allowed to get her autograph and a 'selfie' with her. It was an amazing opportunity to learn about e-safety in a really exciting and engaging way.

**Lily Brookes, Nadia Badshah and Katie Carswell, 8.8**

### **HPV IMMUNISATIONS**

The Immunisation Team will soon be at Sir Jonathan North to deliver the HPV vaccine to Year 8 girls. A letter has been sent today requesting your consent. Please return your fully completed consent forms to school by 7 January 2015.

If any students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have reconsidered and would now like the vaccine, please go to the College office for a consent form.

### **END OF TERM NON-UNIFORM DAY**

Friday 19 December will be a non-uniform day. The theme this year is 'Glamour and Glitter.' We are collecting donations for Rainbows Children's Hospice. We look forward to seeing you in your Christmas jumpers, tinsel and bright colours!

**The Student Council Executive**

### **FASHION TRIP TO CLOTHES SHOW LIVE!**

Design students from Year 10 had a fantastic time at this year's Clothes Show Live at the NEC in Birmingham last Friday. Highlights of the day included a live set from 'Neon Jungle' and 'selfies' with the stars of 'TOWIE' and 'Made in Chelsea'.

New collections and catwalk shows from established designers and recent graduates provided lots of inspiration for students, and there was also time to grab some bargains in time for Christmas.



**Miss Stanton, Design Technology Team**

## END OF TERM SPECIAL REWARD LUNCH

Rewards play a vital part in motivating and encouraging our students to achieve their best. The College Reward System acknowledges good behaviour, attendance, achievement and effort through a variety of activities and events.

A number of students who have achieved particularly well in their studies this term were nominated by their subject teacher to have lunch with the Principal.

Congratulations to the following students:

|                                |      |                            |      |
|--------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|
| Annie McChrystal               | 7.2  | Valentine Gill             | 10.2 |
| Millie Windram                 | 7.2  | Rebecca Cundill            | 10.2 |
| Ella Saunders                  | 7.6  | Suzana Angelovski          | 10.9 |
| Eva Salotti                    | 8.3  | Saphire Nelson             | 11.1 |
| Shifaa Xecdaudo                | 8.3  | Megan Slater               | 11.1 |
| Maryam Khalifa                 | 8.4  | Holly Shiels               | 11.1 |
| Tiger-Rose Swithinbank-Michael | 8.5  | Phoebe Wilcox              | 11.3 |
| Lucia Guzy-Kirkden             | 8.9  | Hermione Alston-Edwards    | 11.4 |
| Busra Deveci                   | 9.3  | Poppy Briggs               | 11.4 |
| Megan-Louise Davis Bater       | 9.4  | Kadaejah Costanti Graham   | 11.5 |
| Halima Patel                   | 9.7  | Charlotte Pepperill-Clarke | 11.5 |
| Cheyenne Burnett               | 9.9  | Malikah Nesbitt            | 11.8 |
| Shanice Russell-Blatchford     | 9.9  | Francesca Vizziello        | 11.8 |
| Evie Spooner                   | 9.9  | Pippa Chappell             | 11.9 |
| Beam Lokrathok                 | 10.1 | Sophie Youmans             | 11.9 |



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### STUDENTS ARRIVING AT COLLEGE

The second phase of our exciting new Building Schools for the Future programme is almost complete and the new reception area will be open after the Christmas break.

As a result of this, we are aware that the size of the college has increased significantly and it does take more time for students to get to their tutor bases.

Being on time is really important to ensure your daughter does not miss out on key information - and we do start the college day promptly at 8.30 am.

Therefore, we would advise you to ensure your daughter is on the college site by 8.20 am to be sure she is in her tutor base on time (8.30 am).

Students should not arrive at college before 7.45 am, when there is a member of staff available to look after them.

On the rare occasion your daughter might arrive before 7.45 am, she will be able to come onto the college premises but will have to wait outside the dining area by the picnic benches.

Should you have any queries regarding the early morning arrangements, please contact your daughter's Year Team Leader.

**Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal**

### LOOK OUT FOR SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

After Christmas we will be featuring a weekly 'Spotlight on Year 11' article. This will be to keep students and parents up to date with the latest information and deadlines your daughter needs to be focused on. This will include updates on post 16 applications, college interviews, study support, exams, rewards and events to look forward to e.g. the Prom and the Kingswood trip.

**Mrs Wyatt and Mr Sheldrake, Assistant Principals**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 11

I was delighted to visit all Year 11 tutor groups this week during the tutorial to deliver some well-deserved rewards.

In the Progress checks (first assessment of predicted grade expected compared to expected target grade), these students were on track or above track to meet their target grades in all subjects!

There were many more in the year group who were also very close to being on track for most of their subjects, which is really impressive.

It has been a very busy and stressful term with lots of GCSE coursework, mock exams, Assertive Mentor meetings, college applications, to name but a few. Please reassure your daughters - it is tough just now, but they are doing well and showing they want to succeed.

We believe they can do it!

Have a restful Christmas break - and make sure they complete and send their UCAS Progress application!

**Mrs Wyatt, Senior Assistant Principal**