

This Week

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From the Principal:

For the rest of this academic year we will be publishing regular information for parents of Year 11 students in This Week. From now until the end of the examinations, students in Year 11 should be spending at least two hours each day on homework/exam practice/revision.

We know that the involvement of parents can make a very positive difference for students in relation to the results they achieve. Regular discussion of homework and revision, and support in helping students to organise their time are all extremely valuable.

We want to work closely with parents to ensure students achieve their best. If you seek further information or have any concerns, please contact your daughter's tutor, subject teacher, or a senior member of senior staff.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.'

Buddha

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2014-2015 are available on the College website:

www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

5 February Year 10 Parents' Evening
13 February Kingswood Residential Visit
13 February College closes for Half Term

ATTENDANCE

Who did well last week?

	Year to date	%	w/e 23/01/2015	%
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

REMINDER: YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING

Parents of Year 10 students have the opportunity to meet their daughter's subject teachers on Thursday 5 February from 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

We would urge all parents to attend.

Ms Allison/ Miss Green, Year 10 Team Leaders

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11



As we head towards February, Year 11 students will be starting to get more focused on the summer exam season. At home, the emphasis should be on working hard to make the most of further opportunities for learning; it might be having a go at a maths paper or reacquainting oneself with an English Literature text. At Sir Jonathan North Community College, teachers will be focusing heavily on the skills and knowledge necessary for successful exam performance so it is always a good idea to spend some time at home going-over what was learned in the classroom, spending time on homework and investigating topics that have caused a struggle in the past. The booklets which were given out by your daughter's tutor last week will help to plan revision between now and the summer, as well as providing tried, tested and proven methods for success.

Without doubt, the very best way to revise is to attend the Study Support sessions, the details of which are below. This is either a lunchtime or after school arrangement, focusing on key topics which will be in the summer exams. The sessions are led by experienced teachers, who will get the most out of the time; they have the knowledge, experience and skill to provide an in-depth and focused platform for rapid and sustained progress. It's better to get to where you want to be at this stage, rather than leaving it to the last minute and being unprepared for the exams, which begin in four months' time.

Mr. Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

THIS WEEK'S GREAT GRADE GRABBER!

So here are this week's top tips! These are the things that can make a real difference to your final grade but are all too easy to forget to do. Make sure you remember them. Each week, a different department will be sharing great advice with you in This Week. Look out for this section- it may be just the help you need.

SIMPLE WAYS TO GET BETTER AT READING The Exam Question

- **MAKE SURE YOU** read the QUESTION carefully
- **UNDERSTAND WHAT** you are being asked to do
- **READ AROUND** the question – often useful information included which acts as a helpful prompt
- **USE THE QUESTION KEYWORDS** (command words) in your response
- **USE THE QUESTION** to help you begin your response
- **TRACK THE TEXT** carefully (looking at the beginning, middle and end of the extract)
- **BUILD IN TIME** to check what you have written
- **PRACTISE TIMED** writing (write a response against the clock)

YOU can do it; we know YOU can!

The English Team

11.3 PROM FUNDRAISING EVENT

By popular demand, Teacher Sumo wrestling is back!

When? Thursday 5 February at 1:15pm.
Where? Sports Hall
How much? 50 pence or £1 on the door

See your favourite teachers: Andrew Goodings, Mr Barnes, Mr Waite, Mr Cooling, Mr Hartley, Mr Sheldrake, Mr Redman fight, outwit and wrestle each other (literally to the ground!)

Tickets on sale from M14, outside D block and even coming directly to your classroom!

Mr Waite, Curriculum Team Leader for English

INCA 2015

Year 7 and 8 students have recently worked with Emily Crofton, a photographic artist, as part of our Inclusion Arts projects. Students have used manual SLR cameras to take photographs of the new buildings and have developed these in the dark room. Year 7 students also used digital cameras exploring the work of Gillian Wearing.

The groups of students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to appreciate the new environment created by the BSF – Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme at the College. They all had a good time taking photographs showing students enjoying the new environment. Some of the photographs will be entered in to the BSF photo competition with the focus on images of students enjoying their new learning environment.

Students all gained new skills with cameras and the developing of their films, and developed their social skills. They worked with students they previously had not worked with and discussed their perceptions of the social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of their learning through INCA and how these had developed.

Students are looking forward to displaying their work and entering some of it into the BSF competition.

Aniese Shellard 7.4, Reanne Svarc 7.7, Annie McCrystal 7.2, Lenza Russell 7.9, Jessica Ram 7.7, Dezhane Constanti-Graham 7.1, Aiiyah Ashraf 7.3, Ruby Sanderson 7.4, Isabel Brooksbank-Eames 7.5, Lauren Taylor 7.6, Libby Fort 7.8, Izzy Evans 7.2, Ellie Baum 7.8

Mrs Thornber, Team Leader Expressive Arts



STUDY SUPPORT PROGRAMME: WEEK BEGINNING 02/02/2015

	Subject	Topic	Room	Subject	Topic	Room
	Lunch 1.10 – 1.55 (45 minutes)			3.05 – 4.05 (1 hour)		
Monday	Business Studies	Business objectives and stakeholders	W14	Science	Chemistry	L10
	Physical Education	Opportunity, pathways and participation in Physical Education	W10			
	Food Textiles	Coursework completion				
	Biology	Coursework completion	L13			
	Health and Social Care					
Tuesday	Geography	Rivers keywords	W7 & W8	Mathematics	GCSE Exam Topics	
	History	Begins February	W3, W4, W6			
	Leisure and Tourism	Coursework catch-up.				
	Sociology					
Wednesday	French	Appointments to be booked with teachers		Dance		Dance Studio
	Spanish			Drama		Drama Studio
Thursday	Religious Studies			English	Reading: Writer's Craft	M14
	ICT / Computing					
Friday	PE activities	See Ms. Hunt for Details	Main Hall			