

This Week

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From the Principal:

Over the next few weeks our students will be focussing on charitable causes. Last week students and staff participated in the annual Poppy Appeal, which saw all involved donate generously. It allowed students to learn and remember the importance of this appeal and the history of our fallen heroes.

Along with this, students continue to support a number of charities. A non-uniform day, organised by the Student Council, is being held today to support Children in Need. Year 9 have started their collection for their annual contribution to Age UK.

There will be more events occurring over the next few weeks including the collection of gifts for the Laura Crane Trust.

We are, as always, extremely proud of the way our students continue to support so many worthwhile causes.

Alison Merrills

NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Parent Governors play an important role in helping to ensure that the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

Colette Rawlinson, parent of a Year 7 student, was successfully elected to the role of Parent Governor.

Alison Merrills

TERMINATION OF CONFIDENCE BUS ROUTE 863

Unfortunately, due to the very low number of students using this service, Bus Route 863 offered to students at Sir Jonathan North Community College and The Lancaster School will terminate on Friday 28 November 2014 as it is not financially viable.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Confidence Buses

NUMERACY WEEK

This week in Year 7 and 8 assemblies we launched Numeracy Week. Students will be taking part in a number of numeracy-related activities during tutor time, and have the chance to enter competitions run by Mrs Vyas in the Learning Resources Centre. Ask your daughter about how algebraic equations work in real life, and see how many mathematical patterns you can find in nature.

Look out for pictures and reports in next week's 'This Week' to see how Year 7 and 8 got on.



Mrs Greaves and Ms Maguire

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Never put yourself down to make someone else feel better.'

Anon

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

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 07/11/2014	%
Year 7	7.3	98.5	7.3	97.7
	7.2	98.4	7.9	97.0
	7.5	98.3	7.7	96.7
Year 8	8.1	97.2	8.4	97.2
	8.7	96.8	8.1	97.1
	8.9	96.7	8.8	96.7
Year 9	9.6	97.0	9.5	99.2
	9.9	96.9	9.3	98.5
	9.6	96.7	9.4	98.1
Year 10	10.6	96.4	10.7	95.8
	10.5	95.9	10.3 & 10.5	95.4
	10.4	95.7	10.2	95.0
Year 11	11.5	97.9	11.4 & 11.5	99.2
	11.2	97.2	11.3	98.9
	11.7	96.5	11.2	98.1
Overall College attendance		95.6		95.2

KNITTED JUMPERS FOR CHICKENS NEEDED!

There are four ex battery hens at Pet's Corner in Abbey Park, who desperately need something warm to wear. They are apparently a bit thin of feather and very chilly.

Patterns for hens' jumpers can be found here:

<http://www.themarysue.com/chicken-sweaters/>

http://www.hencam.co.uk/hencam_forum/comments-php?Disc

<http://www.lyndseyyoung.co.uk/home-an-ex-battery-hen-this-christmas-or-knit-them->

We have been asked to give our jumpers a Christmassy theme. The deadline for jumpers is very tight – 20 November 2014.

I can imagine the photos of bedraggled chickens looking all cosy and Christmassy, and very grateful, in your jumpers!



Please send jumpers, with your names on them, to me in D10 please by 20 November.

Ms Stanton,
Curriculum Leader,
Design Technology

YEAR 10 GCSE GEOGRAPHY VISIT

On Friday 17 October and Wednesday 5 November, the Year 10 GCSE Geography classes went to the Derbyshire Eco Centre and Royal Derby Hospital to investigate the sustainability of the buildings. This was to assist with their GCSE controlled assessment. Students had a talk and tour around the Eco Centre, followed by a trip to the Royal Derby Hospital. They were looking at energy use and waste management.

To end the visit, students were allowed onto the hospital's helipad. The girls had a demonstration of the firefighting equipment. On the 5 November visit, some students were able to see the air ambulance land with a patient on board. They were also able to talk to the pilot, who had flown the helicopter from Grantham in 30 minutes!

'The trip enhanced my understanding of sustainability. Whilst at the hospital, we went up to the helipad - this was the highlight of my day. A great way to start the GCSE Geography course.' **Saarah Patel, 10.2**

Ms Knowles, Geography Team

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY'S LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE NETWORK

We are proud to announce that Sir Jonathan North is now one of seven regional schools involved in the Royal Shakespeare Company's Learning and Performance Network (LPN). The LPN's focus is to introduce dynamic and active approaches to the teaching of Shakespeare texts in order to make learning more engaging for all of our students.

Next year, our students will be able to participate in a brand new Shakespeare Club during lunchtimes and will be able to benefit from these exciting approaches within their lessons.

The English Team

'MUDDY CHOIR'

The assemblies this week commemorated the lost soldiers of World War 1 and the students reflected on this in the period of silence on November 11. The London Theatre Centre's performance of Muddy Choir on November 5 was a moving event in keeping with our themes of remembrance.

Students across Key Stage 3 were totally engaged by the performance of the three actors who depicted the war in the trenches. Costumes, set and sound were powerful symbols of the time and of the anguish the soldiers went through. The performance made us laugh at their characters and at the situations they were in at times, yet also made us feel sad as they suffered the horrors of war.

Students thoroughly appreciated the quality of the piece.

'I enjoyed watching 'Muddy Choir'. It was a really good play. It was really interesting how it was set in the war and was very emotional. Also the acting was great to watch.'

Naimah Asmal 9.9

'The performance of 'Muddy Choir' was exceptionally good. It made you think of what life was like in the war. It gave you an insight into what life was like for the soldiers. The actors never broke character and they showed a lot of emotion. There was good use of props and scenery which made you believe they were in the war.' **Eve Collins and Diana Vasilescu 9.3**

Thank you to all students who watched the performance and who responded so sensitively.

Mrs Thornber, Curriculum Team Leader, Expressive Arts

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS (MONDAY 17 - FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER)

Mock exams begin next week. Students have been told what equipment they need for each exam by their subject teacher and are responsible for bringing it to their exams.

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