

This Week

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From the Principal:

We are very pleased to welcome back all students at the start of the Spring Term. During the next few weeks, Parents' Evenings will be held for Year 9 on 29 January to discuss academic progress and again on 5 March for our Key Stage Four Information Evening to help students to make informed choices about their GCSE studies in Year 10. Year 10 Parents' Evening will be held on 5 February.

For students in Year 11, GCSE examinations will begin to seem very near and students will continue to be offered sessions of extra support and a planned programme of revision.

This week, students will have been reminded about our expectations of behaviour both in lessons and around the College. They will also have been reminded about correct College Dress. It will help us if you reinforce with your daughter the importance of keeping to College routines and organisation, including arriving on time with correct equipment and wearing correct College Dress.

We look forward to working with you this term.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Your words have power; use them wisely'.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

20 January	Year 9 Science Visit
28 January	Year 10 Loughborough University Visit
29 January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
5 February	Year 10 Parents' Evening
13 February	Year 11 Kingswood Residential Visit

ATTENDANCE

	Year to date	%
Year 7	7.2 & 7.8	97.4
	7.3	96.8
	7.5	96.7
Year 8	8.5	95.5
	8.1	95.4
	8.7	95.2
Year 9	9.2	96.2
	9.8	96.1
	9.6	95.9
Year 10	10.7	96.4
	10.5	95.4
	10.9	95.0
Year 11	11.5	97.5
	11.3	96.8
	11.7	96.3
Overall College attendance		94.7

STUDENT SAFETY – message for all parents and carers who bring / collect their daughter by car

We would like to thank all parents and carers who are considerate and careful drivers when they bring/collect their daughter to/from College.

Unfortunately, we are once again very concerned that at the start and at the end of the college day student safety is being put at risk by a small minority of individuals who drive dangerously on Knighton Lane East and this week on our new wider college entrance road!

The following requests to parents will help to improve student safety.

- Please do not bring your car on to the college site at the start or end of the day unless you have an appointment with a member of staff or an agreement with the college e.g. due to a medical need (in these cases, please arrive before 8.20 am or after 8.30 am).
- Please do not park on the zig zag lines marked at the front on Knighton Lane East.
- Please do not undertake three point turns at busy times on either the college entrance road or on Knighton Lane East.
- Please drop off and collect your daughter a short distance away from the main entrance.

Thank you for your support in keeping both your daughter and all Sir Jonathan North students safe.

Alison Merrills

LAURA CRANE TRUST CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Before the Christmas break, each tutor group collected donations and bought a Christmas present for a child in hospital over the holidays due to cancer. The Student Council would like to thank the tutor group representatives and their groups for the amazing presents they bought.

The presents this year included pyjamas, speakers, games, gift sets and five remote controlled helicopters and cars. The charity has said how grateful they are for our support and how much they look forward to our delivery each year.

Miss White, Lead teacher Student Council

PE FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEK

There are 3 fixtures scheduled next week.

Key Stage 4 Basketball against John Cleveland College on Tuesday 13 January 2015 at SJNCC. We will be back between 5 and 5.15 pm. Students involved are: Erin Kelly, Josie Chappell, Neve Considine, Dhuha Al-Shekhly, Lois Taylor, Rebecca Cundill, Lucy Simmons, Ellen Hearn, Sinead Fletcher, Poppy Briggs, Rennie White, Charlotte Rainton, Jess Gulliver and Katie Wilson.

Year 8 Basketball on Wednesday 14 January 2015 at Vale of Catmose College (Oakham). We will be back between 7-7.15 pm. Students involved include: Sarah Copping, Ellie Haywood, Zoe Fittock, Charlotte Schofield, Grace Smith, Kiran Kaul, Jourdan Smith, Jordan Aitchinson, Ellie Baum, Yasmin Hilton.

Year 7 and 8 Netball against Leicester High School on Thursday 15 January 2015. We will finish between 5.30pm and 6 pm. Students involved include: Jasmine Maslen, Katie Beazer, Nancey Brakes, Izzy Evans, Libby Fort, Ellie Baum, Annabel Hunt, Riya Noray, Eleanor Wells, Araba Graves, Jess Cartwright, Tiger-Rose Swithenbank-Michael, Mairead McErlean, Amy Cundill, Sarah Copping, Ellie Haywood, Zoe Fittock, Lily Gregory and Charlotte Schofield.

Please come to PE to tick your name to say you can play.

Ms Hunt, PE Team

THE YOUNG AMERICANS RETURN 20 - 22 MARCH 2015



The last Young Americans' Performance Workshop weekend was in March 2012. It gave us good opportunities to make new friends and to build confidence. Although it only lasted a few days, new songs and dances were learned which will be remembered forever and hidden talents and skills were unleashed. The Young Americans were so friendly and welcoming and we felt like a family for those few days.

We hope to enjoy an even more dynamic Young Americans' outreach workshop in March 2015 and encourage more people to join in. The whole weekend was life-changing and it helped students to find confidence they did not know they had. Students from 14 schools across Leicester City and County will come together for the workshop and the musical outreach event will culminate in a show on the Sunday evening to friends and family of all participants. The 44 Young Americans will be hosted by students and staff from Sir Jonathan North and other schools and colleges across Leicester and Leicestershire. We are looking forward to another memorable weekend.

How to get involved?

1. Collect letter/s from the Arts office or speak to your Music, Dance or Drama teacher.
2. Return the letter and consent form with the payment of £54 (this includes the cost of performance T Shirt) in a labelled envelope with name, Young Americans 2015, and how much is enclosed for the workshop.

Who can be involved?

1. Anyone from age 7 up to age 18, girls or boys from Sir Jonathan North or any other schools or colleges. Think if there are any of your friends and family who fit the criteria and would like to be involved.

When is it?

1. Friday 20 March 2015, 4 - 9pm
2. Saturday 21 March 2015, 9 - 7pm
3. Sunday 22 March 2015, 12 - 5pm until end of show

How can I host Young Americans at our home?

1. Speak to Mrs Thornber and ask for a Homestay information pack.

Any other queries please just ask or e-mail the college FAO: Mrs Thornber

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING FOR YEAR 9!

As you are aware Year 9 was involved in the Hamper Appeal project on behalf of Age UK. This has given Year 9 students a great opportunity to use their initiative as they created ideas for raising funds. There was teachers' basketball, teachers v students quiz, karaoke, as well as the Christmas Fair and the ice bucket challenge! **This raised £1,427 for Age UK.** This was enough to purchase goods for **96** hampers. The hampers were presented with great attention to detail and care. Trevor Mills, who received the hampers in the final assembly, was extremely impressed and I'm sure they made a great gift for someone this Christmas.

Special congratulations go to the following tutor groups who raised the most money:

1. 9.1 - £277 and 16 hampers
2. 9.3 - £219 and 15 hampers
3. 9.9 - £201 and 14 hampers
4. 9.6 who had the prize for the best presented hampers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a success! Happy New Year!



Mr Barnes, Year 9 Team Leader