

This Week

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From the Principal:

During the last two weeks of term, a busy calendar of events continues. On Tuesday 30 June, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 to the College as part of their induction programme. On Wednesday 8 July it is our whole College Sports Day and on Thursday 9 July, students are looking forward to a special day. Many students will be visiting Drayton Manor Park and the rest will be enjoying a day in school where timetabled lessons are replaced by a range of fun activities. We are expecting these to be exciting and enjoyable days to end the term on a positive note.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'If you can't accept losing, you can't win.'

Vince Lombardi

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

29 June	Year 8 Trip to Normandy and Paris
30 June	Year 7 Transfer Parents' Evening
8 July	Sports Day
9 July	Whole College Trip to Drayton Manor Park
10 July	College closes for Summer

STUDENT SAFETY

We once again remind students about the need to be aware of their safety on their journey to and from College. They should avoid walking by themselves, particularly if taking a short cut through the 'mud dumps.'

If anything happens on their journey which worries them, such as a member of the public speaking to them in a way which makes them feel uncomfortable, they should report it to their parents and to a member of staff. BE SAFE!

Alison Merrills

ATTENDANCE STARS OF THE WEEK!



With 100% attendance and no late marks last week, our Stars of the Week are:

Year 7	Jourdan Smith 7.2
Year 8	Nurbibi Mohemad Ilfani 8.6
Year 9	Rachael Flude 9.4
Year 10	Miya Taylor 10.9



GOVERNMENT RAISES THE BAR ON ATTENDANCE

From September, the Government is raising the threshold for what is considered to be acceptable attendance.

At the moment, students with attendance below 85% are considered to be 'persistent absentees'. From September, that will be raised to 90%.

In college, we will also raise our expectations of students. Attendance of at least 95% will be required for students to be invited to termly reward events and to the end-of-year trip. Of course, the majority of our students always have attendance above 95% but for some students, it will be a challenging target! Aim for excellent attendance next year!

Ms Allison

TIP OF THE WEEK

Be honest with yourself. If you have been late more than a couple of times this year, YOU need to do something about it! What's stopping you?



YEAR TEAM LEADER CHANGES

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to two Year Team Leaders, who have provided outstanding care, guidance and support to our students over many years. Mrs Wyatt and Ms Allison will be retiring at the end of this term and I am sure that you will join us in wishing them well. Also Miss Rhodes will be starting her maternity leave in September. Next year, the Year Team Leaders will be fixed in their Year Team Leader roles. This will mean that the students will benefit from their expertise within each year group. Their specialist knowledge will also be invaluable when running events such as fundraising and transition.

The Year Team Leaders for 2015/16 will be:

Year 7	Mrs Thornber
Year 8	Mr Barnes
Year 9 and Assistant Principal (KS3)	Mr Hartley
Year 10	Mrs Goodwin
Year 11 and Assistant Principal (KS4)	Mrs Ram

We all look forward to welcoming your daughter into her new year group in September.

Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal

YEAR 8 SKIPATHON

On Monday 15 June, Year 8 took part in a sponsored Skipathon fundraiser.

Proceeds were collected and a total of £593.75 was raised for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. 8.7 was the winning tutor group, raising a total of £118.84. Thank you to everyone involved and well done!



Miss Rhodes, Year 8 Team Leader

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

At 8 am on Saturday 20 June, forty-two Year 9 students from Sir Jonathan North met outside school. Carrying rucksacks on their backs, filled with everything they thought they would need to survive a weekend of walking and camping, they set off on an epic, unforgettable journey.

The first day was looking good for an expedition: overcast skies, a gentle breeze, some cooling rain and excitement about the things they would see along the way. The girls battled bravely through nettles, thistles, cows and bulls, sheep, horses and fields of green beans until they reached their campsite. Quickly, the tents went up and the aroma of cooked food was in the air as they got out their Trangias. Soon after, night fell and the girls dropped off to sleep. At 6 am the next morning, there was a rush to cook breakfast, take down their tents and pack their bags and at 9 am, off they went again for the final day of walking. Again, they battled through the plants and animals, insects and more fields of green beans but this time to a background of a blazing sun beating down. By the end of the day, the girls were tired and hungry. To their delight, the buses came to pick up the teams to take them home. I have never underestimated these girls but this weekend, they showed me that all of them are capable of so much more than I could ever imagine. Well done to you all!

I want to thank Mr Cooling, Miss Cassidy, Mrs Carrington, Mrs Wyatt, Ms Parker and Mrs Evans for being part of this journey. Thanks also to all the parents, carers, families and friends of the girls who have supported them and the college on the most difficult of all the expeditions they will ever complete as part of the award.

Teejal Patel,
Duke of Edinburgh Leader



To convert a fraction to a decimal manually, follow these steps:

Step 1: Find a number you can multiply by the **bottom of the fraction** to make it 10, or 100, or 1000, or any 1 followed by 0s.

Step 2: Multiply both top and bottom by that number.

Step 3. Then write down just the top number, putting the decimal point in the correct spot (one space from the right hand side for every zero in the bottom number).

- 1: We can multiply 4 by 25 to become 100
- 2: Multiply top and bottom by 25:

$$\begin{array}{r} \times 25 \\ 3 \quad 75 \\ = \\ 4 \quad 100 \\ \times 25 \end{array}$$

3: Write down 75 with the decimal point 2 spaces from the right (because 100 has 2 zeros);

Answer = 0.75

Convert Decimals to Percentages

Quick Method: move the decimal point 2 places to the right and add a "%" sign!

Example: Convert 0.125 to a percentage

From Decimal

To a Percentage

0.125

0.125
2 Places

12.5%

move the decimal point
2 places to the right
and add the "%" sign.

Answer **0.125 = 12.5%**

...good luck; **Numeracy Leaders**

HOW TO READ MATHEMATICS

Mathematics **says a lot in a short space.**

Example, in English: **'We don't know what staplers or trays cost but we do know that the office manager bought 15 staplers and 11 trays for a total cost of £73.'**

In Mathematics: **15s + 11t = 73**

So it is good to re-read, go back and forth and play with the ideas.

Take Your Time!

Maths is not about reading pages ... it is about building concepts in your mind.

So don't think: 'I read 2 pages today'; instead, think: 'I understand graphs better now'.

It is important to learn about one idea at a time, make sure you understand it and do plenty of exercises so you become an expert.

Important: If you skip past a section, the rest may not make sense.

You will get confused, frustrated and you will begin to hate the subject.

The cure?

- Go back to wherever it made sense.
- Then move gently forward again.

You will soon be 'back on track.'

Aaliyah Mughal, 9.1