

This Week

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From the Principal:

Last Friday, Sir Jonathan North Community College hosted the competition for the 'Student Chef of the Year'. There were five teams taking part in the event from schools across the city, including two teams from Sir Jonathan North. It was very encouraging to see young people so enthusiastic about food and developing such good culinary skills. Although our students were not overall winners, Year 9 students Kate Wilson and Jess Gulliver received a prize for the best dessert with their apple and strawberry fortune pasty served with custard.

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank all parents and carers for the contribution they have made in helping their daughters this year in so many ways – your continued support is valued by staff.

We look forward to welcoming students in Years 8-11 for the new term on Tuesday 1 September at 10 am and Year 7 at 8.30 am.

Alison Merrills

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.'

Tim Notke

COLLEGE CALENDAR

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

www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk

8 July	Sports Day
9 July	Whole College Trip to Drayton Manor Park
10 July	College closes for Summer at 1 pm

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

Thank you to all the parents and carers of students in Years 7 and 8 who took time to complete questionnaires during this term's Parents' Consultation Evenings. The information you provide is very helpful to us in evaluating the quality of our provision and helps us to continue to improve our practice.

Year 8 Parents' Evening 18 June 2015:

- 98% of parents feel their daughter is making good progress.
- 99% of parents said that teachers expect their daughter to work hard and to do her best.
- 95% of parents felt teachers encouraged their daughter to become mature and independent.

What can we do to improve?

To introduce an additional parents' evening for Year 8.

Year 7 Parents' Evening 14 June 2015:

- 97% of parents feel their daughter has made a successful transition from primary school.
- 99% of parents feel their daughter is learning well at College so far.
- 90% of parents feel well informed about what happens at College.
- 77% of parents said the amount of homework set is about right.

What can we do to improve?

To encourage all students to take advantage of the many extra-curricular activities on offer.

Questionnaire for all Parents and Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who recently completed our online questionnaire about the quality of education at the College. Your responses are currently being collated and findings will be presented at the start of the new term.

Alison Merrills

TIP OF THE WEEK



As we approach the end of the college year, set yourself the goal of being a punctual person next year! HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

ATTENDANCE STARS OF THE WEEK!

To celebrate excellent attendance and punctuality, we have selected at random one student from each year group who has at least 98% attendance and NO lates throughout the whole year! This is a magnificent achievement for any student. The lucky students, who will each receive a £25 Highcross voucher, are:



Year 7	Nadia Begum	7.9
Year 8	Olivia Lancaster	8.1
Year 9	Hannah Lefley	9.8
Year 10	Saarah Patel	10.2



SPORTS DAY 8 JULY

Sports Day is on Wednesday 8 July at Saffron Lane Sports Stadium from 8.30 am – 1.15 pm/1.30 pm.

Years 7-10 are participating for their tutor group in a variety of running, jumping and throwing events.

Please ensure your daughter has the correct kit and plenty to drink.

Ms Lowther, Curriculum Team Leader PE

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please return to your daughter's Group Tutor by Tuesday 7 July at the latest

Daughter's Name:..... Tutor Group:.....

*Please delete as applicable.

I have noted that the College will close at 1pm on Friday 10 July. I give / do not give* permission for my daughter to leave at this time. My daughter will / will not* require a packed lunch.

Signed:.....Parent/Carer



WELCOME TO YEAR SIX

We have had a very busy time recently preparing for the current Year 6 students to join us next year and have been meeting them at their primary schools. When we visited each primary school, we spoke with students about what to expect and answered any worries or concerns that they had. We also had a full handover with their teachers too.

On Tuesday 30 June, 260 Year 6 students attended Transfer Day. We had an amazing day and although we had lots of very nervous students in the morning, we had lots of smiling faces throughout the day!

Students met their tutors and took part in some exciting lessons: cooking, textiles, science and dance were the favourites. Many took up the opportunity to sample our lunches, which were delicious! Students left full of enthusiasm about their new school.

We also welcomed parents in the evening, when tutors met with parents for the first time.

It has all been a really positive and exciting experience. We look forward to welcoming students officially as our new Year 7s on 1 September!

Angie Thornber, Year 7 Team Leader

COLLEGE DRESS CODE

Thank you to all parents and carers who have shown their support for the College by ensuring that their daughters have worn correct College dress this year. We are pleased to say that the majority of students follow the College Dress Code correctly. This week we have sent home a reminder of the full College Dress Code so that you can ensure that you are purchasing the correct items over the summer ready for the new academic year.

Mrs Ram, Assistant Principal

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HEALTH AND SAFETY

The summer holidays are nearly upon us and the PE Team would like to remind parents and their daughters - who may be getting their ears pierced over the holiday - that the first week of the holidays is the best time to have this procedure done. This gives the piercing time to heal and your daughter will be able to remove them for her PE lessons when lessons begin in September.

Students will not be able to wear piercings and simply tape over them for the PE lessons. All piercings are required to be removed for health and safety reasons.

PE Team

FABAD STUDENTS ATTEND H.A.T.E. CRIME CONFERENCE

On Tuesday 30 June, five students who attend the FABAD (Friends Against Bullying And Discrimination) group went to Leicester City Hall for the H.A.T.E. Crime conference. The day involved various activities such as a speech by Stevie-Jade Hardy, who is the lead researcher for the hate crime project in Leicestershire, a round table discussion and a talk from the LSCB (Leicester Safeguarding Children Board).

There were opportunities for the students to engage and provide their opinions throughout the day.

All students contributed positively towards the day by asking challenging questions of the speakers.

Mr Mayes, Learning Mentor

STUDENT CHEF OF THE YEAR 2015

We would like to thank all staff and students who helped with the running of the day for the Student Chef of the Year Competition. The day ran smoothly and students had a fantastic time exhibiting their creative cookery skills.

We were thrilled that two of our students, Kate Wilson and Jess Gulliver, won a prize for the Best Dessert with their Chinese Fusion inspired apple and strawberry fortune pasty served with custard.

Two teams (Kate Wilson and Jess Gulliver and Daria Pirog & Halima Patel) took part and each competitor worked really hard in this 90 minute Master Chef-style competition. All competitors received goody bags and a gift voucher. Kate and Jess also received cookery books.

Miss Allen, DT Team

