

# This Week

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## From the Principal:

Students have received information about Christmas lunch and we hope you will encourage your daughter to attend. Year 9 students are busy organising our annual collection for Age UK Christmas Hampers and other students will be involved in rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. Many students have achieved well in lessons and achieved good behaviour and attendance this term. We will be celebrating their success with our end of term reward events. You can support your daughter by taking a few minutes to talk to her about how well you feel she has done this term and what you think she can do to end the term well.

Alison Merrills

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

All things what so ever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them and you shall receive them.

The Bible

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

Term dates for 2015-2016 are available on the College website:

[www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk](http://www.sjncc.leicester.sch.uk)

27 and 30 November Year 9 KS3 Assessments  
4 December Year 10 Clothes Show Trip  
10 December Parent Forum 5 pm. Christmas Concert 6 pm

## COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Thank you to all of the students who entered the College Christmas Card competition. The standard was very high with over 200 entries demonstrating a wide variety of techniques. The winning design was based on a mono-print by Kyrrah Kennedy in Year 7 and has been printed for the College Christmas card for this year. Kyrrah's card will be on sale at the college reception from next week.



Kyrrah awarded with a framed copy of her Christmas card design by Miss Barnett.

Mr Herickx, Digital Arts Manager



## TIP OF THE WEEK

Change your thoughts about being early. Being early is a sign of being organised, having respect for others and having good time management skills. These are all important character traits.

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

One student with 100% attendance and no late marks in the previous week is selected at random from each year group as the 'Star of the Week.' Their names are announced in assembly and they can choose a small prize. Everyone has a chance to win every week. Just be here and be on time!

Our Stars of the Week are:

Year 7	Amne Sharifu	7.4	
Year 8	Bethany Whatley	8.5	
Year 9	Ruby Sturgess	9.9	
Year 10	Leoni Haines	10.1	
Year 11	Keyarna Dutt	11.3	

Sadie Ram, Senior Assistant Principal

## MUSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Music Christmas Concert is on Thursday 10 December at 6 pm. Tickets are available on the door and are £3 or £2 if under 16 years of age. Your ticket also includes a free soft drink.

Mrs Glynn, Expressive Arts Team

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 11

We would like to congratulate Year 11 on the mature and dedicated approach they brought to their mock exams this week. Students worked very hard and were a credit to Sir Jonathan North; we are proud of their commitment, dedication and of the serious manner in which they prepared themselves and worked in exam conditions.

The mock exams are an essential element of the Year 11 timetable. They give students an important experience of what to expect in the Summer and provide staff with essential information to ensure that students make the best progress in their final exams.

We would also like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support.

Kai Sheldrake, Assistant Principal

## WOMAN OF THE WEEK

### Gertrude Bell 1868-1926

- Archaeologist
- Mountaineer
- Writer
- Traveller
- Diplomat
- Linguist
- Influential in the creation of the Iraq Museum
- Played a significant role in the creation of Iraq



## EXPRESSIVE ARTS STARS OF THE WEEK

This week, our Year 11 Expressive Arts star students are:



**Music** Weronika Fratzczak  
**Dance** Ruby Holmes  
**Art** Chloe Genders  
**Drama** Maariya Makda



Expressive Arts Team

## GIFTED AND TALENTED

On 11 November, twenty-eight Year 9 students attended a fascinating talk given by the author David Almond (Skellig, Mina's Diary, Kit's Wilderness, etc.) as part of Leicester's Literary Festival. David Almond talked about how he writes and told us a little about his own childhood and inspirations. It was an enjoyable and enlightening afternoon.

Ms Guzy, English Team

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY 'STAR OF THE MONTH' STUDENT AWARD NOVEMBER 2015

We are proud to announce our new Design and Technology student stars to shine for November 2015! Girls will be awarded a certificate for their record of achievement and an exclusive 'star award' badge to wear. Students have been selected because they have produced outstanding work in one of the Design and Technology subjects.

### November awards go to:

#### Key Stage 3

<b>Food Technology</b>	Annabel Hunt	8.8
	Amber Burston	8.1
	Grace Lovegrove	8.6
<b>Electronics</b>	Emily Ward	7.8
	Grace Hill	8.1
<b>Resistant Materials</b>	Daisy Sore	9.2
<b>Fashion and Textiles</b>	Matylda Kowalik	9.4
	Phoebe Kitchener	7.3

#### Key Stage 4

<b>Food Technology</b>	Haleemah Takey	10.2
<b>Graphics</b>	Ria Tailor	10.2
<b>Resistant Materials</b>	Amy Kaur	11.3
<b>Fashion and Textiles</b>	Emily King	11.8
	Eleutheria Brissett	10.7



Design and Technology Team

## LITERARY LEICESTER FESTIVAL

On Thursday, seven of us went to the Literary Leicester festival at the University of Leicester. Before a poetry workshop, we explored the David Wilson Library and found many old and interesting books. We then went back to the poetry workshop, which was led by poet Andy Craven-Griffiths; we started off with three minutes of free writing about 'what we know'. You couldn't stop writing for the whole three minutes! Some of the things that ended up on our pieces of paper were truly amazing. We then got our ideas together to find a main theme for our poem. Andy showed us how to write and then improve our poems.

One of the volunteers gave us a brief tour of the library before we headed over to the Arts café in the David Attenborough building where we had our lunch. After a reading of one of Andy's fabulous poems in the performing area, the best poems from each school were read out. All in all, it was a brilliant day!

Chloe Wardle Year 10.1

### What I Know About Sexism

I know that there are sexist people everywhere.

I also know that some sexist people believe  
Tampons are luxuries, but  
Helicopters are essential.

I know that girls can be gamers too.

I know that not all girls are weak.

I know that despite the fact that it's illegal, women

Still don't get equal pay.

I know that boys don't have to be strong.

A girl's main purpose in life is not

To make sandwiches for misogynists.

I definitely know that chauvinists think girls  
are inferior.

The thing is, I think that we're

Equal.

By Chloe Wardle

## YEAR 9 VISIT POOLE'S CAVERN

On Tuesday 24 November, we took 95 year 9 students to Poole's Cavern in Buxton. The aim of the visit was to introduce students to a visitor attraction and a National Park which we will be working on over the next few weeks. We had a tour of the Cavern and then walked up to Solomon's Temple for a fantastic view over the Peak District National Park. Some of the students commented that:

'It was a fun day despite the cold because it was really interesting to see how the caves are formed.' Freya Shaw 9.5

'The trip was very wet, cold and muddy but it was alright because there was nice hot chocolate in the café and the Caves were amazing. They were huge in parts and bats have lived there in the past.' Mimi Casson 9.9

'The caves were interesting and I enjoyed exploring them.' Lily Gregory 9.9

Humanities Team

## CHEMISTRY WEEK AT SIR JONATHAN NORTH



A number of activities were carried out between 16 and 20 November as part of the Royal Society of Chemistry celebration of Chemistry week.

Every lunch time, chemistry sessions were available for students of all year groups to attend.

Students had the chance to:

- Make a painted polystyrene cup with thermochromatic paint – the paint changes colour when hot water is poured into the cup
- Think about the science behind birthday candles with different coloured flames by carrying out flame tests on different chemicals
- Make rainbow tubes.

These sessions were extremely well attended with over 120 students coming along to enjoy chemistry activities.

Twenty-eight Year 8 students took part in a Live Chat session with real scientists and could ask them any scientific question and then could vote for their favourite scientist.

### Hunt the Symbol

Every day, a number of element symbol cards were hidden around the college. If found, students had to return the card to a science teacher to collect a Royal Society of Chemistry pencil.

This competition proved very popular with students even coming into college early to hunt for the symbols.

The student who found the most was Devina Jalota in 7.7 who found an amazing 10 cards out of the 120 hidden. She won a set of coloured test tubes.



Science Team

## SIR JONATHAN NORTH SPORTS

### West Leicester Indoor Athletics Champions

The PE department would like to congratulate the Year 7 and 8 indoor athletics teams who have become the West Leicester champions and West Leicester runners up for indoor athletics. All involved competed really well and worked hard as a team. Well done to everyone involved.



### RESULTS

#### Year 8 Netball

SJNCC	V	Rushey Mead
3		3
SJNCC	V	Leicester High
4		6

#### Key stage 3/ 4 Trampolineing

Team Competition	First Place
Rosa Chandler	Second Place
Beth Willis	Third Place

#### U13 Basketball – National Schools

SJNCC	V	Northampton School for Girls
27		60

PE Team